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HAPPY HALF TERM

From all of the staff at Hill West we would like to wish you all a wonderful October half term holiday. It's hard to believe that autumn is already in full swing, and the colourful leaves and crisp air have arrived to remind us of the changing seasons. We hope you manage to get outside as a family and enjoy all that autumn has to offer, whilst creating some lasting memories. Wishing you all a safe, enjoyable, and wonderfully autumnal half term break. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you when school resumes on **Monday 4th November 2024**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance	
Monday 4 th November	 All children return to school H Tempest in school taking Individual Photographs – all children to wear regular uniform please – no PE kits Poppies on sale to all children.
Tuesday 5 th November	 8.00am – 11.30am H Tempest in school taking Sibling Photographs
Wednesday 6 th November	 Swimming for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 9.00am-10.00am Hares Diwali assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited Open Day for Prospective Parents starting school in Reception 2025 4pm -7pm Parent consultations taking place for All Year Groups virtually
Thursday 7 th November	 9.00am-10.00am Badgers Diwali assembly in the KS1 Hall, parents invited



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PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On **Wednesday 6th November** virtual appointments are available for parents with their child's class teacher.

Our SENDCo, Mrs Stephanie Field will also be available for those parents whose children have an identified special educational need. Evening appointments will take place for all Year Groups between 3.45pm-7.15pm. Appointments are still available through school cloud, if you have not already booked.



REMEMBERANCE ASSEMBLY YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS They shall grow not old, Our Year 5 open mornings will as we that are left grow be taking place on **Thursday** old; 14TH November and Friday 15th **November.** We will be holding Age shall not weary them, these sessions in the KS1 Hall, and they will include a tour nor the years condemn. At the going down of the around our school. The session will provide you with an introduction to My Happy Mind, a sun programme based around helping children to and in the morning We will remember them. understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be Children in Foxes will be performing their their very best selves. We would love it if you Remembrance assembly on Monday 11th could attend. If you are not able to come along November at 9.00am. yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your We hope that as many of you as possible will be place. > 9.00am Thursday 14th November for able to join us in the Key Stage One hall. Hares > 9.00am Friday 15th November for Badgers Poppies will be on sale in school for all children from Monday 4th November.

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SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2025? Why don't you come along to our open day on Wednesday

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20th November to meet Dr Clarke and tour our school?

Appointments can be arranged through our school office (0121 3085392)

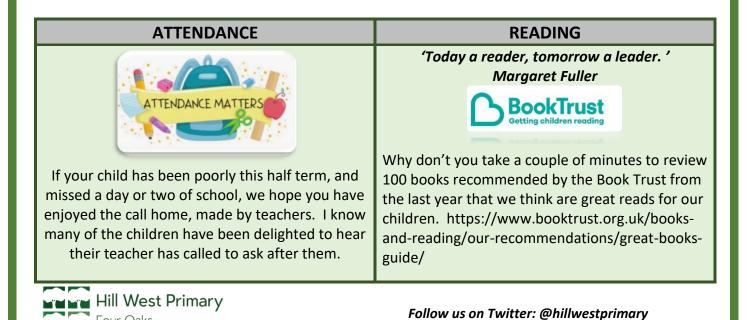
CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November our pupils are encouraged to wear a spotty item to school, this can be an accessory or an item of clothing to replace part of their uniform e.g., a spotty jumper.



We kindly request a suggested donation of £2 to participate. Please donate through the Hill West JustGiving page by clicking here:

www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primaryschool-spotacular-2024



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SAFEGUARDING

Domestic Abuse; domestic abuse can affect anyone from any background at any age. Research suggests that 8 women a month are killed by a current or former partner, and 1 in 6 men will experience domestic abuse at some point in their life. Since the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, children that have been exposed to domestic abuse are now recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right, rather than just witnesses. In 90% of cases children are in the same or the next room when the incidnt occurs and 78% of children are directly harmed by the perpetrator of the abuse in addition to the harm caused by witnessing the abuse to others.



The definintion of domestic abuse is 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatneing behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over, who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

PUMPKIN REQUEST DAFFODIL PLANTING This autumn, each class will be As our Reception children planting daffodil bulbs on the will be exploring pumpkins school field. when we return back to school on 4th November. We are asking parents to help us by Please could we ask that donating packets of daffodil bulbs, you donate any unwanted if you are able. We would ask that the bulbs are pumpkins for the children brought to school on Monday 11th November. to dissect, observe and explore. All donations can be dropped off to the We greatly appreciate your support if you are able to Reception team at the Reception gate. donate some bulbs and look forward to creating a beautiful field of daffodils.

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BRYAN POST LIVE Q & A

Join **Bryan Post**, renowned child **behaviour expert** for an insightful talk and live Q&A. Bryan Post's



teachings are central to our work at Trauma-Informed Parenting, making this a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our organization, as well as the support and services we provide. This online event will take place on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 pm**.

Please follow the link below to book your free space.

https://tinyurl.com/3cxphvzr

YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications for a Year 7 place at secondary school for September 2025 is 31st October 2024.

Please find attached below, links that provide information for families making



their school admission applications for September 2024.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_ admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_yea r_7_place/3



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