

Hill West Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 2nd October 2023



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 2 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dyslexia Awareness Week
Tuesday 3 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.30pm-9.00pm PTFA Meeting in the KS1 building
Thursday 5 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am -9.30am Year 6 Otters Harvest festival assembly; parents welcome 2.30pm -3.00pm Year 6 Foxes Harvest festival assembly; parents welcome
Friday 6 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 1 visiting Hatton Country Farm
<p style="text-align: center;">CHANGE OF DATE Thursday 23rd November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00am -9.30am Year 4 Squirrels class assembly parents invited 2.30pm -3.00pm Year 4 Moles class assembly parents invited

YEAR 1 VISIT TO HATTON COUNTRY FARM FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER

I am sure the children in Year One are very excited about their trip to the farm next week. School uniform is required but children may wear trainers or appropriate boots if they wish. Please provide your child with a **small rucksack** containing plenty to drink and a snack. A packed lunch will be provided as part of the universal free school meal scheme but if you would prefer your child to have a homemade packed lunch then this is perfectly acceptable. We would ask that you do not include any sweets or chocolate. Drinks are to be in plastic containers or cartons which can be easily disposed of. Children will be carrying their own bags and so disposable items make it much lighter for them (after lunch).



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SAFEGUARDING

Domestic Abuse; domestic abuse can affect anyone from any background at any age. Research suggest that 1 in 4 women 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 incident occurs. The definition of domestic abuse is ‘any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening 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

READING

We cannot underestimate the power of simply reading to our children.



Here are the number of words children will have heard by the time they are 5 years old;

- Never read to – 4,662 words
- Read to 1 -2 times per week – 63,570 words
- Read to 3 – 5 times per week – 169,520 words
- Read to daily – 296,660 words
- And read 5 books a day – 1,483,300 words.

YEAR 6 HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We would like to welcome all year 6 parents to a Harvest assembly on Thursday 5th October. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.



9am – Otters; 2.30pm Foxes

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2024? Why don't you come along to one of our open days to meet Dr Clarke and tour our school? Appointments available through our school office (0121 3085392) for **19.10.23**, **08.11.23** and **21.11.23**



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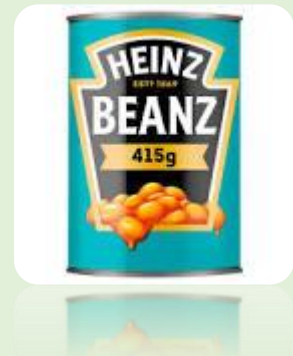


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HOPE FOODS HARVEST DONATIONS REQUESTED INTO SCHOOL

We will be celebrating harvest in school next week and as such we are asking that all children bring a donation of food into school with them on **Monday – 2nd October**. These will then provide the backdrop for the Year 6 assemblies before being given to Hope Food for the benefit of those in our local community experiencing hardship.

Tinned meat, fish and meals
Tinned beans or spaghetti
Packets of rice, pasta, noodles
Long life milk and cereal
Squash and biscuits
Cooking sauces to go with rice or pasta



Thank you to everyone who is able to provide spare food to those who need it most.