

# Hill West Primary School


## Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023



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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.00am -11.30 Sibling school photographs taking place in the KS1 hall. Please arrive from 8am with your children.</li> </ul>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00am Year 3 Rabbits Stone Age assembly; parents welcome</li> <li>2.30pm Year 3 Hedgehogs Stone Age assembly; parents welcome</li> </ul>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SCHOOL breaks up for half term (3.15pm for Reception and 3.20pm for all other year groups).</li> </ul> 
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FUN FEST HOLIDAY CLUB IN SCHOOL – to book visit <a href="http://www.fun-fest.co.uk">www.fun-fest.co.uk</a></li> </ul>

### 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**



### YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications for a Year 7 place at secondary school for September 2024 is 31st October 2023. Please find attached below, links that provide information for families making their school admission applications for September 2024.

[Before you apply: researching schools | Apply for a secondary school \(year 7\) place | Birmingham City Council](#)



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### YEAR 3 STONE AGE ASSEMBLY

Our Year 3 children will be performing their Stone Age assemblies on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.

- 9am - Rabbits
- 2.30pm - Hedgehogs



### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**November**

virtual appointments are available for parents with their child's class teacher. You will also be able to book an appointment on that night with your child's Phase Leader, if relevant. Evening appointments will take place for all Year Groups between 4.00pm-7.00pm

You will be able to book your appointment via school cloud on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 8am.



### YEAR 5 DIWALI ASSEMBLIES

We are delighted that our Year 5 pupils will be performing their Diwali Assembly for parents after the half term break.

Please feel free to join us on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** in the KS1 Hall.

- 9.00am if your child is in Hares
- 2.30pm if your child is in Badgers

If parents are unable to make the assembly, grandparents or wider family members are more than welcome.



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## HOMESCHOOL AGREEMENT

We would like to thank all those families who have reviewed and agreed to the terms set out in our home school agreement. Thank you.



If you have not yet had time to do so, we would ask that you take a couple of minutes to read through with your child at home and sign as an acknowledgement.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4cJhFK0VPG>

## THANK YOU for your HARVEST DONATIONS

We would like to thank our families for their donations for our harvest festival this year. We were overwhelmed by your generosity.

All of your donations have been sent to the Baptist Church foodbank who are currently feeding about 270 adults and children each week.



Thank You

## IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

We believe that regular school attendance is a crucial element of your child's academic success and overall development. We are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating learning environment, and we would like to emphasise the importance of good attendance for your child's educational journey.



***It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Additional information can be found from the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' [Is my child too ill for school?](#)***



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### REMEMBERANCE DAY POPPIES



The week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November we will be selling poppies in school to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If you would like your child to buy a poppy, please send them into school with a minimum donation of 50p.

### SAFEGUARDING

#### Fireworks

Fireworks are loud, spectacular, beautiful and exciting but as we all know, fireworks can also be very dangerous.

The Firework Code Tells Us

1. Adults should only buy fireworks over the counter from respected stores.
2. Only an adult should handle and light fireworks.
3. Fireworks should be kept in a closed box away from sparks.
4. An adult should read and follow the instructions for lighting fireworks carefully.
5. Fireworks are lit at arm's length.
6. Always stand well back (8m is best).
7. Never go back to a lit firework.
8. Never put fireworks in your pocket.
9. Never throw fireworks.



### READING

#### The Reading Framework (July 2023)

*First, parents who engage their children in books prepare them to become committed and enthusiastic readers: they can transform their attitudes to reading. Their children learn to focus and share the enjoyment of the story; they learn how stories start and finish, and how a plot unravels and is resolved; they learn that books can transport them elsewhere. Without this, as Wolf said, they cannot experience 'the exquisite joys of immersion in the reading life.'*



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