

# Hill West Primary School


## Weekly Bulletin


Week commencing: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Children return to school</b></li> <li>• <b>WOODPECKERS WILL OPERATE out of KS2 HALL</b></li> <li>• This week we will be selling poppies in school to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Ace champions meeting with Mr Horne in the STAFFROOM. Breakfast will be provided.</li> <li>• 7.30pm - 9.00pm PTFA Meeting in the KS1 building</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open day for prospective parents starting in Reception 2024</li> <li>• 4pm -7pm Parent consultations taking place for <b>All Year Groups virtually</b></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am Year 5 Hares Diwali assembly parents invited</li> <li>• 2.30pm Year 5 Badgers Diwali assembly parents invited</li> </ul>
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00am -10.30am Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Understanding our school approach to behaviour workshop hosted by Dr Clarke</li> <li>• Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 4 Maya Workshop</li> <li>• Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Lichfield Cathedral Concert (choir only)</li> <li>• Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 4 Class Assembly</li> </ul>

<b>YEAR 7 APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>SCHOOL OPEN DAYS</b>
<p>The closing date for applications for a Year 7 place at secondary school for September 2024 is 31st October 2023.</p> <p>Please find attached below, links that provide information for families making their school admission applications for September 2024.</p> <p><a href="#">Before you apply: researching schools   Apply for a secondary school (year 7) place   Birmingham City Council</a></p>	<p>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 <b>19.10.23, 08.11.23 and 21.11.23</b></p> 

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### SAFEGUARDING

We would like to remind parents about the importance of parking considerately on Clarence Road, and the dangers caused to children by mounting the pavements outside of school and the surrounding area.



Around 40 people a year are killed due to pedestrian pavement deaths caused by motorists parking inconsiderately or mounting the pavement. Please do not park on the yellow lines when parking restrictions are in force. They are there for the safety of our children and you. We have also had a request from local residents that you do not block their driveways please.

### CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION



500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November. This year, the two age categories will be 5–7-year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read. All the stories must:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

### BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

Following discussions at parent council we will be holding a workshop for parents on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November with Dr Clarke at 9am in the KS1 Hall. All are welcome to attend and during the session Dr Clarke will talk about behaviour as a means of communication and the school's approach to supporting and managing behaviours through a relational rather than punitive approach. Please join us if you can.



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#### YEAR 5 OPEN SESSIONS



Our Year 5 open morning and afternoon sessions are designed to give you the opportunity, as parents/carers, to come along and work alongside your child in school.

We would love it if you could attend. If you are not able to come along yourself, then grandparents, other family members or family friends can attend in your place.

- 9am Hares
- 1.45pm Badgers

#### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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-primary-school-children-in-need](http://www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-children-in-need)

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

For those of you who submitted a Christmas Card design this term, your child's Christmas drawing will be available to view once you have received a Text or Email from Xmas4schools.



Once received please follow the instructions on how to order various items such as Calendars, Mugs, tea towels and Christmas Cards. There are lots of lovely options to choose from and £1 of each sale will come directly to school to boost our PTFA fund.

#### CHRISTMAS SWAP SHOP

Following on from the success of last year's Christmas jumper and costume swap shop the school would like to facilitate another swap shop this year. If your child has grown out of their Christmas Jumper or nativity costume, we would be very grateful if you would send it into school with your child after the half term holiday so we can give it to families (who may not use the on-line platform) so they too can benefit from your kind donation/s.



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## LEARNING MENTOR VACANCY in SCHOOL

Would you like to join our amazing team as a Learning Mentor?



We are seeking to appoint a **Level 3 Learning Mentor** at our school. The position is for a permanent full-time member of staff working 32.5 hours each week, term time only.

The successful learning mentor will work with individual pupils, or smaller groups of pupils, and focus on supporting them to achieve their learning goals. The role can also involve working with pupils who experience social, emotional and/or behavioural barriers to learning and benefit from one-to-one support to reach their full academic potential.

Please click on the link below for more details  
<https://atlp.org.uk/vacancies/learning-mentor-level-3-4/>

## MEASELS (MMR) VACCINE REMINDER

As half term approaches, this is an ideal time to get up to date with the measles (MMR) vaccination.

There has been a recent rise in measles cases across the country. Birmingham and Solihull have low MMR vaccination rates and there is a risk of a measles outbreak this winter.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be very serious. The MMR vaccination is recommended to help protect you, your child, and loved ones against measles. The vaccination is free of charge.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccinations by contacting their GP practice. Children should have the first dose at 1 year old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

The MMR vaccination also protects against mumps and rubella. Please contact your GP to book an appointment for Measles (MMR) vaccination. For more information, please click on the link below.  
[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



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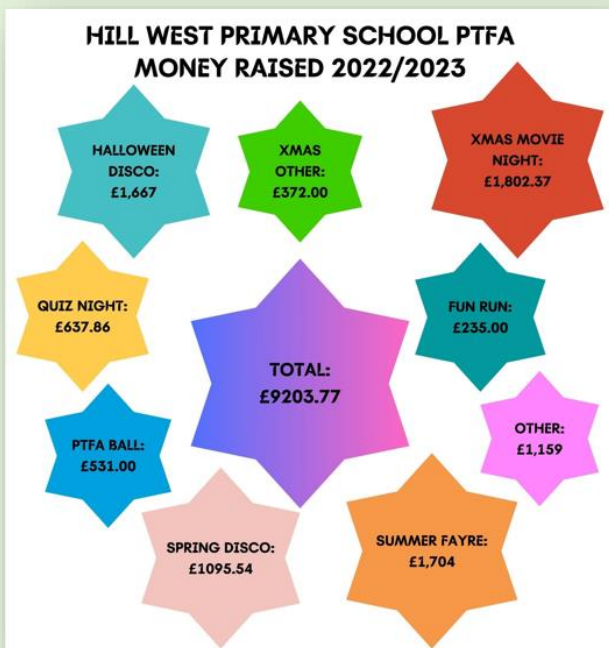


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### PTFA FUNDRAISING



Thank you for supporting the PTFA events that we hold in school. Last academic year we managed to raise the grand sum of **£9203.77**



### FREE SWIMMING LESSONS

**Swimming and Water Safety Breakfast Club**

Free swimming lessons and free breakfast before school.

9 November – 15 December 2023

Erdington Leisure Centre, Thursdays and Fridays 7:30am-8:00am.

If your child is a non-swimmer and is in Years 2-4, bring them to this session and they can benefit from a free breakfast too!

Visit reception to book

Or send an enquiry to [birminghamleisure.com](mailto:birminghamleisure@birminghamleisure.com) or [leisure@warringtonleisure.co.uk](mailto:leisure@warringtonleisure.co.uk)

The free Swimming and Water Safety Breakfast Clubs are re-launching across Birmingham after October half term. The following sites are running free sessions:

- Beeches Pool & Fitness Centre, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 07:30-08:00
- Erdington Leisure Centre, Thursdays, and Fridays 07:30-08:00
- Ladywood Leisure Centre, Thursdays 07:30-08:00
- Northfield Pool & Fitness Centre, Mondays 07:30-08:00
- Stechford Leisure Centre, Mondays, and Thursdays 07:30-08:00

These free sessions are developed to support non-swimmers and focus on the nine safe self-rescue outcomes within the national curriculum



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS GEORGE

I am sure you will want to join with me in congratulating Mrs George who has been appointed the substantive Deputy Head Teacher at Hill West (formerly Acting). We are delighted on her success and achievement which will bring further stability to our senior team in school.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

