

Hill West Primary School Weekly Bulletin

Week commencing: Monday 13th November 2023



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 13th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK; Make A Noise About Bullying • TTRS Top of the Rocks ATLP Competition
Thursday 16th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00am - 10.00am Parent Workshop 1: Focus Behaviour hosted by Dr Clarke in the KS1 Hall
Friday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHILDREN IN NEED; Wear something spotty to school for Pudsey. • 9.00am- 10.45am Year 5 Hares open morning for parents in KS2 Hall • 1.45pm-3.20pm Year 5 Badgers Open afternoon for parents in KS2 Hall
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 27th November to Friday 1st December- Year 5 Residential Trip to Aberdovey • Friday 1st December -Year 4 Open Day

YEAR 4 MAYA WORKSHOP

As part of the National Curriculum, children in year 4 are studying the Maya civilization. To assist with this topic, we

have arranged a visit to school by an expert in Maya culture on Tuesday 21st November.

The children will learn how to be an archaeologist, create their own Maya pottery, learn about the strange symbols that make up Maya numbering and recreate a traditional Maya dance this provides a unique and dynamic educational experience for the whole day.



CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th

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



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SAFEGUARDING

The ATLP Vulnerable Children Vision

Underpinning the ATLP vulnerable children vision is expectation that all of our children experience equity, love, understanding and belonging across our family of schools. We prioritise trusting, healthy and safe relationships; getting to know each child individually fosters a sense of belonging and acceptance, removing barriers and embracing diversity. Why not take a couple of minutes to watch our short video explaining our vision in more detail.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJabO4YLZN4>.

READING

Ofsted's Research and Analysis begins with one very important message:

More than any other subject, English – and especially reading – gives pupils access to the rest of the curriculum and is fundamental to their educational success. This is why the introduction to the national curriculum says: 'Fluency in the English language is an essential foundation for success in all subjects'



WORKSHARING EVENING

We would like to welcome all children and parents into school on **Friday 24th November at 3.30pm** so you can look through your child's workbooks, to see how their learning has progressed so far, this academic year. **Please make your way to your child's class through one of the two front doors where leadership members will be on hand to direct you.**



SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Do you have a child starting in Reception in September 2024? Why don't you come along to our last open day to meet Dr Clarke and tour our school?

Appointments available through our school office (0121 3085392)



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CHOIR AT LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL



Four Oaks Cluster community carol service will be taking place on Tuesday 21st November at Lichfield Cathedral. Our school choir will

be taking part in a combined choir of children in this amazing festive event. If your child is participating in the event and you would like to purchase tickets, please make payment through your MCAS app.

YEAR 4 ANCIENT CIVILIZATION ASSEMBLY

Our Year 4 children will be performing their Ancient Civilization assemblies on Thursday 23rd November. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.



- 9am - Squirrels
- 2.30pm – Moles

Autumn Term 1

What you have told us and what we have done about it...

You asked for Big Cat Collins to be installed on all applicable I pads	Big Cat Collins has now been installed.
You aksed that Jamf to be downloaded onto all ipads	Jamf has now been successfully installed.
You asked for school to produce and issue a HOW TO guide for parents in relation to the 1:1 devices	Ms Bailey has issued a guide to all parents explaining the different Apps that can be accessed through the ipads within school and at home.
You asked for parent workshops to be held to explain the school's approach to managing behaviour.	The first workshop has been planned and is due to be delivered on 16 th November 2023.
Some KS1 children were getting upset in the mornings while waiting in line to walk over to class	Amended morning drop off procedures so children can make their way in on arrival



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<p>You would like a christmas Jumper and Nativity Costume swap shop</p>	<p>We have asked parents via the weekly bulletin to bring in any donations to arrange a swap shop at a date to be arranged by the PTFA</p>
<p>You asked for the Termly Events calendar to be reissued with any additional dates or amended information</p>	<p>We have re-issued the amended calendar for the rest of this term till January 2024, including all amended and additional dates.</p>

PARENT CONSULTATIONS; your views matter



Thanks go to those parents who were able to meeting with our teaching staff or leadership team members earlier this week. We hope that during the meeting you were offered reassurances about the emotional well-being of your child on transition to their new year group. We hope to that teachers were able to share with you, your child's academic strengths and one key area of learning for further consolidation. We would be interested in receiving your feedback via

<https://forms.office.com/e/r1trfQF75L>

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