

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

*Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'*

Week commencing: Monday 19th February 2024



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b></li> <li>• 5.30pm - 6pm; <b>Parent Meeting</b> (virtual) for Year 6 France trip</li> <li>• Year 6 Sex and Relationships Lessons commence</li> <li>• 7.30pm PTFA Meeting with Mrs George in KS1 Reception Area</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30am Mr Horne meeting with ACE CHAMPIONS for Breakfast in KS1 Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.45pm – 3.10pm Parent Council meeting with Dr Clarke</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am – 10.30am Parent Workshop 1: Focus Behaviour; hosted by Dr Clarke in the KS1 Hall</li> <li>• Year 5 Puberty talks with Mrs George</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5.00am Year 6 arrive for their departure to France</b></li> </ul>
<b>Future Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March; Parent Consultations</li> <li>• Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day</li> <li>• Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – PTFA Spring Disco</li> </ul>

## HAPPY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful half term holiday. Children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.



## 'HOPE FOR PEACE' FUNDRAISING EVENT

We would like to thank all our families who supported our **UNICEF 'Hope for Peace' day that took place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February.** You have managed to raise an outstanding **£848** that will help numerous children living in crisis and conflict in Israel and Gaza. If you have not made a donation and would still like to contribute, please donate through the Hill West JustGiving page by clicking here: [www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-hope-for-peace-unicef](http://www.justgiving.com/page/hill-west-primary-school-hope-for-peace-unicef). Your generosity and support are gratefully appreciated.



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## READING

### World Book Day 2024

To celebrate and encourage our love of reading at home and here at school, we will be running a **sponsored reading event** on **Thursday 7th March 2024, World Book Day**.



Due to an increasing number of parents enquiring whether children will be able to dress up for world book day, we will be taking a poll through our next parent council meeting, taking place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## SAFEGUARDING

### NEW LAUNCH: Safer Schools England App

Your Safer Schools England App provides safeguarding information and advice, when you need it. The app will provide you with updates straight to your phone that will keep you informed about the latest online safeguarding news, threats and advice. Please download the app and see the email issued by school Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February for the school PIN.



## YEAR 6 ASSEMBLIES

Our Year 6 children will be performing an Anti-Bullying assembly on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. We hope as many Year 6 parents as possible will be able to join us in the Key Stage One hall.



- **9am; Foxes**
- **2.30pm; Otters**

## YEAR 1 OPEN MORNING / AFTERNOON



Our Year 1 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.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March; 9am Swallows: 1.45pm Swifts**



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## TWEET/S OF THE WEEK

At 'our' school, we all believe this to be true. Leaders, teachers, support staff, parents, grandparents, pupils and advocates alike. Kindness, compassion, and connection at the heart of our school.

Every child deserves a  
**champion**  
-- an adult who will  
**never give up**  
on them,  
who understands the  
power of  
**connection**  
and insists that they  
**become**  
the best that they can  
possibly  
**be.**  
-- Rita F. Pierson

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## LUNCHTIMES

As part of our continuous efforts to enhance the overall school experience for our pupils, we have implemented a new lunchtime arrangement. We believe that these changes have contributed to a more positive and inclusive environment during this crucial part of the school day.



**Years Five and Six** have had lunch between 12 noon and 1.00pm and then enjoyed a longer afternoon of lessons between 1.00pm and 3.20pm.

**Years Three and Four** have had lunch between 1.00pm and 2.00pm and then enjoyed a shorter afternoon of lessons between 2.00pm and 3.20pm. As they will not be eating their lunch until

The children have told us they like the new arrangements with 73% saying they would like the arrangements to become permanent and 95% saying they have more room to play.



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## Spring Term 1

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

You asked for a revised Homework policy to be issued with a clearer guide on when homework should be completed.	We have revised our homework policy and moved to the setting of three tasks, all of which are to be completed weekly.
You asked for correspondence relating to Childrens Mental Health week to be sent to parents.	We have issued correspondence throughtout Childrens Mental Health Week relating to our Zones of Regulation.
You asked for a topic relating to Mental Health Week to be set as a Homework or lesson task	On Next week at Hill West issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> February, teachers set a topic in the homework task (task 3) or planned a lesson around Childrens Mental Health. We also invited Cherished Charity into school to hold workshops with the children relating to Mental Health
You asked for more information about our Zones of regulation	Our Pedagogical Newsletter was issued on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February, this detailed all the information relating to our Zones of Regulation and the outcomes from teaching through this practice.
You asked for information relating to Safer Internet Day during Children Mental Health Week.	Correspondence was issued to all parents including information on how to download the Safer Schools App.
You asked School to Tweet various Mental Health Chraities throughout the week.	We tweeted Samaritans, Young Minds , Birmingham Mind, Barnardo's and Shout during Childrens Mental Health Week.

## INTERMIM LEARNING PROFILES

Now that our children are half way through this academic year, we have issued individual learning profiles which outline your child's current attainment and a summary of strengths and areas to develop. These have been written by their class teacher. We would ask that you spend some time over the half term holiday talking to your child about their learning and then complete the pupil comment and



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parent comment sections. For children in Years 1 – 6 you will find the document in their Showbie account. Reception parents will have received these via email.



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