

# Hill West Weekly Bulletin

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

Week commencing: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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## WISHING YOU ALL A TRULY WONDERFUL EASTER BREAK AND BLESSED RAMADAN



Look, the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone. The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come, and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air. The fig trees are forming young fruit, and the fragrant grapevines are blossoming (Song of Solomon 2: 11-13).



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

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| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ATLP TRAINING DAY, School closed to all children</li></ul>  |
| <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All children return to School for the Summer Term, Wagtails and Woodpeckers</li><li>• Design and Technology Day across school</li></ul>         |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ancient Egyptian Workshop taking place for children in Year 3</li></ul>   |
| <b>Future Events</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April; PTFA Meeting in KS1 Reception</li><li>• Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April; PTFA Ball at Aston Wood Golf Club</li></ul> |

## TWEET/S OF THE WEEK

Our Reception Easter Bonnet Parade was something to behold. Thanks go to our amazing families for their creations.

Our Easter lunches were a great success too, with so many families coming into school.



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## SAFEGUARDING



Please find below some useful information / contacts should you find yourself experiencing hardship over the Easter break.

### **Domestic abuse:**

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police. If you need support call the freephone, 24 hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

### **Foodbank:**

If you require a foodbank voucher, the following numbers can be called. You will be required answer the relevant questions and request a voucher. Please note, only those with a voucher will be offered food.

Citizens Advice Bureau- 08082082138

Birmingham City Council 0121 303 1116 (Option 2)

### **Mental Health Support for adults:**

For urgent mental health support you can call: 0800 915 9292. Alternatively you can attend your nearest A&E department for an assessment

### **Mental Health Support for Children/Young People:**



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The FTB crisis team are available on 0300 300 0099 or you can attend the nearest A&E department. You can also visit PAUSE which is a drop in Centre in Digbeth. The address is Digbeth 21, Birmingham B5 6BJ.

### Support with Drug/Alcohol:

For support with drug/alcohol misuse, you can contact Change Grow Live on 0121 227 5890 Monday - Friday only.

## BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

We will be holding our second Behaviour Workshop for parents on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** 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.



## SPRING MUSICAL EVENING



Our annual Spring Musical Evening will be taking place in the KS1 Hall on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm**. Please purchase your ticket by logging into MCAS. By purchasing a ticket, you will be confirming your child's attendance.

## Spring Term 2

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

You asked for school to speak with the Kitchen about alternative meal options for children who had not booked a school meal but would like one.

School kitchen have advised that there is always an option of jacket potatoes and sandwiches with various filling on offer to all children if they have not booked a school meal.

You asked that a reminder be sent to all parents regarding pre-booking school meals for their children.

A reminder was issued on the weekly bulletin sent out on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.



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| <p>You asked for a topic relating to Mental Health Week to be set as a Homework or lesson task</p>                      | <p>On Next week at Hill West issued 2<sup>nd</sup> February, and 23<sup>rd</sup> February teachers set a topic in the homework task (task 3) or planned a lesson around Children's Mental Health.</p>  |
| <p>You asked for more activities to be arranged on World book day, as the children were not dressing up.</p>            | <p>We arranged a variety of activities, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A readathon</li> <li>• Win a Golden Ticket with the PTFA Chocolate Bar</li> <li>• An Author Hunt – around our school field</li> <li>• Bookmark Making</li> <li>• Charade playing in class (it's a book)</li> <li>• Guess the book character quiz</li> </ul> |
| <p>You asked for more parent workshops to be held to explain the school's approach to managing behaviour.</p>           | <p>A series of workshop has been planned and are due to be delivered throughout 2024, with the second workshop taking place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</p>  |
| <p>You asked for the possibility of worksharing and meet and greet your new teacher could be combined in the future</p> | <p>Going forward teachers will remain in their classes for worksharing, so they can meet new parents and introduce themselves.</p>   |

| <p><b>FUN FEST HOLIDAY CLUB MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024</b></p>   | <p><b>FOUR OAKS METHODIST EASTER TRAIL SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH</b></p>  |
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| <p>Fun Fest offers children a choice about how they spend their holidays. With a menu of over 50 exciting activities for every morning and afternoon, children can plan their own individual holiday programme<br/> <b>Contact;</b> <a href="mailto:suttonoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk">suttonoffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk</a> or telephone 07788 309011</p>  |  <p>On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm to 4.00pm Four Oaks Methodist Church will be running their Easter Seeking Trail, at Four Oaks Methodist Church and would like to welcome all members of the Four Oaks Community.</p>  |

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