

Hill West Weekly Bulletin


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

Week commencing: Monday 23rd September



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

<p>Wednesday 25th September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.45pm - 3.00pm Parent Council meeting with Dr Clarke
<p>Thursday 26th September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.00pm -7.00pm Year 5 and 6 Open evening at The Arthur Terry School.
<p>Friday 27th September</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30am – 10.30am MacMillan Coffee Morning Please join us and our ACE Champions in the KS2 Hall. <i>Could all cake donations (bought or made) be delivered to school on Thursday 26th September. If baking at home, please include a small piece of paper indicating the cake ingredients. We thank you in advance for your support.</i>

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We would like to invite you all to review and agree to the terms in our Home School Agreement for 2024-2025. Please take a couple of minutes to read through with your children and sign as an acknowledgement.



<https://forms.office.com/e/5t76DSHmuq>

SCHOOL FUND

We are incredibly grateful for the generous contributions from those who have already made donations to our school fund. Your kindness and commitment will have a tremendous impact, and we truly appreciate your dedication to making a difference. At the same time, there are still opportunities for other families to get involved and donate. If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, we would love your support!

Donations can be made through the MCAS app listed under products. Thank you once again to our wonderful community for your ongoing support and generosity.



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READING

We cannot underestimate the power of simply reading to our children. Here are the number of words children will have heard by the time they are 5 years old;

- Never read to – 4,662 words
- Read to 1 -2 times per week – 63,570 words
- Read to 3 – 5 times per week – 169,520 words
- Read to daily – 296,660 words
- And read 5 books a day – 1,483,300 words.



PTFA HAND DESIGNED CHRISTMAS CARDS 2024

The PTFA are once again asking our children to make their very own Christmas Cards which you can then purchase to send to family members and friends. Therefore, as part of their homework this week, children will be asked to draw their Christmas design. These designs will then be made into Christmas cards, tea towels, mugs and various other items that will be available for parents to purchase. Please could all parents ensure that the details on the back of the design are completed and returned to school by Friday 18th October.



THANK YOU

We would like to pass on our sincerest thanks to the parents of our new Reception children who spent the morning in school with us on Wednesday.

We hope you enjoyed finding out more about our teaching of early reading and our approach to managing behaviour. We are sure the lunch was delicious too.



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MACILLIAN COFFEE MORNING

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We would also like to invite you into school to purchase a cuppa and a slice of cake where our ACE Champions will greet you. Please help us celebrate the wonderful work MacMillan do, on Friday **27th September** in the Key Stage Two Hall, anytime between 8.30am-10.30am.

All monies raised go directly to MacMillan.



YEAR 1 VISIT TO HATTON COUNTRY FARM FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

I am sure the children in Year One are very excited about their trip to the farm next week. School uniform is required but children may wear trainers or appropriate boots if they wish. Please provide your child with a **small rucksack** containing plenty to drink and a snack. A packed lunch will be provided as part of the universal free school meal scheme but if you would prefer your child to have a homemade packed lunch then this is perfectly acceptable.

We would ask that you do not include any sweets or chocolate. Drinks are to be in plastic containers or cartons which can be easily disposed of. Children will be carrying their own bags, and so disposable items make it much lighter for them (after lunch).



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ATTENDANCE

If your child has been absent from school this academic year you will know that our teaching staff are calling home to share their best wishes for a speedy recovery. If you have been in receipt of one of these calls I hope you found the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher useful. Attendance is important but we understand that occasionally children become unwell.



Currently our whole school attendance is 97.7%.

94% of our pupils have an attendance rate above the persistently absent threshold of 90%.

SAFEGUARDING

"Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility".

Now that your child is back in school and using their iPad regularly you will want to ensure that they use it safely and appropriately when at home. This will be especially important if your child is in Year One.

The start of the academic year is a good time to agree some healthy rules and boundaries including when they can use their device and the apps you are happy for them to access. Check-in with your child about their device use. It doesn't have to



be a big sit-down conversation. Informal chats over the dinner table, in the car or while watching television as a family can have the biggest impact. Ask questions like, "Tell me about your favourite app! Why do you like to use it?" or, "How has your device helped you today?" On-line safety is never a one-off conversation – it will be a continuing dialogue, right the way through into secondary school.



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TRAIN TO TEACH INFORMATION EVENTS

Have you always thought about becoming a teacher but aren't sure where to start?

Whether you are graduating this year or you are looking to change careers, find out how we can support you on your journey to becoming a teacher and how you can make an impact in this highly rewarding career.

Arthur Terry SCITT is hosting two upcoming information events.

- Tuesday 24th September (virtual drop-in session) – 5pm to 6pm
- Thursday 3rd October (in person at Arthur Terry School) – 6pm to 8pm



More information and the registration link can be found here; [Teacher Training | Open Events - Arthur Terry Teaching School \(atlp.org.uk\)](https://atlp.org.uk/Teacher-Training-Open-Events-Arthur-Terry-Teaching-School)



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