



Hillside Junior School

Weekly Bulletin

Week 10 – 13th November 2020

Message from Mr. Davies



In Flanders Fields the poppies blow....

This week in school we have used assembly time as an opportunity to think about remembrance. We participated in the national two-minute silence at 11am on 11th November and throughout the school great respect was shown. As you can see in the photograph, we also had the opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of both schools at the Northwood War Memorial; this is something we feel very honoured to participate in every year. On a Friday, we present achievement awards and it has been very encouraging to see the enthusiasm shown by the children especially for writing. We recently introduced a new approach to the teaching of writing and so far it has been an overwhelming success. The children have

adapted well this term especially in light of all the changes we have had to introduce. This has been particularly on the playground where we continue to work in zones and bubbles. Whilst we can't guarantee full non-contact and social distancing when the children are playing, we are hoping to introduce some different playground games to help provide some variety next week.

I wish you all a safe and restful weekend.

Mr. Davies

Flu Immunisation Consent Forms

Flu Immunisations will take place in school on Friday 20th November 2020. **The consent form must be returned to school by Monday 16th November at the latest.** Please note if we do not receive a form for your child or it is not completed correctly, your child will not receive a vaccination.

IXL, Netball & Football Clubs

As a result of the second national lockdown and government advice, **we are no longer able to hold IXL in the mornings for Year 6 pupils and after school Football and Netball Clubs until further notice.** These measures are for everyone's safety and your continued cooperation is very much appreciated.

Breakfast & After School Club

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast or After School Club, we now require booking forms completed and returned to school a week in advance (deadline 11am on Friday mornings). **If we do not receive your form in time, your child will not be able to attend.** You will receive a confirmation email confirming your booking and the amount you have to pay on School Spider.



Parking

Local residents have again expressed concerns about illegal and unsafe parking outside school. **PLEASE DO NOT** block drive-ways, double park or stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to jump out. Northwood Way by the width restriction is a major concern at the moment. Therefore, we request that parents no longer park in and around this area, because this is adding to the already high volume of traffic. If this request is not adhered to it may potentially lead to the council enforcing stricter parking rules around the school and this would not benefit anyone. We thank you for your support.

New Welfare Telephone Number

Starting from Monday 9th November if you are reporting your child's absence or need to speak to Mrs Brereton in Welfare, please use the following telephone number: **07840 429 079**. Thank you.

Northwood Hills Christmas Lights Switch-On



On **Saturday 14th November** at approximately 4pm Northwood Hills will be switching on the Christmas lights. Due to the national lockdown, it will be a virtual occasion this year. Please click [here](#) for the link to watch the switch-on take place.

Spare Socks & Tights Request

Our stock of spare socks and tights is running low. If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need, we would appreciate donations to the school. Thank you.



Philosophy Discussions

Each week we will post a philosophy question in the 'Weekly Bulletin' to talk about with your child and for them to then contribute to class philosophy lessons. Philosophy is all about encouraging young people to think. By motivating children to look at the world from different points of views, we hope to develop inquisitive minds, who are keen to engage in discussions and listen to each other. Philosophy is about learning how to be logical, present our own arguments, critically analyse the point of view of others, while respecting different opinions.



Philosophy Question 13.11.2020

Question: What is love?

**Quote: Piglet "how do you spell love?"
Pooh: "you don't spell it you feel it."**

- Winnie The Pooh

Diary Dates:

November:

Fri 20th Nov—Whole school Flu Immunisations
Thurs 26th Nov —Year 6 Height & Weight checks

December:

Wed 9th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 9th Dec— The Pantry Christmas Lunch
Fri 18th Dec—End of Term 1.30pm

Information from Hillingdon's Educational Psychology Service

Telephone helpline for parents and carers

Do you, as a parent or carer at home with your children during the current lockdown, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope during this challenging time for families?

Hillingdon Educational Psychology Service is providing a helpline for any parent or carer of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families. Areas of concern you may wish to discuss may include:

- Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family;
- Supporting you to support your children's emotional needs;
- Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and activities;
- The impact of change, loss or bereavement;
- How to best look after yourself so you can look after your children.
- The concerns can be related to school or family life.

If you would like to access this service, please email educationalpsychologyservice@hillingdon.gov.uk with the following information:

Your name/the telephone number you would like to be contacted on/name of your child's school/times and dates you are **not** available for a consultation/a brief description of what you would like to focus on in the consultation.

We will aim to get back to you within two working days to confirm a date and time for your consultation.

The consultation service will, **as far as possible**, be confidential.