

# Hillside Junior School Weekly Bulletin

Week 13 – 4th December 2020

#### Message from Mr. Davies

"Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." – A.A. Milne

Resilience has been the theme of our assemblies this week and William Kamkwamba was our inspirational person. At a young age, he was denied the opportunity to go to school due to a famine in Malawi. William decided to build a windmill based on a picture he had seen in a school text book. The children watched a short film about the remarkable achievements of William. They were inspired by his creation and were able to recognise the resilience he had shown in the face of limited resources and also the lack of belief shown by others in his local community.

The assemblies this term have been a real success in demonstrating the core values of the school in real life situations. More information on the 6Rs can be found on the school website. I would also like to thank the whole school community for their support and patience during a difficult situation yesterday.

In the last two weeks of term, we look forward to celebrating Christmas with The Pantry Christmas Lunch on Wednesday and each year group's Christmas Showcase.

Have a safe and restful weekend

Mr. Davies

## Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day/Non Uniform Day

The Pantry will be holding a Christmas Lunch for all the children on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Wednesday with their own clothes for a donation of £1. Please note payment for this should be made via School Spider. The menu for the Christmas Lunch, can be found on the attached flyer.

#### **Parking**

Thank you for your support with regards to parking. Please continue to remember NOT to block driveways, double park or stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to jump out. We would also request that parents do not park in and around Northwood Way by the width restriction.

#### **Surprise Room**

On Monday 7th December the PTA are asking for donations for THE SURPRISE ROOM. All gifts are wel-



come – chocolates, toiletries, small toys, cosmetics, candles, jewellery or any other gifts to the value of £2 (but don't worry if you've been given something worth more and you want to donate it!). PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS. Children who have donated a gift and paid on School Spider will be invited to the Surprise Room on Friday 11th December and the gifts will go home on Wednesday 16th December. Thank you.

#### **Interim Reports**

Interim reports will be emailed home to parents on Monday 14th December. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher.

#### **Hillingdon Food Bank**

We will be collecting for The Hillingdon Food Bank, which is part of the national network of food banks and gives out emergency food to individuals and families in crisis especially this year with the current pandemic. We have received a 'wish list' from them and would be grateful if you would send in your donations with your child on **Thursday 10th December**.

- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Potatoes/Smash
- Tinned Vegetables
- Noodles

- Sugar
- Jam
- Cartons of Juice
- Tinned desserts
- Toiletries & Sanitary Products

Basically any long life, non perishable items. As it is Christmas, any special treats as shown in the image below would also be very welcome.



#### **Philosophy Discussion**



Philosophy Question 04.12.2020

Question: Is it easier to love or be loved?

**Quote:** "It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, so long as somebody loves you."

- Roald Dahl

#### Welfare Telephone Number

All calls to Welfare starting from Monday 7th December will now revert back to the school number **01923 825 991 option 2.** Thank you.

#### **Diary Dates:**

#### **December**

Mon 7th Dec: Surprise Room Gifts to be brought to school/Payment required via School Spider

Wed 9th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day Wed 9th Dec: The Pantry Christmas Lunch

Fri 11th Dec: Surprise Room Fri 18th Dec: End of Term 1.30pm

January 2021

Mon 4th Jan: Staff Training Day Tuesday 5th Jan: School Starts

### The Pantry Christmas Lunch Menu

