



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 10th November



Message from the Head teacher

Autumn 2 is one of the busiest but most enjoyable terms. I have used assembly time recently to reflect with the children on the difficult situations around the world. This is particularly poignant as we approach Remembrance Sunday. Once again, the school will be represented at the service in Northwood. Our contribution to these community events is something that we value very highly.

Next week we mark anti-bullying week. The message is clear, speak up. At Hillside Junior we strive for a culture in which the children feel safe and are empowered to speak up when they are concerned about something. This is supported by the use of the 'worry box' in each classroom.

Finally, as the nights draw in, we all are reminded of the need to stay safe when crossing roads. Please support our Be Bright Be Seen Day.

Have a good weekend,

Mr.Davies

Diary Dates

Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November

Book Fair 3.30pm - Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th November

3K Trip to Westminster Cathedral - Tuesday 14th November

Be Bright Be Seen Day – Friday 17th November

Northwood Hills Christmas Lights switch on - Saturday 18th November

Year 4 Trip to the British Museum - Monday 20th November

Parking

We have received a number of complaints from residents regarding parking on roads around the school. Due to the number of complaints, Hillingdon Parking Control have been informed. This may lead to the council enforcing stricter parking rules around the school and penalty fines being issued to those who are found to be in breach of the parking regulations. **PLEASE DO NOT** block driveways, double park or stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to jump out.

Odd Socks Day

It's '**odd socks day**' on **Monday 13th November**.

November. All you need to do is wear odd socks to school! Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Be Bright Be Seen Dress-up Day

On Friday 17th November, we will be celebrating **Be Bright Be Seen Day** at Hillside Junior School. As we move into the winter months, it becomes darker at the start and end of the day. The number of road accidents increases during this period, so we urge everyone to think about what they are wearing - **BE BRIGHT BE SEEN!** Children can come to school wearing their brightest colours, this can include reflective and high visibility clothing if they have it. **They do not need to wear school uniform.**

School Lunch/ School Grid

To book school lunches for your child, click on HCL's booking portal, [School Grid](#). If your child has **specific allergies**, please inform 'HCL' as soon as possible, using the following link <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/> Please download the '[School Grid Parent Leaflet](#)' on our school website for all account and booking information. For all other booking information queries, please telephone School Grid on 01506 300 310.

Parent Reading Volunteers

Once again, we are asking for parent (or grandparent) reading volunteers to help us to support children's reading. **Could you spare 10 minutes in the morning? We will give you any training you need.** If you are able to spare some time, please let the school office know.

Hillside Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum overview for 2023-2024 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.

Communication

All school related communication (newsletters, parents' evening bookings and payments) is made using the School Gateway App. Please follow the steps below to download the app.

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Creating an account is simple and only takes a few minutes:

1. **Register** using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
2. **Four-digit PIN.** School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN
3. **Login**, you are ready to go

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