

Hillsborough Primary School Autumn 1 Newsletter

This is the first newsletter of the academic year and as I have reflected on the first half term, there have been so many positive things I could have written about. We are continuing to upload all that happens in school onto our Instagram account so please do follow us and like our posts! It is great to see so many followers already! As we move to half term next week, I hope you take time to enjoy the Autumn weather and get out and about but also take time to rest before the Christmas countdown begins!

Curriculum Ambassadors

Our science ambassadors have been appointed and enjoyed a day at Hallam Primary school recently, receiving training from the Ogden Trust and Tapton Secondary School on how to support children in science. Amelie, Nulan, Julia, Rane, Husna and Aaron were great representatives of our school and enjoyed spending time with our science ambassadors from around the trust.



Following this, next half term, Miss Buxton and our science ambassadors are going to run a science club after school for Y3/4 children. We know that this will be popular but I can't wait to see what they get up to!

We have also been working closely with Sheffield Wednesday and have appointed a school sports council to meet with Brett and Mr Lant each half term and look at how we can promote sport on the playground. Jacob, Belly, Noah, Amari, Isla and Aaron met with Brett and looked at what we currently offer on the playground and what they wanted more of. Next half term, our sports council



are going to be leading playground games for KS1 and KS2 and we are looking forward to

seeing the impact of this at lunchtime!

Becoming leaders and learning leadership skills is such an important part of our 'becoming' ethos and so a huge 'well done' needs to be said to all our children for taking on these leadership roles and being champions for science and sport in school!

Behaviour on the Playground

Please can I remind parents and carers that there should be no smoking or vaping on the playground during drop off or pick up and that there should be no swearing on the yard as children and staff are still working and are present around school. Can I also ask that adults DO NOT use the gym equipment whilst waiting on the yard as this was bought at a great cost to school, from your fundraising efforts, and it is important that the children are able to use this exclusively for them. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Y2 Trip to the Museum

Our Y2 classes enjoyed a trip to the emergency services museum in Sheffield this half term and learnt all about the history of the emergency services. They enjoyed a workshop, dressed up as different emergency services, explored the vehicles and saw a lot of artefacts linked to the different services from years ago right through to modern day. This linked in with their history topic of learning about the great Fire of London. The children had a great day and their behaviour was impeccable.



CHRISTMAS FAIR



Volunteers needed—please contact the Parent

Winter Weather

As the colder days are approaching, please ensure your child has a coat in school, which is named. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for a milder winter but if there are ever any changes to the school day, these will be communicated on the school website, via Seesaw and on the school's Instagram page. Please make sure you have linked to Seesaw families and Instagram for the most up to date news on all that is going on in school.

Spooks and Sparks

The Spooks and Sparks disco is back! Letters have already gone out explaining the details but this event will take place after school on 2nd November in the KS1 hall for Y1—Y6. Children will need to have a ticket to enter the disco. **To gain a ticket, payment must be made on ParentPay BEFORE Friday 20th October. No further payments will be accepted after this date.** Tickets will be sent home with the children after half term. We are all looking forward to this Spooktacular event!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th October—return to school

*Thursday 2nd Nov—**Spooks and Sparks disco.** The last date for entry payment is Friday 20th October. We will not be able to add any child onto the list for attending after this date.*

Day of the Dead—children will be learning about this Spanish festival in school on this day.

*Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November—**Parents Evening.** Please book your appointment to see your child's class teacher.*

*Week beginning 13th November -**Anti bullying week.***

*On Monday 13th November we will be recognizing **odd socks day** to mark the start of anti-bullying week. Children can come to school wearing odd socks!*

*Thursday 16th November—**Open evening for FS2.** If you or you know anyone who is looking for their child's school place to start in September 24, we have an open evening on this date to look around our setting and we would love to see lots of people there!*

*On Friday 18th November, we will be raising money for **children in need.** More information to follow after half term.*

*22nd November—**Nursery stay and play.***

*Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th November—**INSET DAYS.** School is closed to pupils on these days.*

*Thursday 30th November —**Christmas Fair** 2.30pm—4.30pm*

*Thursday 13th December—**FS2 and nursery Christmas crafts and songs.** Come and make some crafts with your child and then watch them perform!*

*Thursday 15th December—**Christmas jumper day.** As in previous years, we are asking for children to bring in a chocolate product in exchange for wearing their Christmas jumper.*

*Tuesday 19th Dec AM and Thursday 21st Dec PM—**KS1 Nativity performances***

*Thursday 21st December AM—**KS2 church performances***

*Wednesday 20th December— **Y2—Y6 Pantomime visit***

Nursery, FS and KS1 in house pantomime

*Friday 22nd December—**Santa visits school.** If your child is in nursery and does not normally attend on a Friday, please bring them in on this morning to meet Santa!*

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