

Hillsborough Primary School Summer 1 Newsletter

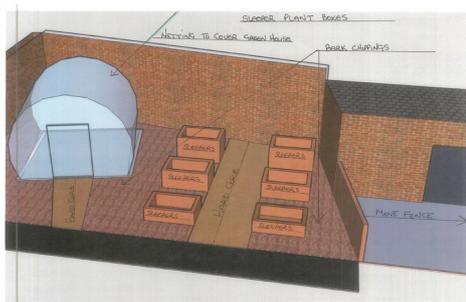
The sun is finally shining and we have certainly seen things growing here at Hillsborough primary School. Our Y6's have completed their SATS this week and have done this with such maturity and resilience that it has been a pleasure to see them showing their first signs of being ready for Secondary school. Transition is the theme of the summer term and there are many different events happening regarding this—so please keep an eye on the diary dates on the website and via Seesaw!

Garden Growth!

It has been great to finally get our garden open for the children after months of hard work. A huge thanks must go to the parents who started this off by bidding for two grants in order that we could see this project through to the end. Anna from Kids Plant Trees has been involved from the start and has managed the project until its completion—and what a joy working with this company has been! The children are loving the garden and staff are beginning to take children's learning into this space, which is proving to be such a calming space in school.



The next part of the project is our growing garden. We have had a donation of time and resources from WATES, a company found for us through Sheffield Business' together, and they will be providing the design team, man power, resources and time to create our growing garden so that the children can see what happens from seed to fork. We are really excited for this second phase and grateful to WATES and their associates for supporting our community in this way. Work will be underway on Monday 3rd June so please do keep an eye on the development over that week. The plan is that it may look something like this: The final plan part is then to get donation of garden-



ing tools from companies to ensure we have enough that all children can garden together, so if you know anyone who would be willing to donate equipment, please get in touch with Mrs Wileman!

Tests

Our Y6's have completed their SATs but there is still some standard tests that are to be administered over the next few weeks.

Y1/Y2—Phonics check—Week beginning 10th June.

Y2—SATs—Week beginning 20th May

Y4—Multiplication check—3rd—21st June

Please ensure your children are in school during these times.

Staff News

It has been wonderful to welcome Miss Scott and Mrs Westwood back from maternity leave this term. They are both working part time and covering classes for this term but will be back with their own classes in September, which I know they are looking forward to. It is great to have them back in school again and pleased that their maternity leave has gone so well!

In regards to September, we have been busy recruiting and putting plans in place to ensure all classes are covered for next year. Due to the reduction in number of pupils over the past couple of years due to low birth rates, we have had to think carefully about our staffing structure moving forward. At the end of this year, Mrs Whitehead, Mr Teather and Mr Miller will be leaving us for pastures new. We wish them all the best and know they will do well in their next role! We have appointed Miss Doyle to join our team, currently working in a school in Maltby and she is really excited to get going and meet the staff, pupils and parents at Hillsborough. We have also appointed Mrs Robinson to join our staff team permanently, having worked here for the past couple of terms in a cover role, she is returning as a class teacher and we are really excited to welcome her back!

We will be informing parents and children of their teachers for next year after half term in time for our transition day on 3rd July.

Uniform

Please can we remind all parents that children should come dressed in the appropriate uniform every day unless they have PE. Children should not be wearing jumpers or hoodies that are not school jumpers, even on PE days. Our uniform is blue jumper, polo shirt and dark bottoms or a checked dress and PE uniform is a white t-shirt, black short or joggers and a PE jumper. We will be asking children to change their jumper if they come to school not dressed appropriately, so please support us in this as per your signed home school agreement.

Y4 times table Trust competition!

We were really proud of 4 of our Y4's who competed against other schools in the Trust to see who was named Times table champion! Our children met with the other Y4's from around the Trust schools at Hallam and represented our school well, with all of them getting through to the latter rounds and Annabelle getting through to the final! We were so proud of them all—and their fast fingers to input their answers to the multiplication questions in less than 6 seconds!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd June—SPORTS DAY AT EIS. Please make sure you have seen the letter and know the arrangements.

5th June—Y6's to Sheffield College

7th June—FS2 transition visit

10th June—Governor meeting

PHONICS CHECK WEEK FOR Y1 and Y2

12th June—Y6's to crucial crew

19th June—Y6's to Sheffield United for E-sports

21st June—Foundation Stage Teddy Bear's picnic

27th June—Y3 times table competition

Nursery starters transition event

28th June— Wild House encounters visit Y1 and Y2

3rd July—WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

Y6 transition will take place during the term. Please check the dates for your child to attend their secondary school transition events.

5th July—Y3 to The Moors

8th July—Governors.

Reports to parents.

10th July—Y1 trip to the Butterfly house

11th July—WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION OF 140 Years of HILLSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th July—Nursery starter transition event

15th July—19th July—Y6 Leavers week. Please see the letter for more detail.

16th July—FS2 trip to Yorkshire sculpture park

19th July—Last day in school. Finish at 3.10pm.

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