



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



Harvest Celebration

Thank you to everyone who made donations for our Harvest Appeal. The food and toiletries will be very gratefully received by local families in need. It was wonderful for the children to share their Harvest songs with an audience and we hope that you enjoyed the special assemblies. We were particularly impressed with the confidence displayed by Classes 1, 2 and 3 who have been in school for such a short period of time.

Resilience Workshop - Friday 14th , 2:25pm

Mrs Westbrook, our school Counsellor, will be leading a workshop tomorrow, Friday, about developing resilience. This workshop will provide a range of ideas to help children and families when life presents challenges. Dealing with disappointment, learning to keep on trying when things are difficult, knowing how to seek help when you need it and coping with day to day upsets will all be covered. All parents, carers, grandparents etc are very welcome to attend. This is also an ideal opportunity to meet with Mrs Westbrook who has helped many of our families in times of difficulty as well as being available to support children with emotional and mental well-being.

Reading at Home

Thank you to all of the families who are rising to the challenge of reading with your children at home at least 5 times a week. Some families are managing to read every day. We know that family life is very busy but children who read frequently at home as well as at school will be supported to make the best possible progress. Thank you to all the Reception Class parents and carers who came along to Mrs Boucher's Reading Workshop last Friday. We were delighted that you were able to share a reading time with your own child and that you took away a story book to read at home.



Spellings

At the beginning of next week we will be sending home a list of "Tricky" words (common exception words) that children should be able to write by the end of this academic year. For a small number of children it is easy to learn how to spell, write and read these words but for many children, this will be more difficult. We are asking for your help to support children with learning how to spell these words. At the beginning of December, all children will be tested on their ability to write these words in sentences and certificates will be presented to children who have made good progress with their spelling. Children will be tested in a similar way each half term. From next week we will be giving you ideas in the newsletter about different ways in which you can work on spellings for homework each week.

On the next page is a suggestion for practising spelling at home.

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Letters sent home this week:

Letter to Class 7 Parents/Carers

Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2

The craze for next week will be Top Trumps .

Friday EYFS Workshops

These workshops will be held in the school hall and pre-school children are welcome.

21st October, 2:25pm

Phonics - Mrs Boroughs

4th November, 2:25pm

Maths - Miss Field

Coats

As the weather is now becoming very variable and unpredictable, please would families make sure that children are bringing coats to school every day. Hats and gloves will also be needed very soon.

Open Morning

Thank you to Scarlett, Savannah, Bradley, Sam, Alan, Alice and Daisy in Year 2 who were wonderful Tour Guides this morning. They were able to show a number of families around the school and answered questions about life at Hilltop Infants.

Rainbow Write

First write each word in pencil. Then trace over each word three times.

Each time you trace, you must use a **DIFFERENT** colour crayon. Trace neatly and you will see a rainbow!