

# Ashby Hill Top Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Hill Top this week- the children have been busy in class, as always behaviour for learning has been amazing as we visit them in lessons!

We are hugely grateful to those parents who already help in classes and for the strong partnerships between parents and the school. I would like to appeal to any of you who may be able to spare a couple of hours a week to come in to school to support with a range of activities, particularly reading with our children. If you are able to help out, even for an hour week, please speak to your child's teacher and we can progress to the next stage.



## Young Voices

Wow! What a trip! Children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the 'Young Voices' concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. It was the most amazing day which was the finale to a term of rehearsals and preparation. The children sang as part of a 6000 strong choir, who rehearsed together during the afternoon and then performed to an audience of family and friends in the evening concert. All of the staff who accompanied the children on this amazing trip were so proud of the conduct and behaviour of our children. They were great fun to be with for the day and really pulled together as a team. We would

like to thank all of the families who supported the children through their Young Voices journey from start to finish. For those families who attended the evening concert in Birmingham, we hope that you had a memorable and enjoyable evening. It was great to know that you were out there supporting us. We are already planning next year's event!

## Hill Street Baptist Church clothes bank

With the cost of living being so high and with many more families struggling, I thought I would let you know about the clothes bank at Hill Street Baptist Church. Hill Street Baptist Church is located in Swadlincote and is open most Fridays 1-4pm. The clothes bank is run by a lovely lady called Louise, who is very supportive and is also able to signpost families to different services if needed. The clothes bank is for men, women and children and there is also a vast amount of school uniform available. It is a warm and friendly space and there is absolutely no judgement made. There is always tea and coffee available. Check on Facebook searching for 'Hill Street Baptist Church' for more details.



## School Library

Our Reading Ambassadors are thrilled with all the donations/fundraising that we have received so far for our 'Drab to Fab' library project. We've been lucky enough to receive an offer of community support from Barratt Homes who will help us with the design of our new library and some book storage. Thank you to Mrs Hawley for all your help with this!



We've raised over £500 so far - and we're still counting! If your child is yet to fundraise and they would like to then please drop any donations into the school office ASAP.

This project will make such a difference to our children and our continuing journey as a reading school. Thank you for your continued support.

To make our library really fabulous, we would really like to knock down a wall between the library and the staff workroom. (This is not a load bearing wall.) The only problem is that we do not have the funds to do this! **Can you help us? Are you a builder? Do you know anyone who can knock down a wall to create an opening?** If so please contact Lucy Savory our school business manager! Thank you in advance.

## Measles outbreak

You will have seen in the news that there have been serious outbreaks of measles over the last month. Outbreaks are now occurring widely in England, with teenagers being those most affected. This is because many of them missed out on their MMR vaccinations in the late 1990s and early 2000s when the vaccine was mistakenly linked to cases of autism.

These outbreaks are a serious concern with up to a million children and young teenagers potentially vulnerable to infection, especially as children of this age are going into secondary school where the spread of infection is much more likely to happen.

We have had no reported cases of measles at our school. We ask parents to let us know if their children have any symptoms so that we can put additional measures in place.

If your child does contract measles they should:

- stay off school or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears
- regularly wash your hands with soap
- use and dispose of tissues when you sneeze
- avoid close contact with anyone who isn't fully vaccinated

Daily, thorough cleaning in school alongside encouraging regular handwashing and hygiene with the children will ensure that we protect our school community.



## Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We will notify you when the online booking system is open for you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. You will receive your child's mid-year report on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## Parking Safely at Ashy Hill Top Primary School

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our school has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk.

We all want to keep our children safe, so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

### How Can You Help?

- ✓ Keep your speed down
- ✓ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free, with enough room for other road users to easily pass through
- ✓ Make sure your child leaves and enters your vehicle safely onto the pavement
- ✓ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening a car door
- ✓ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians to get past
- ✓ Take care when reversing

### Please Keep Clear...

- ✓ Zig Zags and School Entrances
- ✓ Dropped Kerbs
- ✓ Resident's Driveways

**Please park considerately and keep our children safe!**

If you have any questions, please phone school or email [office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@ashbyhilltop.leics.sch.uk)

Regards,



Sylvie Newman  
Executive Headteacher

### Dates for the Spring Term 2024

Date	Event	Time
<b>6 February</b>	Online Safety Day	
<b>7 February</b>	EYFS Maths workshop for parents	3.30pm
<b>9 February</b>	Mid-Year Reports out FoHT Spring bulb sale	3.25pm
<b>12 &amp; 15 February</b>	Parents Evenings	3.30-7.30pm
<b>16 February</b>	British Values Day EYFS Tea Party (more details to follow)	2pm
<b>17-25 February</b>	Half Term	
<b>26 February</b>	Y1/2 Samba Drumming visit	All day
<b>28 February</b>	Beaumanor Residential meeting	TBC
<b>7 March</b>	World Book Day FoHT Wonka Bar sale	All day 3.25pm
<b>8 March</b>	Y6 Warning Zone Trip	All day
<b>15 March</b>	FoHT non uniform day	
<b>18 March</b>	EYFS Book Talk meeting for parents	TBC
<b>19 March</b>	Y3/4 Hicks Lodge Trip	All day
<b>20 March</b>	Class Photographs	



<b>21 March</b>	FoHT Easter Bingo	5-7pm
<b>22 March</b>	Break up for Easter	3.25pm

