



October Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Questionnaire:

Thank you so much to those who completed our parent/carers questionnaire. The findings from this are invaluable in moving our school forward - the wheels are already in motion with regards to some suggestions so thank you. Some of the feedback suggested that you were unaware of our vision and values for your children, they are below for your information.

Vision and Values - *'At Hilton Lane Primary School, our vision is for every child to feel happy and safe with a strong sense of belonging - they will look back on their time with us and smile. Our children have things to say and places to go, they know that they will always be listened to and what they say will be valued. The Hilton Lane Family value what each and every child has to offer. Together as a team, we support and challenge our children to help them to become resilient individuals who have the highest expectations of themselves in all aspects of their work and life. We want our children to exceed their potential and aspire to their goals, knowing that we are right behind them as their champions.'*

Our Core Values are:

1. *Resilience*
2. *Kindness/ Empathy*
3. *Respect*
4. *Aspirational/ Pride*
5. *Generosity*
6. *Responsibility*

Eco Committee:

Well done to our Eco Committee for planting a new tree in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II. We finally had a day dry enough to plant it and it was a joy to see how proud they were in doing so. Well done to all involved.

Safeguarding:

Passwords **MUST** be provided for all children. These passwords will be used by all staff to dismiss whenever they are unsure – this is to safeguard your children. Teachers will be following up with anyone who is yet to provide this information.

Should you plan for anyone else to collect your child(ren) you **MUST** ring school prior and ensure that you give them the password for collection.

Reminders:

Parents/carers are not permitted into the school building without an appointment – this includes during drop off and pick up. You may wait to speak to the class teacher after school, once all other children have been dismissed safely.

Parents/Carers Evening:

A letter is being sent to invite you to parents/carers evening. Please keep your eye out and return the slip promptly.

Celebration Assembly:

After half term we will be moving our celebration assembly to Monday afternoons. This will allow us to inform you on the Friday if your child has won a Headteacher's Award and you will be invited to join our assembly and celebrate their achievements with us.

Reading Books:

We are currently reviewing how we use and change reading books in school. A great deal of time is spent changing books – sometimes daily for 30 minutes at a time - when often children have just whizzed through them. I would much prefer the adults in school to be working with children and helping them to progress and develop. Especially with early reading (Early Years and KS1, or older children working at this level), children develop greater fluency, confidence and in turn comprehension by re-reading books and applying their skills. It is common practice for children to read a book more than once when learning to read. Children reading at a more advanced level may not need to do this, however, their books are more comprehensive and will not need changing as frequently. I wanted to make you all aware to be clear that teachers are not just 'not changing them', this is a new approach. If in doubt, all children have access to 'Bug Club' where they can access a whole range of books online, please dojo your class teacher if you are unsure how to log on.

Key dates:

Date	Event
Friday 14 th October	Y6 Harvest Assembly @3pm – Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 18 th October	Parents/Carers Evening
Wednesday 19 th October	Parents/Carers Evening

Good luck: I wish good luck to the Y3 children representing our school in a football competition at The Cliff this week. Go and show them what we're made of! I can't wait to hear all about what team players you were.

Staff Shout Out: A massive thank you to Miss Mullinuex, Miss Slade, Mrs Banner, Miss Wall and Miss Taylor for giving up their weekend to take some of our children to a live football match. They all had a wonderful time and their behaviour was exceptional.

Kindest regards,
Miss Kearsley.