



# October Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## Attendance Update

As you are aware, excellent attendance is a high priority for us. We celebrate this in assemblies each week, but only for the classes who achieve above 96%.

We will soon be introducing a **new incentive for children where they can achieve awards** each half term. Excellent attendance will be promoted and celebrated.

On this note, a reminder that **non-emergency medical appointments should not be taken in school time** e.g. routine dental check up and optician appointments. Children should not be missing learning for these. Equally, **holidays in term time are not permitted and will be unauthorised**.

## Seesaw

It is great to see so many of you now on seesaw. I hope that you have been enjoying starting to see more learning posts on the class pages. It is always great to see what is happening in school with your children, especially for those who come home and tell you they've done... 'Nothing!' :D

Please be reminded to **contact the office with general enquiries** as I do not always get the opportunity to check throughout the day, neither do the teaching team. **All absence reporting should also be made via seesaw to the office team, not to teachers.**

## Lunches

I have been in contact a great deal since returning in September regarding the ordering of lunches. Despite this, **there remains a number of families who are not ordering their children's dinners**. We cannot do this in school as it overrides the system and at times runs up dinner debts.

You have a responsibility as parents/carers to ensure that your child is fed and happy with their meal option. By not ordering, this can cause children to be upset and hungry – **this is not acceptable and becoming a growing concern that we are closely monitoring.**

Log into the evolve system, choose their dinners (ideally with them), put them in the basket and remember to check out the basket.

## Contact Numbers

A polite reminder that we need your contact **phone numbers to be up to date** to enable us to contact you.

### Medical Conditions especially Asthma

Please ensure that we are always fully up to date regarding your children's medical conditions. Any changes must be reported to the office. Any formal/long standing diagnosis need to be supported by a medical professional.

All children with asthma must have:

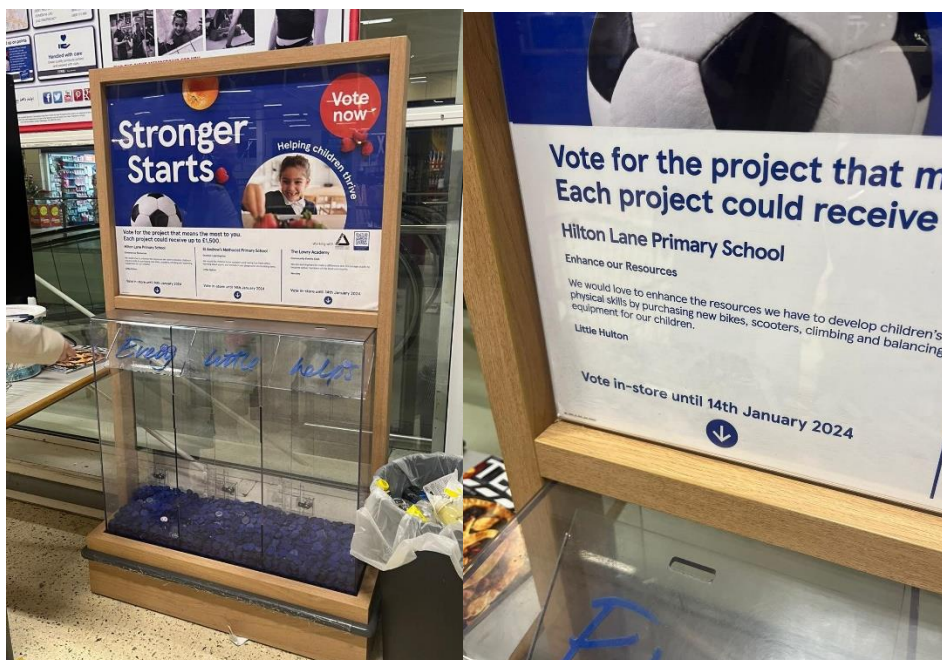
- An inhaler in school, in a box with the prescription label on the box with the child's name on
- A spacer for younger children
- An asthma form completed and checked by the school office

Your GP will always prescribe an additional blue inhaler to remain in school. We will only administer inhalers in line with medical advice/ evidence.

Children are never permitted to self administer or keep their inhalers in their bags. This is a health and safety risk.

### Tesco

I am so very pleased to inform you that we are currently trying to secure funding via the Tesco Walkden blue counter voting system. Please share far and wide and ask all family and friends to vote for us! We would love to receive the top amount to spend on your children.



### Phones

Only children who are walking home alone, where written permission has been given, can bring their phones into school. Phones must, without exception, be handed in straight away

upon entry to school. Moving forward, children found with phones in their bags will not be permitted to bring them in again.

### **Pupil Shout Out**

To all of Year 6 for their sensible and mature attitude to their assessments this week – keep it up!

### **Staff Shout Out**

A huge shout out Mrs Splaine for arranging for our school to be considered for funding at Tesco Walkden – thank you!

Also to Mr Howarth for being a flexible and supportive team member, going back and forth to Nursery to help the new children settle in.

As always, thank you advance for your support.

Kindest regards,  
Miss Kearsley.