



# Hill Top Academy

## October's Spooooky Newsletter



### Message from Mrs Macleod

*I cannot believe that the first half term has already passed and everyone has settled in and we have all been extremely busy. I am so proud of all our children and how they have adapted to the new changes within school. I'd also like to say a big Thank You to all of our parents for working with us to ensure we are following the COVID 19 government guidelines.*

*WOW- The Halloween Spooky Stroll was absolutely fantastic! How amazing (and scary) did the children look? And the teachers and the staff looked scarier (then usual ☺) To say this year has been unprecedented, yet you have still managed to contribute towards our fundraising so generously. We are still accepting sponsor forms and sponsor money; please could you return these back to school as soon as possible? Then we will let you all know how much we have raised after half term.*

*We would like to wish you all a lovely break and to stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.*

#### Supporting School in being COVID Safe

Just to remind all parents the following procedures are to limit cross contamination between home and school:

✓ **Ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle every day.** Staying hydrated is even more important as we try to stay healthy.

▪ **Face Masks.** Please make sure you wear a facemask when bringing your child/children and picking them up from school.

▪ **No hand sanitiser from home.** School is fully equipped with hand sanitising stations in every classroom, corridor, school entrances and exits.

▪ **No books, works or items from home.** Your child should only bring the essentials to school. Unfortunately, at this time we cannot allow any non- essential items onto the school premises. This is to avoid cross- contamination between home and school.

✓ **Please make sure your child arrives to school on time.** It is extremely important your child arrives to school by their allocated time. This is to reduce congestion around the doors and to avoid children entering school via the school office.

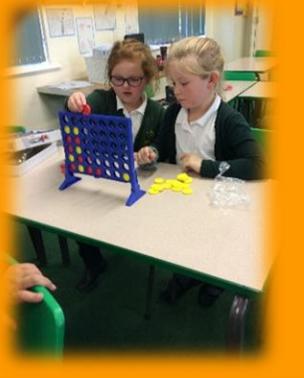
**If your child is showing coronavirus symptoms- DO NOT bring them into school. Contact the school office straight away. Self-isolate, get a test and inform school immediately with the test result. Only return back to school when the test comes back negative.**



#### School Meals

*When we return back to school after half term, there will be changes to the School dinner menu. We are now able to provide the children with a sandwich option. There will still be a hot meal and a jacket potato option. If selecting a sandwich, there will be a choice of either a pot of salad or a portion of chips. There will be vegetarian options for the jacket potato and sandwiches. A vegetarian hot dinner will still be available on some days.*





**Breakfast & After School Club**  
Thank you to our parents and children who have been using the wrap around service we are offering. The children and the staff are really enjoying it! Places are still available for both the clubs; if you wish to reserve a place please contact the school office. Breakfast club is available from 7.30am for £5 and After school club is available until 4.30pm for £5 or any time until 5.45pm for £8. Both clubs include food & activities for the children. \*Please note, we will accept child care vouchers\* Contact the School Office if you wish to pay by vouchers.



## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

We will be participating in Children in Need 2020. This year marks the 40-year anniversary of BBC Children in Need. Children in need are making children's mental wellbeing their number one priority and have planned a 'Five to Thrive' week which involves a 5-minute activity each day which we will encourage the children to participate in. On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we will be taking part in 'Joe Wick's epic Children in Need PE Challenge'. Please can we ask for all children to come to school in their PE Kit or a Children In Need tshirt, with a small contribution of £1 which will be donated to Children in Need. Thank You for your generosity and continued support.



### Health & Safety

For health and safety reasons, pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery of any form. Only a small watch is permitted. If a child has had their ears pierced during term time, then they must bring their own plasters (school will not provide plasters for this purpose) to put over their earrings. Plasters and earrings are only permitted to be worn for six weeks only. If your child comes to school without any plasters on they will be asked to remove the earrings. Class teachers will be monitoring this on a daily basis.

School Uniform- Please can we remind all parents that leggings are not part of the Hill Top Academy uniform. Please ensure your child comes in either black or grey trousers/ skirts. For PE days- Cropped tops or any tops that reveal a child's midriff are not permitted. Thank You.

### **\*Key dates to remember\***

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**- Return back to school

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**- School Photos- *please can we remind parents to contact the School office if you don't want your child to be part of the class photo.*

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**- Flu immunisation for Reception- Year 6.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**- Return back to School

Yours sincerely

Mrs R A Macleod

Principal