



# HARDY MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2021

We are immensely proud of all the children this half term. They have worked exceptionally hard and demonstrated exemplary behaviour since we returned in September. Well done children!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION



I am pleased to announce that a new school council has been democratically elected. Pupils from year 2 to year 6 wrote speeches and presented them in assembly. It was such a tough decision for the children voting, as the speeches were incredible. The new school councillors have already met and you will have received a letter outlining what they will be working on in the coming months with Miss Burns.

A huge well done must also go to the candidates who were not elected and we would encourage each and every one of them to stand for school council again next year as their speeches were amazing!

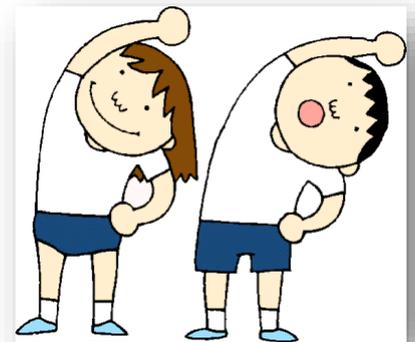
### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS

Elodie	Alfie G	Jessica	Esther	Holly
Grace	Isla	Mya K	Lexi J	Honey
Myia	Isaac	Georgie	Joseph	Isabelle

## 'ACTIVE WEAR' UNIFORM

We are an inclusive school and our active wear uniform has been specifically selected to meet the requirements set by government back in April, to make uniform affordable for all. Our active wear uniform can be easily purchased from any supermarket as it does not have to have the school logo on it. That said, we have a number of families who continue to ignore the active wear uniform policy, by sending their children in branded and coloured sportswear.

The children are clear about the expectations for 'active wear' as staff are reminding them all the time. Therefore, to avoid your child left feeling uncomfortable if challenged about incorrect uniform on PE days, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct items as set out below:



- **Plain** white T-shirt or Hardy Mill logo T-Shirt
- **Plain** black leggings or **plain** black track suit bottoms/joggers
- **Plain** black hoodie or zip up top
- Trainers
- **Plain** black shorts (in warm weather)

These items **must not** be branded sportswear.

The introduction of 'Active wear' for PE days has proven to be very effective in ensuring that the maximum amount of time is spent active in PE lessons and the children tell us that they like this change. We do not want to revert back to PE bags and traditional school uniform every day, so please support us by following this school policy. Thank you.

## PHOTOGRAPH DAY - WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November to take individual photographs. With the rising number of COVID cases in Bolton at the moment, I am unable to say whether Tempest will also be able to do family and/or sibling pictures. We will keep you informed by ParentApp after the half term break.



# COVID-19 UPDATES

## POSITIVE CASES

We have been notified of 11 positive cases over the last two weeks so we are very aware that COVID is within our community again.

If your child tests positive over half term, please notify us via the school office email ([office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@hardymill.bolton.sch.uk)) or via "Absence reporting" on ParentApp.

As a school, we continue to:

- teach good hygiene routines;
- clean touch points and surfaces regularly;
- make sure rooms are well ventilated;
- and encourage staff to test twice weekly with lateral flow devices.

We have also introduced these additional measures:

1. If a member of your family tests positive for COVID, we will be strongly recommending that all your children who attend our school take a PCR test.
2. If your child/ren is in Early Years and/or Key Stage 1 they can return to school immediately.
3. If your child/ren is in Key Stage 2, we ask that you await the result of their PCR test and if it is negative, they may return to school immediately. We will then be asking that you test them daily with a lateral flow device for 10 days from the date of the positive case in your household. We thank you for your support with this.

**We have a large stock of lateral flow devices available for families in the school office.**

We hope that you have a very happy and safe half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.