



# Hillside Junior School

## Weekly Bulletin

Week 25 – 5th March 2021

### Message from The Headteacher



There has been great anticipation about the full reopening of school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March . We are very excited about welcoming everyone back and having the whole school together again.

I understand that there may be some anxiety about schools returning, but we will continue to follow the guidelines that will help to minimise the risk. Mental well-being is very much at the heart of our approach and we have been planning opportunities to help support the children.

Information was emailed last week about the arrangements for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. When lining up at the gates in the morning, please continue to be mindful of the need to socially distance and I would recommend the use of face masks. So much hard work has been done to reduce the 'R' value, and it would be devastating if the return of schools caused another rise in the transmission rate.

For the remainder of this school year, we have a real opportunity to build upon all the fabulous work that has been done during lockdown. The number of Learning Hero badges that will be awarded next week are proof of this.

Well done to all of the children who created a miniature book for World Book Day we had some amazing contributions. Finally, thank you for all your support throughout lockdown in helping to ensure that we try and provide the very best education possible for our children.

Have a good weekend.  
Mr. A. Davies

### Drop Off/Collection Arrangements

In order to avoid long queues and congestion at the gates in the morning and afternoon, please arrive at your allocated time slot and gate. Please see the table below.

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Gate	Collection Time	Gate
Year 3	8.50am	Green	3.20pm	Green
Year 4	8.50am	Green	3.20pm	Black
Year 5	8.40am	Green	3.10pm	Black
Year 6	8.40am	Green	3.10pm	Green

### PTA Zoom Meeting

All parents are welcome to attend our next PTA Zoom Meeting on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. We will be looking at what events we can book. The meeting will be held via zoom details below:

<https://zoom.us/j/94383786820?pwd=THo5OXRxeXIKY2V3SWEvaXJOU2k0QT09>

Meeting ID: 943 8378 6820

Passcode: Hillside

### PE Days

Children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days. If you are unsure of what day your child has PE, please check the class pages on our school website <http://www.hillsidejunior.org/>

## The BIG Question

### Next week's BIG Question is: What is freedom?

Please spend time thinking about and discussing this week's 'BIG Question' with your children at home and be ready with your responses. The next video and Google Jamboard will be ready for you to engage with on Tuesday, please find them in your daily task list on Google Classroom.



## Breakfast & After School Clubs

Starting from Monday 15th March we will be holding Breakfast and After School Clubs. Please book your child's place via the School Gateway App, which will go live at 1pm on Monday 8th March.

## After School Sports Clubs

After School Sports Clubs will resume in the Summer Term. Further details will be sent out in due course.



## Learning Heroes

We are in the process of collecting the points for this week's total. Homework will also count towards points, so please keep up the hard work next week.

## School Grid & School Gateway

Although the above school platforms sound very similar they have different purposes as follows:



### [School Grid](#)

This site is to be used for booking and paying for hot school lunches only.

Schoolgateway



### [School Gateway](#)

This site is an app used for booking parents' evening and clubs and trips payments only.

We hope this clarifies any confusion. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

## National 2021 Census

As you may already know the 2021 Census will take place from March. The census occurs every 10 years, and is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). The data collected enables the government to understand and plan for future funding and services within our communities (e.g. places required in education settings, public transport, blue badge spaces in car parks etc). As it is so important that everybody is counted and represented, the census is compulsory for everyone in England and Wales.

Between the 3rd - 13th March, every household will receive a pack explaining how to participate. For the first time ever, the census will be accessed mainly online. There will be local centres set up with online access and trained staff to help you, and a contact centre to give support over the phone, in a web chat, web form, email and SMS. There will also be an option to request a paper questionnaire instead. **In case of scams, please note that no-one from the ONS or Census 2021 will ever ask for payment to help people fill in their questionnaires.** Hillingdon's Census Engagement Manager has resources for community groups and users in different languages.

Find out more at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)