



# Hillside Junior School

## Weekly Bulletin

Week 26 – 12th March 2021

### Message from The Headteacher

It has been fabulous to welcome all the children back to school this week. There has been a real buzz around the building and so much enthusiasm and positivity from the children. We had the pleasure of handing out so many Learning Hero badges, and we reminded the children that there is still time to gain some more badges.

In our class assemblies, we celebrated International Women's Day. It was an opportunity to highlight the achievements of so many inspirational women. We emphasised to all the children the need to strive for their goals. Aspiration is so important, especially when there has been so much negative news in the world.

With increasing optimism, we are very much looking forward to the remainder of this term and beyond.

I would like to wish you and your family a safe and restful weekend.

**Mr Davies**

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy. If you, or someone you know would be interested, please contact Mr Davies for further information.

### Breakfast & After School Clubs

From **Monday 15th March** Breakfast and After School Clubs will resume. We have an exciting After School 'Activity Timetable', please visit our [website](#) for further information. **Bookings need to be made two weeks in advance via the School Gateway App.**

### Staffing News

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to Hillside. Mr Mills, who is working in Year 5 as a Teaching Assistant and Mr McEvoy, our new SMSA. We hope that their time at Hillside will be enjoyable.

### End of Term

We break up for the Easter Holiday on **Wednesday 31st March at the normal time of 3.10pm for Years 5 and 6 and 3.20pm for Years 3 and 4.**

### 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. **It is essential that all parents register with the School Gateway App.**

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

### 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: Can we tell if someone is happy if they are laughing?**

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.



## PTA Events

### Duck Race

The Virtual Duck Race will take place on Wednesday 31st March in school. To enter please make payment via the School Gateway App by **Friday 26th March**. There are 100 ducks in each race and each duck costs 50p; you can sponsor as many ducks as you like! On the day of the race, teachers will be provided with a list of entries and children will pick their ducks (numbers) in class. **Good luck and Quack Quack!**



**50p per duck!**

For Easter this year Hillside school are holding a virtual duck race.

There will be one race per class and 100 ducks per race.

For every duck you buy you can select a number on the sign up sheet, which will be in each class and payments are to be made via school gateway.

The winner of each race will receive a yummy chocolate Easter egg!



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### Crazy Hair Day

On **Friday 26th March** it is Crazy Hair Day. For a donation of £2 (payable via the School Gateway App) children can come to school in non-uniform with the craziest hair they can think of. **Get creative everyone!**

*Proceeds for both events will go towards the school.*

## After School

### Sports Clubs

After School Sports Clubs will resume in the Summer Term. Letters will be sent out on **Wednesday 24th**



## Learning Heroes

We are still collecting points for Learning Heroes up until the end of term. Homework will also count towards points, so please keep up the hard work!

