



Hillside Junior School

Weekly Bulletin

Week 12– 30th November 2018

Pupil desks for sale—£5 only

We would like to sell our old pupil desks to parents or anyone interested. Please email the office if you wish to buy any. The desks can be collected on 21st December 2018 or alternatively on 7th January 2019.

Lunchtime Help Needed

We are looking for casual SMSA's who would be willing to work at lunchtimes to supervise the children, as and when required.

Please speak to Mrs Sweeney in the school office if you are able to help. Thank you.

HILLSIDE PTA

Please check out what's going on as we prepare for our Christmas Events. **We really need helpers to run these events.**

If you are available to help please contact Natalie Knowles, Sarah Henderson, Zoe Salter or either school office or email hillside-schoolsassociation@gmail.com



03/12/2018 - Please bring a gift for the Surprise Room. Any gifts are welcome although we cannot accept alcohol. Please do not wrap the gift. Gifts should be to the value of £2.

07/12/2018 - Surprise Room - Children to come in to school with £2 to choose a gift and have it wrapped for someone special. Children to wear uniform.

07/12/2018 - Christmas Mini Fair - This will take place in the Infant School at 3.15pm. There will be a Christmas cake sale, a raffle and Sleigh selfies.

Please bring your donations for the cake sale in the morning to either your child's class or the school office.

12/12/2018 - Christmas Jumper Day – Please can children wear their Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper with their school uniform. Please bring in £1 for the PTA.

Amazon Smile Fundraising



With Christmas just around the corner you can support Hillside Schools' Association whilst shopping at Amazon! When you visit Amazon and login to your account using this link <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1006210-0> Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to the PTA. To get started, simply click on the link below, and then bookmark the link for future visits. Once you are redirected to Amazon Smile, use your own Amazon account name and password to log in.

Diary Dates

December:

Mon 10th—Fri 14th Dec—Last week for clubs

Mon 10th Dec – Upper School Christmas Showcase – 2.15pm

Tue 11th Dec – Lower School Christmas Showcase – 2.15pm

Wed 12th Dec—Year 5 London Project Exhibition

Wed 12th Dec—The Pantry Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thurs 20th Dec—Carol Service at Emmanuel Church—1.30pm

PTA Events 2018-19

Please see below all the events arranged by the PTA for this academic year.

7th December – Christmas Surprise Room

12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

18th January – Race Night – 7.30pm

14th February – Non-uniform Valentine's Day

15th March – Red Nose Day

29th March – Surprise Room for Mother's Day

4th April – Easter Fair/Cake Stall and Raffle

23rd May – Non-uniform Crazy Hair Day

14th June – Surprise Room for Father's Day

12th July – Non-uniform Day

12th July – Mini Summer Fair

22nd July – Year 6 Leavers' BBQ



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Miss Lansdown will be leaving us at Christmas to take up a position at Haberdasher Aske School. She has been at Hillside for 25 years and we are grateful that she has been so loyal to the school. She has been an outstanding teacher in the classroom and around the wider school. Her contribution to music, science, acting and mentoring other staff has been very much appreciated. She will be missed but we wish her every success with her future role. They will be lucky to have such a versatile member of staff.

Miss Long, who already does one day a week in the class, will be increasing her days and sharing 4L from January with Miss Ngalete who is an experienced teacher and has worked at Hillside, teaching throughout the school. We have observed and interviewed several teachers to ensure that we employ teachers of quality and warmth.

When we employ staff there are rigorous checks and we always watch them teach a class to ensure we have staff of a high standard. We talk to children about the teachers that we have been observing. I am sure you will make Miss Ngalete very welcome.

Mr Wright will be leaving us at Christmas to take up a position as Assistant Headteacher and SENCo at Warrender School. We would like to thank him for the pastoral care role he has taken on throughout the school. He has been an excellent teacher and will also be missed for his music and acting skills. He has been with us for two and a half years and we wish him well and congratulate him on his promotion.

We have two very experienced teachers replacing Mr Wright, Mrs Smith and Mrs Thwaites, who will job share. They have worked together at their previous school and have excellent references.

When we employ staff there are rigorous checks and we always watch them teach a lesson in school and get feedback from pupils to ensure we have staff of a high standard. I am sure you will make Mrs Smith and Mrs Thwaites very welcome.

Mrs Rice will be going on maternity leave in January and Miss Cunningham will be taking over the class from the beginning of January. She is an Australian teacher who has already taught the class and the feedback from the pupils was very positive. As long as baby Rice does not come early then Mrs Rice will be able to do a handover and team teach for a couple of weeks. Mrs Rice has ensured that the lessons are all planned for the pupils for next term to ensure that the pupils have the best.

I am sure you will make Miss Cunningham very welcome.