



# Hillside Junior School Weekly Bulletin



Friday 25th February 2022

## Message from The Headteacher

I hope everyone managed to have a good half term. This has been a shorter week but there has still been plenty of opportunity to think and reflect. Having a growth mindset was the theme of our assembly and the importance of saying, "I can't do it, yet!" I have challenged the children to think about this when they are working in class and are confronted with difficulties.

Next week, I am looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible in our first **Parent Voice Meeting on Tuesday 1st March**. We will meet in the school hall at 2.30pm. It will be an opportunity to discuss some school matters over coffee and cake. Everyone is welcome.

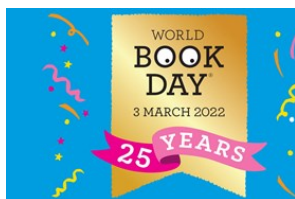
Have a good weekend and enjoy the spring sunshine.  
Mr.Davies

## Term Dates

Please find our term dates for 2022-2023 below.

## World Book Day

This year is the 25th anniversary of **World Book Day** and the message is 'you are a reader'. On **Thursday 3rd March** we would like all children to bring their favourite book to school and dress up as a book character. We would love to see some homemade costumes and do not expect parents to go to the expense of buying new clothes (no football kits please). We have planned a number of exciting activities for the children focussed around World Book Day next week. We hope the children enjoy this fun week!



## Dates for your Diary

**Mon 28th Feb:** 5R Swimming Lessons start  
**Tues 1st March:** Parent Voice Meeting—2.30pm  
**Thurs 3rd March:** World Book Day  
**Mon 14th March:** 5S Swimming Lessons start  
**Tues 22nd March:** Yrs 3-5 Parents' Evening: 3.30pm to 6pm  
**Thurs 24th March:** Yrs 3-5 Parents' Evening: 3.30pm to 6pm  
**Tues 29th March:** Yr3 Trip to St Albans Cathedral  
**Fri 1st April:** Break up for Easter Holiday—1.30pm  
**Wed 20th April:** Summer Term begins

## Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 are starting swimming lessons at Highgrove Pool on the following dates:

**5R—28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> Mar and 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Mar**  
**5S—14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Mar and 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – 25<sup>th</sup> Mar**

**Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit to school every day.**

If you haven't already done so, please pay via [SchoolGateway](#).

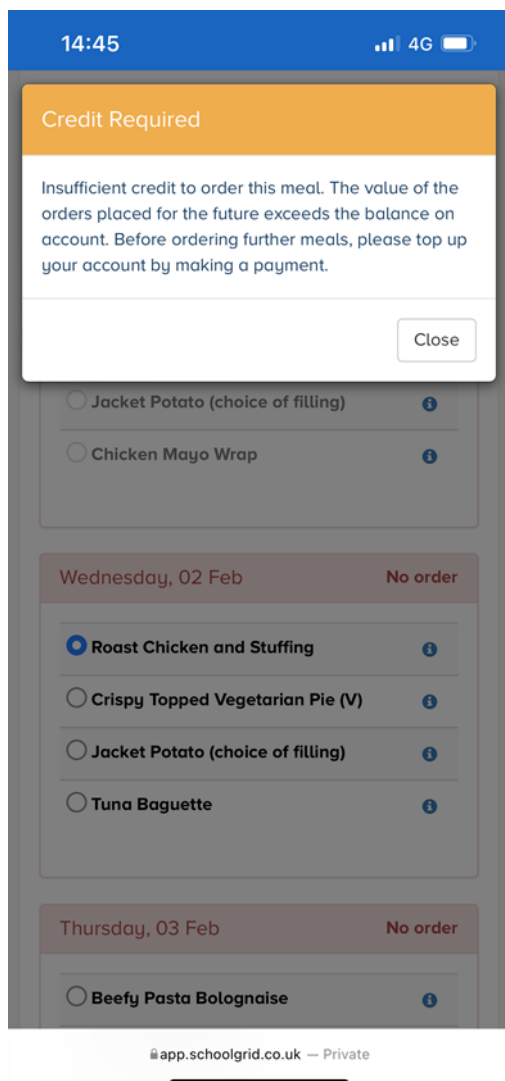
## Science Week

During Science Week we are looking for parents with science-based careers/jobs to come into the school to talk to the children about their roles. This would be a great opportunity to inspire the children and introduce them to the links that science has in the community. **Please email the office, if you would be willing to come in and share your experiences.** Thank you.



## School Lunches

HCL, our school lunch providers, have changed the process of ordering school meals on SchoolGrid slightly and you will now require a credit on your account to be able to place orders. Please note this does not affect your account if you are entitled to Free School Meals. If your SchoolGrid account is not in credit, you will no longer be able to place an order for a meal provided by the school. You can top up your account by making a card payment via your SchoolGrid account." Below is a screen shot of what will appear on your account if you need to top-up.



## Achievement & Attendance

These will be announced in next week's Bulletin.

## Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening for Years 3-5 will take place on **Tuesday 22nd** and **Thursday 24th March**. Details of how to book an appointment will be sent to you next week.

## School Library

**Every Wednesday from 3.20pm-4pm** the school library will be open for parents and pupils to visit. Please come with your children and encourage them to borrow a library book. **Entry to the library will be via the side door next to the office. Follow the 'book signs'.** We look forward to seeing you all.

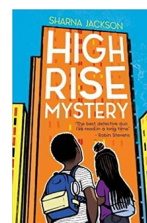


## Children Arriving Early at School

We have noticed a number of children are arriving early to school. All children should be accompanied by an adult until 8.40am when a member of staff is on duty. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Author Visits

This week we joined The Hillingdon Libraries' online author event, with children's authors **Jenny Pearson** and **Sharna Jackson**. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, as it was an opportunity to have an author streamed directly into their classroom. If your child would like to buy a copy of either authors books, please click on the links below:



### Years 5 & 6

<https://chilternbookshops.co.uk/product-category/sharna-jackson-hillingdon-libraries/>

### Years 3 & 4

<https://chilternbookshops.co.uk/product-category/jenny-pearson-hillingdon-libraries/>

# HILLSIDE SCHOOLS'

## TERM DATES 2022-2023



### Autumn Term 2022

Staff Training Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022
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Term Starts	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Nursery Returns	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Half Term Holiday	24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022
Staff Training Day	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Nursery Term Ends	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Term Ends	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Spring Term 2023

Term Starts	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Nursery Returns	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Half Term Holiday	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Staff Training Day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Nursery Term Ends	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
Term Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Including Nursery)
Half Term Holiday	29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023
Staff Training Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Nursery Term Ends	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Term Ends	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

### Bank Holidays 2022-2023

Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Boxing Day	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Good Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Easter Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
May Day Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023

*\*On Staff Training Days the school will be closed to pupils.*