



# Hillside Junior School

## Weekly Bulletin

Week 7 – 16th October 2020

### Message from Mr. Davies

#### **A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. – Albert Einstein**

One of the highlights each week, is the opportunity to visit each class and give out the achievement awards. Although we are unable to all meet up in the hall on a Monday morning, we decided it was an invaluable part of a school week to recognise different achievements. As we get towards the end of this half term so much has been achieved and it is incredible to see the progress that is being made across the school. It is wonderful to see more and more children receiving our Core Values certificates that recognise our 6Rs such as resilience and responsibility for learning. Another highlight has been the enthusiasm especially from the Year 3 children, as they enter the school each morning. Whilst the tiredness is starting to creep in from a long half term, it has been fabulous to see the effort that the children are still making. This has been reflected in the class assemblies where we have talked about Greta Thunberg and more specifically what matters to them. One answer that resonated with me was “hope”. This was a very reflective answer particularly at the moment.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Davies

### Training Day

School will be closed for Staff Training on **Friday 23rd October**. The children will break up for half-term at Thursday 22nd October and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

### After School Sports Clubs

Booking forms for the after school sports clubs should be returned to school by **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. If your child has secured a place, you will receive a confirmation email and then payment will be due via ‘School Spider’. **Please do not make payments unless you have received a confirmation email. Clubs start week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** and will run until **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Individual School Photographs

Kittle Photography will be taking individual photographs of the children on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Year 6, please ensure you arrive to school promptly at 8.40am; if you are late you may not be able to have your photograph taken. Siblings who are in the Junior School will also be taken as a family group, unless you inform us otherwise. Unfortunately, we will **not** be able to arrange photographs with siblings from the Infant School this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Full school uniform should be worn. Children in Year 3 should come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kits to change into in the afternoon, for this day only.

### Applying for Secondary School

The closing date for secondary school applications is **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. To give your child the best possible chance of being offered their preferred school, please ensure your application is received on time. Hillingdon Council will not be held responsible for any delays in the post or problems with internet providers; we would therefore recommend you submit your application by **Friday 23rd October 2020** to ensure it is received on time. Further information can be found on the Hillingdon website <https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary>

### PE Kits

As you are aware children should wear their PE kits to school on PE days. As the weather gets colder children can wear **plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms (no logos) and a plain navy blue or black sweatshirt (no logos)**. **Leggings or any other colour trackuits are NOT permitted**. Outdoors coats must still be worn on PE days.

**Year 3 Thursday & Friday**

**Year 4 Monday**

**Year 5 Tuesday**

**Year 6 Wednesday**



## Risk Assessment

Please click [here](#) to view our Risk Assessment for the management of Coronavirus at Hillside Junior School. The Senior Leadership Team review the Risk Assessment on a weekly basis.

## Face Masks

**Parents and visitors entering the school grounds are required to wear a face mask.** We would request that parents observe the social distancing rules when dropping and collecting children from the school at the beginning and end of the school day. To minimise the risk of transmission and keep our community safe, we would recommend the wearing of masks by parents during this time also. If you need to contact the office please either telephone or email 01923 825 991 / [office@hillsidejunior.org](mailto:office@hillsidejunior.org) Thank you.

## Years 4 & 5

Children in Years 4 and 5 may bring a change of shoes/boots to change into at the end of the school day, as the field is getting very muddy due to all the rain we have had. Please ensure shoes are in a named carrier bag. Thank you.

## Philosophy Discussions

Each week we will post a philosophy question in the weekly Bulletin and on the school website to talk about with your child and for them to then contribute to class philosophy lessons. Philosophy is all about encouraging young people to think. By motivating children to look at the world from different points of views we hope to develop inquisitive minds, who are keen to engage in discussions and listen to each other. Philosophy is about learning how to be logical, present arguments, spot bad ones and respect different opinions.



### Philosophy Question — 16.10.2020

**Question: What is so great about the world anyway?**

*Quote: "Those who don't believe in magic will never find it."*

**- Roald Dahl**

## Diary Dates for October

**October:**

**Fri 23rd October—Staff Training Day—School Closed**

**Mon 26th Oct— Fri 30th October—HALF TERM**

**November:**

**Mon 2nd Nov— Return to school after half term**

**Thurs 5th Nov— Individual School photographs**

**Fri 20th Nov—Whole school flu vaccinations**

**Thurs 26th Nov —Year 6 Height & Weight checks**