



# Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023



## Message from the Head teacher

Each half-term we have a focus on one of our core values, known as our 6R'S. Assembly time has been used to discuss the core value of respect. The children have really taken this onboard. There have been so many fantastic examples of children showing respect to all members of the school community.

We have also started looking at the 5 Ways to Well-Being. Physical and mental well-being is paramount and being active is our focus this term. A number of children joined me on my lunchtime walk around the field and we are encouraging everyone to be more active. This includes, for example, joining clubs or playing games on the playground. There is more information below if you are interested.

Have a good weekend,

Mr. Davies

## Clubs

We still have some spaces for the following clubs; PSD - Dodgeball, PSD – year 3 & 4 football, I got Soul – drama, Speak Like a Native - Spanish, PT Coaching - gymnastics, Spaghetti maths, K-kwon do, Violin and Rock & Pop foundation – Guitar.

Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Please see the list of contacts below, you will need to apply to the clubs directly.

- **PSD Football Club** – Please book directly with [PSD](#)
- **PSD Dodgeball Club** – Please book directly with [PSD](#)
- **Violin/Woodwind** – Please contact Hillingdon Music Service on 01895 558108 - [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music)
- **Guitar** – Please contact the Rock & Pop Foundation on 01252 368330 – [www.rockandpopfoundation.com](http://www.rockandpopfoundation.com)
- **Drama Club – I Got Soul** – Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ [info@igotsoulofficial.com](mailto:info@igotsoulofficial.com)
- **K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts)** – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at [bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Spanish Club** - Please book directly with Speak Like A Native - [www.speaklikeanative.com/book-now](http://www.speaklikeanative.com/book-now)
- **Rock Steady Music School** – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>
- **Spaghetti Maths**- Please book directly with Spaghetti Maths at [www.spaghettimaths.co.uk](http://www.spaghettimaths.co.uk)
- **PT Coaching - Gymnastics** – [www.ptcoaching.co.uk](http://www.ptcoaching.co.uk)

## **School Lunch/ School Grid**

To book school lunches for your child, click on HCL's booking portal, [School Grid](#). If your child has **specific allergies**, please inform 'HCL' as soon as possible, using the following link <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/> Please download the '[School Grid Parent Leaflet](#)' on our school website for all account and booking information. For all other booking information queries, please telephone School Grid on 01506 300 310.

## **Parent Reading Volunteers**

Once again, we are asking for parent (or grandparent) reading volunteers to help us to support children's reading. **Could you spare 10 minutes in the morning? We will give you any training you need.** If you are able to spare some time, please let the school office know.

## **Meet the teacher – Parent meetings**

We look forward to welcoming you to our '**Meet the Teacher**' meetings for parents in the school hall on the following dates: -

**Year 3 - Thursday 28th September at 2.45pm**

**Year 4 - Tuesday 26th September at 2.45pm**

**Year 5 - Friday 29th September at 2.45pm**

## **Year 6 Transition to Year 7 – Parent Meeting**

Our Year 6 to Year 7 transition meeting will take place in the hall on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm**. We look forward to welcoming you then.

## **Hillside Curriculum Overview**

Our curriculum overview for 2023-2024 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.

## **Communication**

All school related communication (newsletters, parents' evening bookings and payments) is made using the School Gateway App. Please follow the steps below to download the app.

Apple iPhone users, click on the icon to download the app.

Android phone users, click on the icon to download the app.

**Creating an account is simple and only takes a few minutes:**

1. **Register** using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
2. **Four-digit PIN**. School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN
3. **Login**, you are ready to go

If you change your email address or mobile number, please let us know so we can update our records. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please visit the [School Gateway](#) site. If you do not have a smart phone, you can login to the online version of School Gateway via the school [website](#) although we do recommend using the app if possible.

## **Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you, or someone you know would be interested, or would like to observe a meeting, please contact Mr Davies for further information.