



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 8th December



Message from the Head teacher

We are all looking forward to the final weeks of the term – a very special time of year. Once the Christmas tree went up in the hall, the festivities could truly begin. The Christmas jumper day accompanied by the special lunch really brought excitement to the school.

The highlight for next week is the Christmas production. Thank you for all your help in providing costumes and assisting at home with the learning of lines and song lyrics. We hope to welcome as many families as possible next week, but please be mindful that young children are not allowed into the evening performances. I would rather avoid that awkward conversation at the door so please take advantage of the afternoon performances.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the PTA for the organisation of the Christmas Fair. These events are only successful with the support of the wider community. All donations were very much appreciated. As I have written before, money raised at these events is essential for funding a whole multitude of projects.

Have a good weekend,

Mr.Davies

Wrapping Paper Donations

We are still looking for donations of Christmas wrapping paper to support our Christmas surprise room event. If you have any spare rolls that you are able to donate, please drop them into the school office by Thursday 14th December.

Surprise room

Please remember that all gifts for the surprise room need to be handed in by **Thursday 14th December**. Payment also needs to be made via the School Gateway App in order for your child to be able to visit the surprise room. Please ensure you have done both to avoid any disappointment.

Parking

Once again, we have received a number of complaints from residents regarding parking on roads around the school. Please be considerate when dropping your child to school: **DO NOT** block driveways, double park or stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to jump out.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Your support is needed! Any offers of help are very much appreciated. Money raised makes a huge difference in helping to fund projects such as new library books and iPads.

Please join the PTA WhatsApp group by following the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ISajJUpiqzVFB9EJYz4NTk>



Diary Dates

Cast 1 Christmas Production **2pm** – Monday 11th December

Cast 2 Christmas Production **7pm** – Monday 11th December

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Surprise Room Deadline for handing in gifts and making payment – Thursday 14th December

Christmas Surprise Room – Monday 18th December

Carol service at Emmanuel Church – Thursday 21st December

Term ends at 1.30pm - Thursday 21st December (**No After School Club**)

TERM STARTS – TUESDAY 9th JANUARY

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.

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.

