



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 23rd February



Message from the Head teacher

Spring has arrived and we can look forward to so many exciting events this term. Next week we mark Science Day and World Book Day is on the horizon. These enrichment events are a very important part of our curriculum and are often what the children remember most.

There is always a sense of renewed enthusiasm as we enter the second half of the year with the lighter evenings, warmer weather (hopefully) and the array of colour that is emerging outside. We always try to take any opportunity to extend our learning outside with local visits which this term will include geography field studies.

Attendance continues to improve so thank you for your continued support. Punctuality in the morning has also shown an improvement. However, valuable learning is still being missed by some children who arrive after the gate has closed.

Have a good weekend.

Mr. Davies

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March – Parents evening.

Wednesday 20th March – Year 4 Trip to Cassiobury Park

Science Week

We are all looking forward to celebrating Science Week next week with your children. The theme this year is 'Time' and we have lots of exciting activities planned linking to this theme in a variety of ways. If you are able to help, or have any links to science, or our theme 'Time', please let either Miss Kingston or your class teacher know. We would love to have some more first-hand experience shared with us.

This week we will be launching our poster competition as well, so look out for details coming home with your child. The prize this year is very exciting!

Thank you in advance for your support.

PTA Easter Raffle

The PTA have organised a 'Easter raffle' with the opportunity to win an Easter Egg Hamper. Your child will soon receive a raffle ticket sheet, please follow the instructions set out on the sheet and return to school by **Wednesday 20th March** if you would like to participate.

Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs that still have available spaces. If you require any further help, please speak with Ms Evans in the school office.

PSD Basketball Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

Guitar – Please contact the Rock & Pop Foundation on 01252 368330 – www.rockandpopfoundation.com

Drama Club – I Got Soul – Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ info@igotsoulofficial.com

K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts) – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk

Portuguese Classes – Please contact The Portuguese Embassy on 0207 235 8811 - www.e-portugues.co.uk

Spanish Club - Please book directly with Speak Like A Native - www.speaklikeanative.com/booknow

Rock Steady Music School – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Piano Lessons- Please contact Matthew Deane at matthewdeane7@gmail.com

Dance Club - Please book via the '[School Gateway App](#)'

Art Club – Please book directly with artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com

Rhythm Vision Music – Please book directly with rhythmvisionmusic.com

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

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.

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>



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.