



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 22nd March



Message from the Head teacher

Music and maths merged as the school held Times Tables Rock Star Day. “Waterloo” and “We will rock you” cascaded from the singing assembly, launching the day in magnificent fashion. This follows the successful launch of TTRS across the school which has already had a big impact, reflected by the number of badges being given in the achievement assembly. Thank you to Mr. Johns and all the staff for driving this initiative.

Whilst maths can be a challenge, it is vital the children continue to show a growth mindset. “Not yet” rather than “can’t” should always be the approach. As the children move through the school, their arithmetic and reasoning skills really do blossom, enabling them to approach Year 7 and beyond with confidence. Your continued support with homework is very much appreciated.

The improved weather this week has certainly made a difference especially with the geography field trips that took place. Parental support on these trips is vital. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Have a good weekend.

Mr.Davies

Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd March – ‘Shelfie Shout-Out!’ Competition deadline **(please send your videos to your class teacher. Judging will take place on Monday)**

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March – Book fair (3.30pm)

Wednesday 27th March – Cake & Uniform sale (Infant School)

Thursday 28th March – **School finishes at 1.30pm**

Tuesday 16th April – School starts

Thursday 18th April – Year 6 Geography Field Trip to Northwood Hills

Monday 22nd April – Clubs start this week

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.

Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs running for the summer term, please speak with Ms Evans in the office if you need any help.

PSD Multi-sports Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

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

PSD Dodgeball 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/book-now

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

Easter event at Emmanuel Church

Messy Good Friday 29th March, 10 - 11.30am

Emmanuel Church Northwood. HA6 1AS.

God getting involved in our mess?

Come along for an engaging Good Friday celebration in the Church Hall and Lounge. There will be creative crafts, active games, refreshments, and an immersive Easter experience journeying from Cross to Empty Tomb to the 'Locked Room'.

A short worship focus with music, singing, bubbles, and messy interactive talk, will help us explore the Easter story.

Messy Good Friday is a free event for parents/carers and their children. Bring your friends too! For more information, contact [Chris Nalder](#).



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

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>



phone, you can login to the online version of School Gateway via the school [website](#) although we do recommend using the app if possible.

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

