



# Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



## Message from the Head teacher

As the autumn begins to gather pace, this is an opportunity to reflect on an excellent start to the term. We have been very fortunate to have a number of visitors touring the school recently. They have been very complimentary about the behaviour of the children. This is something I am very proud of and it is also a reflection of the support we get from home. Thank you.

This week we celebrated being "connected" in the Well-Being Cafe. It was another overwhelming success and I would like to thank Mrs. Mason for organising it. We look forward to the next one.

Attendance is very much at the forefront of educational policy due to the impact of Covid on school absence. On the school website under policies, you can find the updated attendance policy. National thresholds have now been introduced with regard to unauthorised absences. Please read the guidance especially concerning fines.

Have a good weekend,

Mr.Davies

## Diary Dates

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 3 Pedestrian training

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Year 5 Swimming to start

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Flu vaccinations

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Houses of Parliament trip

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 trip to Fairfield Church

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Year 6 Villain dress up day

## Year 5 Swimming

Swimming lessons for year 5 will take place at St Helen's School starting on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. **Children will need to wear their swimwear under their uniform on swimming days**. Please ensure your child has the following swimming kit for each lesson, do not forget to pack underwear.

### **Swimwear**

- Girls must wear one-piece costumes with no skirt attached (no bikinis or tankinis).
- Boys must wear swimming trunks that are to be no longer than mid-thigh with no pockets and tight to the skin.
- If pupils need to wear full cover due to religious reasons, they need to wear appropriate swimwear made from tight Lycra material (one piece).
- A swimming hat (both boys and girls).
- A towel

## Clubs

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

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

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

**Aveea STEM Club** - Please book directly with <https://www.aveea.org/>

**Drama Club** –Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ [info@igotsouloficial.com](mailto:info@igotsouloficial.com)

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

**Portuguese Classes** – Please contact The Portuguese Embassy on 0207 235 8811 - [www.e-portugues.co.uk](http://www.e-portugues.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/>

**Piano Lessons**- Please contact Matthew Deane at [matthewdeane7@gmail.com](mailto:matthewdeane7@gmail.com)

**Art Club** – Please book directly with [artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com](http://artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com)

**Fence 43** - Please book directly with <https://app.outclass.io/classes/fGFpBnPOXMuXsUy9TECu>

## PE Days

Please see PE days below, children should come to school wearing their PE kits on those days.

Tuesdays – Year 4

Wednesdays – Year 6

Thursdays – Year 3

Friday Year - 5

## Uniform Reminder

### **Uniform**

- white shirt (not polo shirts)
- school tie (red/grey)
- red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- grey or black trousers, trouser shorts, pinafore or skirt
- black leather type shoes (**NOT** trainers)
- In the summer term a red gingham dress may be worn

### **PE KIT**

- red shorts (not Bermuda or cycling shorts)
- white t-shirt with school logo
- black or white Trainers

As the weather has now started to change, please ensure children are attending school wearing weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

## Middlesex Cricket Coaching for years 5 & 6

Please be reminded that year **5 & 6** will be taking part in cricket lessons on Mondays this half term. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on Mondays, as well as their regular PE day.

The last lesson will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Children should then return to wearing their school uniform on Mondays from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **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.

## **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

## **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 2024-2025 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.