



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024



Message from the Head teacher

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” — Albert Einstein

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back after the summer break. A special mention goes to all the new children that have joined the school. Year 3 certainly arrived with great enthusiasm and they have settled in brilliantly. In my first assembly, I talked about our 6 Rs and school motto, "Be the best that we can be". We very much strive for that in everything that we do with an understanding that mistakes will be made.

Community engagement continues to be a key school priority and I hope that as many parents will be able to attend the "Meet the Teacher" meetings next week. This will be an opportunity to receive information about the specific year groups and ask any general questions. Later in the half-term, you will have the chance to ask more specific questions about your child at the parent evenings. I am very much looking forward to another successful year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Davies

Diary Dates

Monday 9th September – Clubs and tuition start back this week

Tuesday 10th September – Year 4 meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 11th September – Year 6 meet the teacher meeting

Thursday 12th September – Year 3 meet the teacher meeting

Friday 13th September – Year 5 meet the teacher meeting

Monday 16th September – Wellbeing Café in the school hall from 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Tuesday 17th September – Year 3 trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum

Friday 20th September – PTA big picnic (information to follow)

Monday 23rd September – Year 3 pedestrian training

Friday 27th September – Year 6 Houses of Parliament trip

Friday 27th September – Year 4 trip to Fairfield Church

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

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

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

Fence 43 - Please book directly with <https://app.outclass.io/classes/fGFpBnPQXMuXsUy9TECu>

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 21st October. Children should then return to wearing their school uniform on Mondays from **Monday 4th November**.

Year 5 Swimming

We are currently working to secure a venue and date for our Year 5s to start their swimming lessons. Hopefully, this will be in the Autumn Term. Please make sure you keep checking the newsletter and your emails for details

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

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 by **Thursday 19th September**.

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.