



# Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Message from the Head teacher

The Christmas trees have been put up and the festive season has truly arrived. This morning we enjoyed amazing performances from the Rock Steady band members. The music continues next week, as we look forward to welcoming you to the various performances of Peter Pan. A big thank you for all your help in supporting the children with the learning of song lyrics and lines for the play, as well as, providing their fantastic costumes. In the final week of term, we will have the opportunity to all gather at Emmanuel Church for the annual carol service. This is one of my personal highlights and once again, I look forward to welcoming as many parents to this celebration.

Currently, our PTA is finding it difficult to recruit and therefore organise large scale events. Unfortunately, there will not be a Christmas Fair on the scale of previous years. However, we will be holding a Christmas cake sale to raise funds for the school. This will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. We would appreciate as many cake donations as possible, both handmade or shop bought (**No nuts please**). We are asking for cakes to be brought in on the morning of the sale.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mr. Davies

## Attendance (Weeks 13 and 14)

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
94%	96.4%	91.7%	94 %	97.6%	93.5%	94.8%	94.8%

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
98%	92.5%	93.7%	94.3%	94.4%	98.5%	99.4%	94.8%

Congratulations to 5KS and 6JO who were our attendance winners in week 13 and 14. The children will be told the winning class for this week in the next Achievement Assembly.

We also award the class with the least number of late marks. Congratulations to 3R, 4M and 4S who were winners of the HERO award.

## Diary Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Cast 1 Christmas production at 2pm & Cast 2 Christmas production at 7pm  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Cast 2 Christmas production at 2pm & Cast 1 Christmas production at 7pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, Surprise room  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Big Christmas Cake Sale – **Please bring cake donations to the office by 9am**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Carol service at Emmanuel Church 10.00 – 11.30am  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **School finishes at 1.30pm (there will be no after school club)**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – **Staff Training Day**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Term starts  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Clubs start back this week

## Arrival to school

Polite reminder that children **should not** be arriving on the school site before 08.30am. Before this time, children are unsupervised and therefore this causes a potential safeguarding risk.

**If children are arriving before 08.30am, they MUST be accompanied by an adult.**

## 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@igotsoulofficial.com](mailto:info@igotsoulofficial.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/>

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

**Fence 43** - Please book directly with <https://app.outclass.io/classes/fGFpBnPXMuXsUy9TECu>

## Uniform

### 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 is now colder, please ensure children are attending school wearing weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

## 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

Fridays – Year 5

## 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 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 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.

## **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>

