



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Message from the Head teacher

It has been another exciting fortnight at Hillside Junior. There have been trips to Rock Up in Watford where the children really demonstrated their resilience and resourcefulness.

We were also fortunate this week to have a visit from Emmanuel Church, who organised a reflection workshop. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and was part of our continued focus on mental well-being. A big thank you to the members of the church who visited the school.

Christmas celebrations began last weekend with the turning on of the Northwood Hills lights. It is an important community event which we are privileged to participate in. Thank you to all the children and parents who attended. We look forward to the final four weeks of term and the various Christmas events.

Have a good weekend,
Mr. Davies

Attendance (Weeks 9 and 10)

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
99%	99.1%	93.3%	98.3%	96%	96.2%	95.2%	97.5%

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92.8%	98.2%	93.7%	94.7%	99.2%	92.3%	98.1%	97.3%

Congratulations to 3S and 5KS who were our attendance winners in week 9 and 10. 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 3S, 3R, 4S and 5OS who were winners of the HERO award

Diary Dates

Monday 25th November – 6JO trip to Rock Up

Tuesday 26th November – 4S trip to Rock Up

Wednesday 27th November – 5OS trip to Rock Up

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 6 Height and Weight checks

Monday 5th December – Surprise Room Deadline to hand in gift and £2 donation

Friday 6th December – Rock Steady performance at 08.50am

Monday 9th December – Cast 1 Christmas production at 2pm & Cast 2 Christmas production at 7pm

Tuesday 10th December – Cast 2 Christmas production at 2pm & Cast 1 Christmas production at 7pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch, Surprise room

Monday 16th December – Big Christmas Cake Sale

Thursday 19th December – Carol service at Emmanuel Church 10.00 – 11.30am

Friday 20th December – **School finishes at 1.30pm (there will be no after school club)**

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

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/>

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

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

Uniform

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- 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>

