



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024



Message from the Head teacher

The term ended with so many wonderful and exciting events. The annual carol service was a real highlight, providing a great opportunity for the whole school community to gather together and celebrate.

Whilst we were unable to run a full-scale Christmas Fair, I would like to especially thank the parents who ran the Portuguese food stall. An amazing £330 was raised.

There have been challenges during the autumn term but I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful and continued support. The importance of working together and the link between home and school has never been so important.

Next year is an opportunity to build on the successes of this year but firstly everyone needs to make sure that they get a well earned rest over the Christmas break. This is a wonderful time of year to reflect and spend time with family and friends.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish everyone a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Mr. Davies

Attendance (Weeks 17 and 18)

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
96.8%	95.6%	95.3%	94.3%	97.6%	93.6%	97.4%	91.7%

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Congratulations to 5KS who were our attendance winners in week 17 and 18.

We also award the class with the least number of late marks. Congratulations to 4M and 6JO who were winners of the HERO award.

Diary Dates

Monday 6th January – **Staff Training Day**

Tuesday 7th January – Term starts

Monday 13th 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

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/fGFpBnPOXMuXsUy9TECu>

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>

