



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025



Message from the Head teacher

I hope everyone had a good Christmas break and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. This time of year provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what has happened previously and look forward to a spring term full of opportunity. In assembly, the children talked about their resolutions for 2025. I look forward to hearing an update on how well these are going in a future assembly.

Moods were certainly lifted as the evenings start to become lighter and it was wonderful to see the children enjoy the short burst of snow. It certainly helped everyone overcome those post-holiday blues.

Volunteers make an important contribution to the life of the school. Your support is invaluable and additional help is always needed. Currently we are struggling with reading volunteers and, if you are able to offer any time, please can you contact the school office. There are other opportunities around the school including helping to maintain the appearance of the site. Once again if you can help, any time would be appreciated.

In assembly this week, on the theme of aspiration, the children met a young man who has gone on to represent England in cricket as part of the learning disabilities team. He showed the children his England cap and talked about a tour he went on to South Africa. A true inspiration!

Have a good weekend,

Mr.Davies

Attendance (Weeks beginning 16th December and 6th January)

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
83.8%	93.3%	83.7%	80.7%	90.4%	80%	89.7%	92.8%

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94.4%	92.8%	88.8%	91.8%	95.5%	93.8%	87.9%	92.2%

Congratulations to 3S and 5KS who were our attendance winners.

We also award the class with the least number of late marks. Congratulations to 4S and 5KS who were winners of the HERO award.

Diary Dates

Thursday 30th January – Year 4 Roman Day in school

Thursday 30th January – Year 5 trip to Northwood Synagogue

Arrival to school

Polite reminder that children **should not** be arriving on the school site before 8.30am. Before this time, children are unsupervised and therefore this causes a potential safeguarding risk.

If children are arriving before 8.30am, they MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs running for the Spring term; **if you need any help, 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

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. Additionally, 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>

