

Hillside Newsletter

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June 19 2018

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Mrs Morris

Deputy Head

Mr Pearman

Foundation Leader

Mrs Attewell

Phase 1 Manager (Y1-3)

Mrs Short (Y1)

Phase 2 Manager (Y4-6)

Mrs Sheriff (Y6)

Inclusion Manager

(SEND)

Mrs T Clarke

Letters recently sent out:

- Promoting Healthy Minds at Hillside Primary School
- Sports Day

Head's Update:

Dear Parents/Carers

The final half term of this academic year is in full swing and we are as busy as ever. Our Year 2 children have been lucky enough to go to Windsor Castle; our Year 6 children have been on their residential to Wales and Year 4 enjoyed their over-night visit to Ufton Court. In school children are working hard on their curriculum and enjoying the preparations for Sports Day on the 29th June.

Staff are busy writing reports, which will be available on 13th July, and planning transition visits. Children will be visiting their new teachers for the morning on the 25th June and the 2nd July. The teaching structure for next year will be available on the 25th June after the children's first transition.

This half-term, for our values we are focusing on 'Happiness', which we believe is a feeling you get when you demonstrate all our other values of respect, collaboration, learning, resilience and independence. The resource that Mrs Attewell used when she was introducing this half-term's value was 'Have you filled a bucket today?' by Carol McCloud. We have some copies in school which can be borrowed. The book is based on everyone having a bucket and filling it with and collecting happy memories as we go through life. It also talks about how your bucket can be emptied very easily if somebody says something unkind. We are using this analogy in school, so if your child comes home and talks about filling buckets – that's what they are referring to! Maybe you can ask your children how they are filling their buckets!

This week we welcomed Dads, Uncles and Grandparents in for our Father's Day 'Reading Festival'. Thank you to everyone that came. There were some very creative camps.

As you will be aware from my letter last week, it is Hillside's Healthy Minds week. We will be giving the children the 5 steps to having a healthy mind:

1. **Making connections**-having someone to talk to
2. **Exercise**- keeping up levels of physical activity
3. **Mindful**-Giving your brain a break
4. **Keep Learning**-Try something new
5. **Giving**-Doing something for someone else

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Remember, the children will be bringing home their Healthy Minds Book. Please take time to go through the book with your children and refer to it regularly.

Thank you to our fabulous PTA for organising the Father Day present buying, I know that many parents appreciated this event. I also hope everyone has saved the date for our annual Summer Fair, on Saturday 7th July, as its always a great event and lots of family fun.

Congratulations to Millie in Year 5 for collecting food for the Woodley Foodbank. It was fabulous to receive a certificate through the post about one of our students giving to others.

Finally, please could I respectfully remind you to park and drive courteously around our school neighbours. I have again received complaints that a minority of parents are blocking and entering driveways which I'm sure we all agree is unacceptable. Also, please remember you can only park in the school carpark if you are a disabled badge holder or with permission.

I don't like ending a letter to you on a moan so I will end by thanking all my staff that have gone above and beyond, by taking the children on their recent residential visits. You really can't underestimate how tiring these activities are and the staff do it because they want the children to have these amazing experiences. Thank you to all involved.

STOP AND DROP

We are once again experiencing parking issues within the school vicinity. May we remind parents that the Stop and Drop system is designed for parents to drive through and collect their children. Parents are not allowed to arrive early and park in the Stop and Drop zone. We will not raise the barrier until 3.10pm, except for disabled parking and urgent issues. Please DO NOT park in front of the barrier at any time as this causes an obstruction.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
22 nd June	Year 4 Sharing Assembly – 9.00am	29 th June	Sports Day 1
22 nd June	Year 2 Sharing Assembly – 2.40pm	2 nd July	Y6 Secondary Transition Event @ Loddon Valley
25 th June	Transition Morning – children meet their new teachers	6 th July	PTA Non-Uniform Day – Money Donations
27 th June	Year 3 Sharing Assembly – 9.00am	7 th July	PTA Summer Fair – 3.30-6.45pm

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2018-2019 TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2018

Inset Day	Monday 3 rd September
Start of Pupil Term	Tuesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 22 nd October – Friday 26 th October
Inset Day	Monday 29 th October
End of Pupil Term	Wednesday 19 th December

Spring Term 2019

Start of Pupil Term	Thursday 3 rd January
Half Term	Monday February 18 th - Friday 22 nd February
End of Pupil Term	Friday 5 th April

Summer Term 2019

Inset Day	Tuesday 23 rd April
Start of Pupil Term	Wednesday 24 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
End of Pupil Term	Friday 19 th July
Inset Day	Monday 22 nd July
Inset Day	Tuesday 23 rd July

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is protecting vulnerable adults or children from abuse or neglect. It means making sure people are supported to get good access to an education, health care and stay well. It is making sure that people are supported to have full and happy lives. Safeguarding should make sure that people get the support they need to make the most of their lives and get their full equal rights.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Morris
Mr Pearman
Mrs Attewell
Miss Czornij