

# Hillside Newsletter

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**July 5 2018**

**Headteacher**

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:**

- Y5 Bulmershe Taster Day
- Y6 Transition Event @ Loddon Valley Leisure
- Y6 Leavers Production
- Y5 Bikeability Level 2
- Sports Day & hot weather
- Foundation 1 Sports Day arrangements

## **Head's Update:**

I hope you are bearing up in the heat and are enjoying the sunshine. Unfortunately, our school isn't built to keep cool during the Summer and we only have air conditioning in the hall and the ICT suite. As always, your children are being as resilient as they can and are coping well and continue to work hard. Please refer to my previous letter this week to find out what adjustments have been made to ensure the children are safeguarded during this Level 3 heat wave warning. My letter also gave information regarding new arrangements for Sports Day.

Phase 2                      Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9:00 - 11:00ish

Phase 1/Foundation      Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9:00 - 11:00ish  
(end timings are an estimate)

This week, the children have had their second and final transition to their next year's class teacher. Meet the teacher events will be in September. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's new teacher, find out about the curriculum and events for the year, and also to find out the year groups expectations and routines. The events will take place on the following dates:

|            |                                     |               |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Foundation | Mel - TBC                           |               |
| Year 1 -   | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September   | 3.30 - 4.15pm |
| Year 2 -   | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September | 3.30 - 4.15pm |
| Year 3 -   | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September   | 4.15 - 5.00pm |
| Year 4 -   | Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September   | 3.30 - 4.15pm |
| Year 5 -   | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September  | 4.15 - 5.00pm |
| Year 6 -   | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September  | 3.30 - 4.15pm |

It was so fantastic to see how the wonderful Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children celebrated their learning in their class assemblies in the last few weeks. Year 2 did a fantastic job of proving that school isn't just about SATs, but about enjoying school and all the wonderful experiences that they have throughout the year. They were exceptionally articulate when sharing what they had been up to and their performance of The Owl and the Pussycat was outstanding!

Year 3 did an amazing job of showing off their learning by setting up the tables to share books and artefacts that were a real talking point for them and they certainly enjoyed sharing their new learning as the parents mingled around!

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Year 3 also showed off their understanding of the human skeleton through a very catchy song and it certainly helped everyone to learn the names of the different bones.

Year 4 shared their learning in so many different ways and the children were exceptional when standing on the stage to share what they had been up to. The Year 4's taught the grown-ups about different plate boundaries and the Water Cycle by singing different songs with actions. It was certainly a fantastic way to remember the important facts and even a do a little exercise, as we joined in too! Year group assemblies are always a wonderful and proud moment for us here at Hillside and I am sure you would all agree too.

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## **REMINDER**

### **To all our Nursery parents**

Please can all applications and supporting documents for Reception places be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

### **School Photos**

Please ensure all school photo requests are posted in the secure post box no later than **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July**.

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## **OTHER NEWS**

We were lucky enough to be invited to take a small group of pupils to visit Cloud Stables in Arborfield. Hawkedon School kindly lent us their minibus, and a group of fourteen animal-loving pupils enjoyed a trip to meet the ponies and learn about how to care for them - we even helped to muck out the stables! We had a great time, and fell in love with the horses (and several dogs!) that we met at the stables.



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## ALLOTMENT BBQ

The Allotment team would like to invite you to their annual BBQ. Drinks and produce from the allotment will be provided, and please feel free to bring food to cook on the BBQ. Come and see what the team have grown.

## ASDA TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

A group of children from Phase 1 have been invited to a teddy bear's picnic at Asda on 17<sup>th</sup> July. This is part of an exciting project to strengthen community ties. Names will be drawn out of a hat and letters will go home next week.

## WHAT A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Emilia could be the last Brownie of her generation to earn all 57 "original" badges. Emilia has spent three years learning new skills and taking part in activities in a bid to earn all of her Interest Badges. Alongside congratulating Emilia, I wanted to highlight the happiness it has brought Emilia by keeping her mind active, working with and doing things for others. All of which play a big part in 'Our steps to happiness' project we took part in last week. We hope you've been able to share your child's Healthy Minds Booklet together and are finding it useful.



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## SUMMER 2018 HOLIDAY CLUBS

We are providing excellent holiday care for the whole Summer with Funtastic Kids Club and Get Active Sports. Booking details are as follows:

Get Active Sports – 30/7 – 10/8 [www.getactivesports.com/](http://www.getactivesports.com/) 01344 860868

Funtastic Kids Club – 13/8 – 24/8 [www.funtastickids.co.uk/](http://www.funtastickids.co.uk/) 07715 643412

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## **PTA SUMMER FAIR – 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 11.00am – 2.00pm**

We look forward to seeing you at the PTA Summer Fair tomorrow. There will be lots of fun games, a bouncy castle, circus skills and much more. There are also some fabulous raffle prizes to be won.

Come and support your school – then support England!

## **STOP AND DROP**

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.

## **SCHOOL POST BOX**

The school has a secure post box on the right hand side of the front door. The box is safe, and is emptied three times a day.

The box should be used for the following:

- To deliver forms/paperwork to school
- To deliver forms/money for trips/uniform etc. If accompanied by cheque or cash these must be in a sealed envelope with the child's name and class on the front. We are unable to provide change, so if paying by cash please ensure the correct money is enclosed. Any excess payments will be donated to our school fund.
- Photograph orders

## **Upcoming Events:**

| <u>Date</u>           | <u>Event</u>                          | <u>Date</u>           | <u>Event</u>                              |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | PTA Non-Uniform Day – Money Donations | 12 <sup>th</sup> July | Y6 Leavers' Production 1.30pm & 6.00pm    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> July  | PTA Summer Fair – 11.00 – 2.00        | 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Sports Day – Phase 2 – 9.00 – 11.00ish    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y6 Leavers' Production – 6.00pm       | 16 <sup>th</sup> July | Y6 – Ancient Greek Day                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> July  | Y5 – Bulmershe Taster Day             | 18 <sup>th</sup> July | Y2 – Dress Up Day                         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> July | Y4 – Trip to Newbury Wharf            | 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Sports Day – FS/Phase 1 – 9.00 – 11.00ish |
|                       |                                       | 24 <sup>th</sup> July | Family picnic                             |

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## 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.**

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Mrs Morris

Mr Pearman

Mrs Attewell

Miss Czornij



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## Summer Nature Arts Camp

for 7 to 12 years at Hillside Primary School Orchard and  
Forest Classroom  
10.30m to 2.30pm



### Sessions Include:

Felting nature  
Weaving baskets  
Sun printing nature  
Painting and drawing with nature  
Painting Rocks  
Leaf relief  
Botanical eco printing  
Nature crowns  
Nature collage  
Storytelling  
Renga Poetry

Costs £28 per day or £130 for all 5 Sessions booked in advance.  
All materials are included in the cost and includes healthy  
snacks.

Booking is essential and payment made at time of booking.  
Please contact Julie Lefevre for more information and booking  
details. Places are limited!

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