

Hillside Newsletter



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Headteacher

Mrs Morris

Deputy Head

Mr Pearman

Assistant Head

Mrs Dixon

Foundation Leader

Mrs Attewell

Phase 1 Manager (Y1-3)

Mrs Cairney (Y2)

Phase 2 Manager (Y4-6)

Miss Ezard (Y5)

**Inclusion Manager
(SENCo)**

Mrs T Clarke

Letters recently sent out:

- Children in Need

Head's Update:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term. This term is a busy one, especially leading up to Christmas, so please keep updated with forthcoming dates via email and our website. We will be having our Remembrance Service on Friday 9th November. So that children do not lose their poppy throughout the week, all children will be given a poppy before this assembly. Please could you send a donation of at least 20p for the Royal British Legion on Friday. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Thank you to all the parents who came to school to receive training on how to hear readers last Friday. It is great to know we will have a team of volunteers for the children to read to and therefore, increasing reading participation and a love of books. Mrs Dixon and Mrs Jewell will be running another training session on Thursday 8th November at 2:30pm. Please come along if you would like to hear children read regularly in school, we would love to have you.

After Half Term, I received news that Mrs Hope will be retiring after Christmas. Mrs Hope has been at Hillside for 24 years and has taught in many year groups, teaching many children over the years. Mrs Hope is a fantastic artist which she has not had much time for since teaching, so she will now have lots of time to give to her passion. We would like to thank Mrs Hope for her commitment to Hillside School, she will be sadly missed by everyone and we wish her well in her new adventures. We have been really fortunate to recruit for this post quickly, recruiting Mrs Keen who is already known to us and had experience of teaching at Hillside. Mrs Keen will be coming in to work alongside Miss Doswell to get to know the children before she takes up post in January.

As you are already aware, Mrs Dixon starts her maternity leave after Christmas. In Mrs Dixon's absence, Mrs MacIndoe will be continuing to teach for 2 days each week and we have recruited an experienced teacher, Mrs Bates, to the Year 1 team to teach 3 days. Mrs Bates is really excited to be joining the school and she will be making several visits to get to know the children.

Congratulations to Mrs Nowak, she will be expecting her first baby in April which is very exciting. We will be advertising her maternity cover in the next few weeks and will keep you posted with the recruitment. Yes, that's 4 staff pregnancies at Hillside in one year which is very exciting.

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SCARECROW TRAIL

We hope you all enjoyed the Lower Earley Scarecrow Trail. Thank you to all the children who worked with Mr Perez to produce the wonderful Rainbow fish. We had an Egyptian scarecrow at Asda made by the Year 3 children. Thank you to the Allotment Committee for also taking part – The Fantastic Mr Fox has scared quite a few passers-by!!



HEALTHY MINDS

You may be aware that children's mental health and wellbeing is often featured in the news lately. This is because children's mental health issues are more widespread than was once believed, and as a whole, society is better at detecting and treating mental health problems when they do occur. Because of this, Hillside has made our pupil's mental health and wellbeing a focus this year. Alongside our teaching, we are focusing on ensuring our children have "Healthy Minds." As part of the focus we will be having assemblies with the children about the importance of healthy minds, and how to ensure that we keep the whole of ourselves healthy. There are plans to run some parent workshops around the subject later in the year, and we will be publishing handy hints and tips about keeping our minds healthy in the weekly newsletter.

SEND INFORMATION

Hillside is proud to be an inclusive school, where children of all abilities are welcomed, supported and nurtured, to enable them to reach their full potential. With that in mind, we will be starting up half termly POCAN, (Parents of Children with Additional Needs), sessions in the new year, so that parents can get

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together and chat about any issues they may have, and where we can offer advice and support. We will also invite local groups to come along and give further support and information. In addition, we will display information about local events on our SEND noticeboard outside Year 4, and publish useful advice and information in the weekly newsletter. If you would like to contact the Inclusion Team, please email inclusion@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk.

PTA

The Winter Fair will be on Saturday 1st December 11.00am – 2.00pm.

Decorate a Plate Competition – please remember to bring your decorated plates in with your £1.00 donation taped to the back by Friday 16th November.

REMINDERS

Please can you ensure all children have their P.E kits in school. Some children are missing out due to not bringing their kits back after the half term.

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Date	Event
8 th Nov	Volunteers to Read Training 2-3pm	16 th Nov	Year 3 Cake Sale – 3.00-4.00pm
9 th Nov	PTA Second-hand Uniform Sale 3-4pm	16 th Nov	Children in Need – Pudsey or Spots
12 th Nov	PTA meeting – 3.30-4.30pm	19 th Nov	Parents Evening – 3.30-8.00pm
13 th Nov	Years 3 & 4 Play 1.45-2.45pm & 6.00-7.00pm	20 th Nov	Parents Evening – 3.30-6.00pm
15 th Nov	Years 3 & 4 Play 6.00 – 7.00pm		

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is protecting vulnerable children or adults 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 children is everyone's responsibility.

Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Morris
Mr Pearman
Mrs Attewell
Miss Czornij