

Hillside Newsletter



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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:

- Y5 Residential Final Cost
- Year 1 Trips & Activities
- Y4 Swimming Letter
- Y6 Cybercrime Theatre
- Y6 Food & Drink Tasting

Head's Update:

In this week's assembly the children were asked 'are all mistakes bad?' This generated lots of discussion, which led the children to understand that we can learn so much from our mistakes and that we can always get better at anything we do – even if we get it wrong at first. This is called having a 'Growth Mindset', which is what we are promoting here at Hillside. Please can you continue to encourage your children to have a Growth Mindset in everything they do. Also, consider how you model as parents, when you don't get things right first time.

The children were also shown a video clip called 'Austins Butterfly' (have a quick Google). This shows how not getting something right first time and having precise feedback can help a child achieve something great. Please take time to watch it, as it is really powerful. Thank you to Mrs Duffield for leading this assembly. If you would like to know more, please come and talk to us or Google – Growth mindset, as there's plenty of websites out there.

As the weather has got much colder and wetter recently, the children really do need to bring coats and a change of shoes for break and lunchtimes. We do encourage the children to use the field/orchard during these times, as they enjoy using the whole environment. Also, the tarmac areas are not big enough for our whole school to use and there would be too many accidents with children bumping into each other. Children are given time to change their shoes at break and lunchtimes and by changing into wellies/outdoor footwear we are protecting their school shoes and our classrooms from becoming too muddy.

Thank you for all your donations recently. We are waiting to find out how much we raised for Royal British Legion, but we raised £432.85 for BBC Children in Need. All of your PTA donations have been much appreciated. The PTA have been busy with preparations for the school Fair on Saturday. Please, please come and support, as the money raised is going towards more outdoor equipment for lunch and break times. We look forward to seeing you.

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HEALTHY MINDS & SEND INFORMATION FROM MRS CLARKE, OUR INCLUSION MANAGER

Our focus this year is helping our pupils learn the importance of keeping a healthy mind. This is especially important at the moment, as a recent report after an NHS survey suggests that one in eight young people aged under 19, and one in eighteen pre-school children in England have a mental health disorder, which can include depression, anxiety and anger issues. As part of our work on Healthy Minds, we will be opening our Chat Room on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

The Chat Room is a quiet space, staffed by one of our inclusion team, where children can come and talk about their worries and anxieties. It is open to all and is intended to be a way of reducing some of the pressure that a lot of young feel. After Christmas, we will be introducing the Chat Room to the pupils during assembly times. If you would like any further information about the chat room, please contact the inclusion team via the school office.

Recently we sent out a questionnaire to some of our parents of children with a Special Educational Need. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, and show that at Hillside we really do try our best to create a welcoming, nurturing environment where our children with SEND are well supported so that they can reach their full potential. One thing that was highlighted in the responses is that not everyone knows who the school SENCo is. Tracy Clarke is our Inclusion Manager, a role which also includes that of SENCo. If you would like to meet with Mrs Clarke about any aspect of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, or inclusion, please arrange an appointment via the school office, or alternatively email inclusion@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk.

YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week, we made five delicious bowls of porridge, just like in the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Each group chose a delicious topping for their porridge, this included: Chocolate buttons, honey, jam, blueberries and sprinkles. Unfortunately, when we returned from lunch, **someone** had eaten one bowl of porridge. Year 1 are trying to work out who it was. We think Goldilocks might have visited our school! Keep your eyes peeled everyone.



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YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

Thank you to the girls in Year 5, who planned, organised and delivered a cake sale last Friday. They raised an amazing £149.60 and are now going to meet with school parliament to decide on what to buy.

PTA

The PTA Winter Fair is Saturday 1st December at 11.00am – 2.00pm. Please come along and support.

REMINDERS

Coats – please remember to send in a coat with your child every day
– Outdoor P.E kits – tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt, trainers

Children leaving school early or arriving late

If you need to inform of early collection, late arrival or change in who is collecting your child, please **do not inform the class teacher**. The start and end of the day are extremely busy for the teachers and occasionally messages get waylaid. You can pass on this information by one of the following means, thus ensuring the relevant parties will be informed:

- A note in the letter box, on the wall outside reception
- A message on the school answering machine
- An email to admin@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk

Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair	12 th December	Year 6 Christmas Stall – 3.15pm
5 th December	Years 1&2 Christmas Play – 2.00-3.00pm	12 th December	Foundation Nativity – 9.30-10.30am
6 th December	Years 1&2 Christmas Play – 2.00-3.00pm	13 th December	Foundation Nativity – 2.15pm
6 th December	Years 1&2 Christmas Play – 5.30-6.30pm	14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
6 th December	Yrs. 5/6 Theatre Trip – 3.30pm	14 th December	Christmas Concerts
7 th December	PTA Second-hand Uniform Sale – 3.15pm	14 th December	PTA Sweet Stall
11 th December	Year 6 Christmas Stall – 3.15pm	17 th December	Year 3 – Egyptian Day
12 th December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY	19 December	LAST DAY OF TERM

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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



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