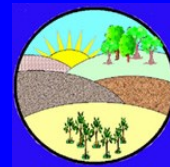


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Dear Parents,

As always it has been very busy here at Hillside since we have returned from the holidays. The children have all started their new Creative Curriculum topics and by now, you should have received your child's Curriculum Booklet which will tell you all about what they will be learning in all their subjects this term. If you would like to know more about our curriculum please see our website as the Jigsaw overviews will give you more information. Year 1 have been very active as they have started their swimming sessions and have also been learning to ride bikes with Bikeability. Music with Berkshire Maestros has also started this term and Year 5 are loving the Clarinet. Our staff led clubs have also begun; thank you to the staff for volunteering to lead clubs, we certainly are offering a huge variety of extra curricular learning. I have a plea on behalf of the children in my Gardening Club. Please could you send in a few washed food tins (e.g. baked bean cans) for our planting.

The wintery conditions challenge our love for the children learning and playing outdoors, but we would like to continue to encourage the children to use the whole school environment through these wet months. We would therefore ask if you could ensure your child has a change of footwear for outdoors (wellies or old shoes) which are named and in a carrier bag. We will encourage the children to change at break, lunchtimes and any other time they are learning outdoors.

I am always so overwhelmed with the community spirit and generosity from our Community and on this note, I would like to thank Mrs Pott for buying the squash and biscuits for our Year 6 Booster classes. Unfortunately we do not have a budget for this and the teachers usually buy this themselves for the children. Also, an ex-student, Zoe Cox, donated her iPod so that music can be played in our Sensory Room. Thank you both, for your generosity and thinking about how you can collaborate and support our children at Hillside.

As always, we are here to answer your queries or any concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to catch Mr Pearman or myself on the playground or make an appointment at the school office.

Kind regards

Mrs N Morris

CENSUS - MEALS MEAN MONEY ON THURSDAY 19th JANUARY!

THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY is the day for the main school census. This census dictates our school funding for the year 2017-2018. Please help support us by having a school dinner on Thursday. This is particularly important if your child is in F2/Y1/Y2 as The Universal Free School Meal Grant is dictated by census day take up. The menu is:-

Meat option: BBQ CHICKEN PIZZA **Vegetarian option:** CHEESE PIZZA JACKET POTATOES
Dessert: CHOCOLATE CRISPY CAKE

**For all our events and term dates for Spring and Summer
please see our website.**

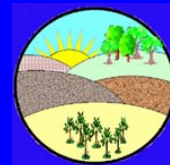
Items for Information

- Thursday 19th January—Census Day
- Places still available for F1 in September 2017
- Ensure correct PE kits are in school please

Items for Action

- Have a school dinner on Thursday 19th January
- Outdoor footwear
- Any washed food tins for Gardening club
- PTA Disco tickets

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PTA

Winter Ball Discos will be held on Thursday 26th January. Tickets on sale in the Family Centre from Monday 16th-Friday 20th January from 8.35-9.00am or 2.50-3.30pm. If you cannot get to school please put your request in a sealed envelope into the post box by the school office marked 'PTA School Disco Payment'.

NO tickets will be sold after Tuesday 24th January.

PE KIT REMINDER

Please remember that your child's PE kit should be in school all week, with the correct colour T shirt/shorts.

As the cold weather is here, please provide some warm leggings and additional warm top, as the children will still be going outdoors for their PE session.

ADMISSIONS

Foundation 1/Nursery

We have places available for September 2017 for morning or afternoon nursery sessions. This is available for children with dates of birth between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014. You can also place your child's name on our wait list after their 2nd birthdays.

Foundation 2/Reception

If your child has a date of birth between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 applications should've been submitted by now. If you have not done so please ensure you contact the local authority you pay your council tax to immediately

Secondary

We await the allocation of secondary school places which will be available electronically from midnight on 1 March 2017.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

5 minutes with Miss Ezard

Length of time at Hillside: 5 months

If you were not a teacher what would you be? Chef

Favourite past time: Shopping

Favourite meal: Pasta

Favourite film: Love Actually

Favourite book: Roald Dahl's Matilda

Strange fact: Once flew in the back of a Hercules aeroplane with the bottom open so I could look out.

Any pets: No, but would like to own a dog.

SPOTLIGHT on GRAMMAR

Modal verbs change or affect other verbs in a sentence. They are used to show the level of possibility, indicate ability, show obligation or give permission.

The most common modal verbs are: will, would, should, could, may, can, shall, ought to, must, might.

E.g *It might rain tomorrow.*

After School Wrap Around facilities

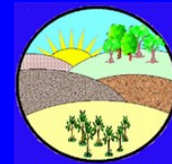
For more information please call 01344 860868 or visit www.getactivesports.com

Please be reminded we have new Facebook and Twitter pages. Please follow us.



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Dates to remember

Date	Event	Date	Event
27th January	Y4 Cake Sale	8th-13th March	Travelling Book Fair
9th February	Y5 trip to Reading Museum	9th March	Y1 trip to Reading Museum
10th February	Y5 Cake Sale	14th March	Y2 Cake Sale
13th-17th Feb	HALF TERM	21st March	Y4/5 Production to Parents 1.30-3.00pm and 6.00-7.30pm
20th February	CLUBS FINISH THIS WEEK (except for Get Active/Reading Football)	23rd March	FSU Cake Sale
27th-28th Feb	Parents' Evening	23rd March	Y4/5 Production to Parents 6.00-7.30pm

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

The Chat Room

Hillside are proactive in encouraging all areas of learning and positive wellbeing for your children in school. We want your children to feel happy, healthy and encourage them to talk about their feelings. Karen Smith, our Parent Support Advisor, now runs two Chat Room sessions each week, over a Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime. It provides children with an opportunity to ask for help if they need it, or talk about any worries they may have. Worries often include, friendship break downs and homework, and whilst these worries may seem minor to us as adults, they are very real worries for your children. Please be assured that Karen will contact you if there is anything you would need to be aware of. We hope that you will encourage your children to speak to Karen during the sessions.

HILLSIDE VALUES - COLLABORATION

I am really impressed with the children's commitment to our Spring 1 value. So many children of all different ages have been telling me about how they have been collaborating during their school day. Please ask your child about this at home.

As part of embedding this value the children have all commitment to helping one person a week and telling their teacher who they have been helping.

Please feel free to google 'Life Vest' which has inspired our work on collaboration this term.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding means:

- protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- preventing harm to children's health or development
- ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care

Your designated Safeguarding officers are:

Designated Leader: Mrs N Morris

Designated Deputy Leader: Mr D Pearman