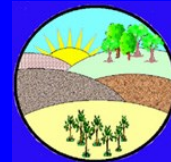


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Dear Parents

Thank you for all of your positive comments, families have made about our Sports Day and Summer Fair events. It was a wonderful few days, which really embraced our values of Respect and Collaboration and most of all celebrates this term's value of Happiness—a huge thank you to all involved in making the events so successful. The PTA put in so much effort and detail into the event - I especially liked the 'Happy Birthday Hillside' pencils in the party bags. Thank you to everyone who supported. Congratulations to Leo for winning the Hillside Birthday Cake Competition and for donating it to the staffroom, it didn't last long! (Picture below)

This week we welcomed Neil Baliston, a Values Based Education Consultant and Assessor to Hillside. He visited to aid us in our journey to being a Values Based Education Accredited school. Neil was so impressed with how our values were at the core of everything we strive for. He commended the confidence and behaviour of our pupils and especially enjoyed being invited into our weekly assembly which was led by Year 5. The Year 5 children, alongside Mrs Beeton, presented to the whole school how we could all support 'Send my Friend to School' campaign and asked the whole school to commit to signing a petition which will be sent to Downing Street to support the campaign. For more information visit www.sendmyfriend.org

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of another academic year. Transition events to ensure children are prepared for next year have gone very smoothly and we hope you found the 'Meet the Teacher' events useful. Thank you to the Year 4 and 2 children for their fabulous recent assemblies and Year 1 for their recent Market Stall event sharing all they have learned with parents.

The final events of the term include preparing to say goodbye to our Year 6s. They are ready to move onto their next stage of their journey, secondary school, but I am not sure we are ready to let them go as they are such an important part of our school. Their leaving production 'School Daze' was funny and showed their characters, however, we have some wonderful families ready to join us in September which we look forward to welcoming.

Back by popular demand is 'Hillside Got Talent!' The children have been asking for a repeat of this fantastic event for a while now and I am delighted to say that the HGT Final will be on the penultimate day of term. The children can sing, dance, perform a talent in front of their year group and the best 2 acts will get to perform in the final. During the final, all the children will be able to vote for their favourite act. Unfortunately, due to the hall size we will only be able to invite the parents of the finalists, but with permission, we will record the final for our website. Good luck to all our entries.

Please remember, as always, if you have any questions or concerns make an appointment with your child's class teacher or Phase Manager (Mrs Short Years 1-3 or Mrs Sheriff Years 4-6) or please feel welcome to make an appointment with myself or Mr Pearman.

Kind regards

Mrs Morris

Headteacher



SAFEGUARDING

It is important that parents, carers and relatives do not approach other children on the playground if an issue has arisen during, before or after school. The appropriate response would be to resolve a problem in a restorative way as we would do in school, with the child's parent or make an appointment with the Class Teacher or Phase Manager. It is never acceptable to be angry with other parents children.

Restorative Practice Process

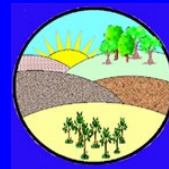
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Who did it effect?

What needs to happen next?

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LUNCHTIMES NEXT YEAR

From September, we will be changing our lunchtime arrangements to ensure they are more efficient and enjoyable. At the beginning of the new term, Years 3 to 6 will eat in their classrooms, Foundation children will remain in the dining hall and Years 1 and 2 will be in the main hall. This will ensure that the children eat in a quieter environment with the same lunch assistant each day. Also, to ensure the school day is as efficient and lunchtimes are calmer, afternoon lessons will begin at 1.00pm.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

Did you know we have a very successful allotment? This year, so far, the team have harvested radishes, potatoes, swiss chard, carrots and parsley. The Allotment team are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Hillside Community Allotment via facebook.



SPORTS COMPETITIONS

There have been some inter-school competitions between Hawkedon, Radstock and Hillside. Last Friday Year 5 children took part in a Quad kids tournament. This is an athletics event and included throwing, long jump, sprinting and long distance. It was great to team up with other schools to compete. The children all competed really well and enjoyed the challenge. We will continue this collaboration with Hawkedon and Radstock schools next year.

WRITER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Arushan in Year 5, for being our writer of the week. He has written his own story called Camp Kristoff and The Twins of Thebes.

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



YEAR 2 BAKE OFF

Year 2 are master bakers! They baked the most delicious cakes for their Bake Off, design and technology project. Well done to Joshua, George, Rushill, Izyaan, Grace and Charlie for winning the competition.



YEAR 5 GIRLS SAVE THE DAY

Well done to Milanna, Shruti, Wiktorina and Kaimi for being so sensible on their way home from school. As the girls were walking home, they noticed smoke coming from a bush and knocked on the home owner's door to inform them of the problem. We are so proud of how responsible the girls were.

SORRY SOFIA

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to Sofia in Year 3 as I mis-spelt her name in the last newsletter. Congratulations to her on being signed for Reading Ladies Football Club. Sorry Sofia!

PLEASE HELP

Over the Summer holidays please could you help us by donating any of the following

DVD's (U rating for wet playtimes)

Toys that make a sound, noise or mechanical action (for a speaking and listening project. The more unusual the better).

BOOK RECOMMENDATION



I would recommend.....

Letters from the light house by Emma Carole

Grace Y6

Famous Five on a treasure island by Enid Blyton

William Y2

Grandpa's Great Escape by Davis Walliams

Simeon Y2

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VACANCY FOR LUNCH ASSISTANT

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant. The position is Monday-Friday 12.00pm-1.15pm. Lunchtime Assistants work in a designated area, to ensure that the lunchtime experience is valuable, happy and safe for all children. Interaction with the children is a vital part of this role.

This is a Grade 3 point 14 post with an annual salary of £2352 for 6.25 hours per week term time only.

Please contact Jo Morsman, via the school office, for further details or an application form.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

5 minutes with**MRS COLLINS**

Length of time at Hillside: 5 months

If you were not a teacher what would you be?

An Accountant

Favourite past time: I play rugby for Redingensians Ladies Team

Favourite meal: Chicken Chow Mein

Favourite film: Love Actually

Favourite book: To Kill a Mockingbird

Strange fact: I hate balloons

Any pets: An African Grey parrot call Stanley

Wokingham Library's Summer Reading Challenge 2017

Animal Agents is the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2017. Animal Agents features characters exclusively designed by the award-winning children's illustrator, Tony Ross. Help the Animal Agents, a bunch of furry, slippery and 4-legged friends, solve a library mystery – with a huge helping of fun along the way. Children can read whatever they like – fact books, joke books, picture books, audio books. They just have to borrow the 6 books from the library. Every time they finish a book they'll receive a sticker to put into a special collectors folder. When they've read 6 books they'll receive a certificate and a medal for completing the challenge. The challenge will run until Sunday 3 September 2017.

Dates to remember

Date	Event	Date	Event
18th July	Hillside theatre School performance 6.00pm-7.00pm	30th October	INSET DAY
24th July	Y6 Parents Leavers Evening	13th November	Y3/4 Production to Parents 1.45pm-2.45pm and 5.30pm-6.30pm
25th July	Last Day of Term	14th November	Y3/4 Production to Parents 6.00pm-7.00pm
1st September	Uniform Shop 9.00am-10.30am and 5.30pm-7.00pm	15th December	Xmas Jumper Day
6th September	First day of term for Y1—6 Foundation, please see individual letters for your child's start date	20th December	Last Day of Term
23rd October	HALF TERM		