

# Hillside Newsletter



28th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first Newsletter of this academic year. The children have settled very quickly into school routines; are looking smart in their uniforms and are working hard to ensure they are making the most of the learning opportunities offered. I am especially proud of our new Foundation children who seem to be taking everything in their stride and are progressing well. We will be challenging all our children to do their very best in all their learning this year and to make every effort to excel. Please help your child to do their best by ensuring that they arrive at school on time, read regularly at home, have the equipment they need (PE kits etc.) and complete Home Learning.

The playground gates are open by 8:30am which gives plenty of time to ensure your children are in school by 8:50am at the latest for Foundation and 8.55am for Y1-6. Doors will be closed by this time to allow teachers to start their lessons promptly. If the doors are closed you will need to sign in at reception, which may result in your child being marked in as late.

Last week, the Louis Taylor Road Safety Show came into school to talk to the children. This was an excellent learning event for all our children to be taught how to be safe near roads. Please take this opportunity to reinforce this learning and ensure your children are practising their road safety with you.

As the weather is becoming more autumnal, please ensure your child has a coat in school. We always do endeavour to allow the children out every day at break and lunchtimes, even if it is a little damp, as we believe children need fresh air and they do love to be outdoors. Also, just as a reminder and to let our new parents know, the children are able to use the field and orchard area throughout the wetter months, so please ensure your children have an alternative pair of shoes to change in to at break and lunchtimes (wellies are great as they are quick to change!) These can be left at school in their lockers or boxes during the week.

Finally we will be joining the World's Biggest Coffee Morning by holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September in our Family Centre, starting from 9.00am. We would love you to join us for coffee and cake whilst raising money for such a worthwhile charity.

Kind regards

**Mrs N Morris**

**Headteacher**



## HILLSIDE VALUES

**RESPECT**    **INDEPENDENCE**    **COLLABORATION**    **LEARNING**  
**RESILIENCE**



We are so proud of how seriously the children have taken our value of Respect this term. Our focus on respecting our environment has led us to learning about the effects of litter on wildlife and the world. The children have pledged to get more involved in recycling and been excellent at ensuring our grounds are looked after by disposing of their own litter in the bins provided. I hope they are as committed at home too. Below are a couple of slides from our last few assemblies which you may find useful and want to carry on discussing at home.

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE

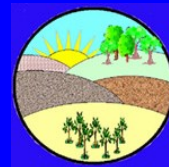
Paper Towel	- 2-4 weeks	Cigarette Butts	- 10-12 years
Banana Peel	- 3-4 weeks	Leather shoes	- 25-40 years
Paper Bag	- 1 month	Tinned Steel Can	- 50 years
Newspaper	- 1.5 months	Foamed Plastic Cups	- 50 years
Apple Core	- 2 months	Rubber-Boot Sole	- 50-80 years
Cardboard	- 2 months	Plastic containers	- 50-80 years
Cotton Glove	- 3 months	Aluminum Can	- 200-500 yrs
Orange peels	- 6 months	Plastic Bottles	- 450 years
Plywood	- 1-3 years	Disposable Diapers	- 550 years
Wool Sock	- 1-5 years	Monofilament Fishing Line	- 600 years
Milk Cartons	- 5 years	Plastic Bags	- 200-1000 yrs

This will create awareness amongst people that this is also one of the reasons related to Global Green House Effect. Thank you for Sharing. **CHANGE EVERYTHING**

DO YOUR LITTLE BIT  
OF GOOD WHERE YOU ARE;  
IT IS THOSE LITTLE BITS OF  
GOOD PUT ALL TOGETHER  
THAT OVERWHELM  
THE WORLD.  
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## INCLUSION MANAGER

My name is Tracy Rowe and I am the new Inclusion Manager at Hillside. I have taken over from Mrs Linda Hudson. I am busy getting to know all the children and everyone in the Hillside family.

My role as Inclusion Manager is to support and promote an inclusive culture throughout the school, enabling all children to achieve their best, overcoming barriers to learning and participation. My role also includes overseeing provision for ethnic minority pupils, pupils with English as an additional language. If your child is not already being supported by the Inclusion Team and you think I can be of help please contact me or Miss Czornij who is part of the Inclusion Team.



## PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

I am Karen Horwood and I am the new Parent Support Advisor at Hillside. I am thrilled to be working at the school and very much look forward to meeting and offering my support in the year ahead.

My role main is to support you in engaging with their child's learning and development, support in developing parenting skills and provide accessible information, explanation, guidance and signposting. Please contact me on [psa@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:psa@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk)



## CHANGE TO END OF TERM DATE

Please be aware that the end of term is now **TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2017.**



This is due to an administrative error and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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## CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES

**Save the date**

**Monday 2nd October 9:00am-9:45am**

In line with National Grandparents Day, Hillside would like to invite Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles into the school for refreshments and an opportunity to share work and read together with their grand children, nieces and nephews. It is also an opportunity for grandparents, etc., to share how different school was when they were primary school age.

To help us with planning this event if you have a member of your family that would like to join us, please inform the office by phoning **0118 9755771** or email [admin@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk).

We look forward to welcoming and meeting the children extended families .

## BABY NEWS!

As you know Mrs Kidd started her maternity leave at the end of the Summer Term and has given birth to a little girl Georgia Lillian Kidd on the 17th September weighing 10lb 4 oz.

Both are doing well.

## BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be at school from Wednesday 27th September—Monday 2nd October in the Art Room 3:15pm —3:45pm. This is an opportunity to treat your children to some new books and also donating to the school as we get a percentage of the sales to be used to buy books for the school.

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



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## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

'I am really enjoying reading The Railway Children as it has good description of the setting and characters' Shruti. (Y6)

'I like the Alex Ryder Series as they are good action and adventure books' – Harrison. (Y6)

'I like the BFG because it has giants in it' –Daniel. (Y2)

## YEAR 6 PARENTS

The months of September and October are an exciting time for our current Year 6 pupils as they embark on the quest for a secondary school placement!

Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance if you are unsure of the process. Please remember the deadline for applications is the **31st October**.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

**5 minutes with.....Ms HAMILTON**

**Length of time at Hillside:** 12 years

**If you were not a teacher what would you be?** A cat rescuer

**Favourite past-time:** Watching Fulham play

**Favourite meal:** Roast dinner

**Favourite film:** Twilight films

**Favourite book:** Anything Roald Dahl

**Strange fact:** There's nothing strange about me!

**Any pets:** A cat named Willow

## WRAP-AROUND CARE

There are still spaces available at both Breakfast and After-School Clubs, check out these very friendly and enjoyable Clubs at Hillside.

These **MUST BE BOOKED** and **PAID FOR** in advance. Sessions cost £ 3.75 per hour.

Booking forms are available on the school website or from the school office.

## Dates to remember

Date	Event	Date	Event
<b>26th Sept - 2nd Oct</b>	Travelling Book Fair everyday after school	<b>13th Nov</b>	Y3/4 Production to Parents 1.45pm-2.45pm and 5.30pm-6.30pm
<b>29th Sept</b>	MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.00am—11.00am Family Centre	<b>14th Nov</b>	Y3/4 Production to Parents 6.00pm—7.00pm
<b>6th Oct</b>	Y6 Cake Sale 3.10pm	<b>7th Dec</b>	Foundation Nativity to Parents 9.15am—9.45am
<b>23rd-27th Oct</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>8th Dec</b>	Y5 Parent Assembly 9.00am—10.00am
<b>30th Oct</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>15th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>10th Nov</b>	Y5 Cake Sale 3.20pm	<b>19th December</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

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## HILLSIDE CLUBS UPDATE

As I am sure you appreciate, the role of a teacher is huge and ever growing. To ensure teachers can focus on planning for your children to make the best progress, teachers will no longer be running after school clubs. This will allow them the time they need to focus on providing and enriching curriculum. However, to ensure the children still benefit from a range of sporting opportunities we have arranged for external agencies to run clubs for us. Please see below the range of clubs we have available. We are delighted to have leading sports providers to offer the children a variety of different sporting events. Hopefully there is a sport for everyone! If the children are booked in for a club they will go straight to it after school and we ask that you pick up promptly from the front office.

	<b>GET ACTIVE</b> <b>(Mr Hughes)</b> getactivesports.com	<b>ACHIEVE SPORTS</b> info@achieve-sports.co.uk 03335772880 £4.50 per session 3:15pm-4:30pm	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dodgeball</b> Years R-6 £60.50 per term ( 12Weeks) No session 30 October 2017		<b>Home Learning Club</b> Free lunchtime club for Years 1-6  <b>Gymnastics</b> Reading Academy Gymnastics 3:15pm—4:15pm £55.00 per term Years R - 6
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Table Tennis</b> Years 3-6 £66.00 per term ( 12Weeks)	<b>Hockey</b> Years 3-6	<b>Netball -free</b> Maiden Erlegh A-level student Years 3-6 20 places available <b>Rugby -Stagz Rugby</b> 3:15pm—4:15pm £24.00 per term Years 3-6
<b>Wednes- day</b>	<b>Archery</b> Year 3-6 £66.00 per term ( 12Weeks)	<b>Tri Golf</b> Years 1-6	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Multi-skills</b> Years R-6 £66.00 per term ( 12Weeks)	<b>Cheerleading</b> Years 1-6	<b>Reading Football Club</b> Lunchtime Years 1-6 £30 and After School Year 1-6 £45.00
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Boccia and Kurling</b> Years R-6 £66.00 per term ( 12Weeks)		<b>Choir</b> Free Lunchtime Club Years 3-6



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## WRITER OF THE WEEK

is Clare from  
Year 6

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

LO- To write a narrative

I sat there, staring worriedly at the shattered glass. The ship was getting closer and closer to the rocks every second. My heart was racing. The people in the village had now realised the disappearance of the light and groups of people were now getting closer to the lighthouse. I knew it would be me who would get the blame if the ship hit the jagged rocks below.

Desperately, I looked <sup>time</sup> glanced round the small room, searching endlessly for something to replace the light. Nothing. The only light source I had in the whole lighthouse. I wouldn't have enough <sup>time</sup> to repair the light, and the lantern wouldn't be seen before the ship got at least

\* Was my old <sup>time</sup> failed lantern.

I knew it was too late, yet a little ray of hope shone in my mind. Above me, the winter storm started its attack. Oh-no! This would make the arrival of the ship even more difficult! Maybe, just maybe, the ship could steer clear of the honed rocks.

Glancing out the other window, I could see the people of the village getting closer closer. The sturdy men from the pub who cheered every time the light went over the pub were coming too!

### UNIFORM

The Uniform Shop is open Monday mornings from 8.40am—9.00am, and Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm—3.20pm, both in the small hall.

Order forms are available from the school website or in the school reception area.

Please ensure that the age/size, PE T-shirt colour and quantities are clearly marked to help process the order as quickly as possible. Payment before collection would also assist distribution.

Nobody would want to get in their bad books. They were as fierce as a jaguar if they got angry, though they always seemed cheerful in the pub.

I stood up shakily, I couldn't watch. The ship was so close that I could make out people on deck. They looked frightened. I felt incredibly guilty at that moment.

The waves were getting choppy and they were violently propelling the ship further towards the coast. Terrified, I took another look out towards the ship. Its hornet blasted across to my ears as if it was threatening me in some way.

The storm ahead was in full swing and the sea was getting really ~~gross~~ vicious now. The ship lurched dangerously from side to side.

If the ship hit the rocks, it would be a catastrophe! I would be in big trouble with the angry villagers! "What am I going to do?" I cried in the most un-worrying tone that I could muster.

Right then, I had two choices-

• I could stay up here and do my best to guide the ship away from the rocks. Or...