

Hillside Newsletter



19th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

The term has flown by and in assembly today the children shared their highlights and talked about their achievements so far this year. Many of the children said that they had got better at spelling, timetables, historical facts and much more. I am so proud of the children and all they have achieved this term and am looking forward to the Spring term's curriculum. I have attached a couple of photos of the fabulous learning the children have been up to.

Thank you to all the families that have attended our Christmas productions and Sharing Assemblies. I am sure you will agree that all of these events have been superb. The Year 5 and 6 children articulated themselves very well in their year group market stalls and expressed how much they enjoyed teaching the parents new knowledge and skills. Thank you to the Foundation children who made us all smile with the Wiggly Nativity; we're still singing the songs! Finally, thank you to Year 1 and 2 for your Christmas production and the important messages that were embedded within the play. It really gave us a lot to think about, especially the song about thinking of those that maybe alone at Christmas time and what we can do to help those without families to celebrate with.

The school choir did a fantastic job last weekend singing with other Primary Schools at the Wokingham Choir Concert. Mrs Cairney and Miss Kelly were very proud teachers.

Congratulations to two of our staff members who are getting married just before Christmas. Firstly, Miss Barnwell, Year 1 teacher and Leader of Teaching and Learning who will be coming back as Mrs Dixon. Also, Ms Rowe our Inclusion Manager, who will be returning as Mrs Clarke. We hope they both have fabulous days.

As well as lots to celebrate at this time of year, we also say goodbye to a couple of members of staff. Mrs K Carter, Year 4 Learning Mentor, who is leaving us to continue her studies to be a teacher on a full time basis. We will miss her kindness and enthusiasm with the children. We also sadly say good bye to Mrs Stacey who has worked at Hillside for 10 years in several roles, but most recently as our Stop and Drop Operative, Toddler Group Leader and is also an active member of the PTA, even though her children have left the school. Those of you that know Mrs Stacey, will agree that she gives a 110 % to everything she does, has a heart of gold and will be a sad loss to Hillside. After many years of dedication as a staff member and as parent to her 5 children going through Hillside she has decided that its time to have well-deserved time to herself. We thank both members of staff for working hard to make a difference to children's lives at Hillside and wish them every happiness. Unfortunately we have been unsuccessful in replacing Mrs Stacey so Mr Turner, our Site Manager will continue to operate Stop and Drop until we appoint a new Operative. Toddler Group will sadly not be running until further notice.

Finally, on behalf of the staff thank you for your Christmas cards and kind messages gifts. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a restful holiday and look forward to seeing you on the 4th of January, when the Spring term starts.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Morris

UTC Eco-Engineer Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 5 overall winners Hadiyah, Ayeza, Oliver and Jake. For the last half term, Year 5 have been investigating what makes a house energy efficient. They presented their final designs and findings to a panel of 6 judges. Well done to all the Year 5's for your hard work.



Vacancies

We are currently advertising for an experienced and qualified Early Years Practitioner (NVQ 3 or equivalent) to work fulltime in our exceptional Foundation unit. We are also currently looking to appoint Lunch-Time Assistants, somebody to run Toddler Group on a Tuesday morning or Stop and Drop Operator before and after school. If you think you may be interested please contact the school or email Headteacher@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk

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Year Two recreated the Great Fire of London and also built famous Landmarks London from Lego .



Year One acted out the Gingerbread Man



Year 3 went to the Oxford History Museum to support their learning on the



Foundation were finding out about the role of a



Year 4 created erupting volcanoes



Year 6 experienced what would be like being a family during the war



Year 5 finished their project on Vikings by taking their Long Boats to the University Lake to sail (or not sail !!)

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