

Hillside Newsletter



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Headteacher

Mrs Morris

Deputy Head

Mr Pearman

Foundation Leader

Mrs Attewell

Phase 1 Manger (Y1-3)

Mrs Short (Y1)

Phase 2 Manger (Y4-6)

Mrs Sheriff (Y6)

Inclusion Manager

(SENCo)

Mrs T Clarke

Parent Support Advisor

Mrs Horwood

Letters recently sent out:

- Census Letter
- PTA Discos
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Head's Update:

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all our families.

Before we focus on the Year ahead it's important for us to reflect on the successes of the previous term, of which there are many.

- Arts Week
- Environment week
- Concerts and Sharing Assemblies
- Choir singing for the Mayor
- Sports competitions
- School visits and visitors
- Charity events including Children In Need
- PTA events
- Grandparents Day
- Curriculum days

It certainly was a busy term! The Hillside team are rested and ready for the term ahead and have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children.

School Improvement

On the reverse of this letter are our School Improvement Priorities for this academic year. These have been shared with the children and they know what we are working hard to improve. If you would like to know more about our priorities please talk to your child's class teacher, Phase Leader, Mr Pearman or myself.

Values

This terms value is **Learning** and within this, we will be focusing on **AMBITION**. We believe it is important for children to desire to achieve something, or to succeed, and with ambition comes motivation, determination and an internal drive to achieve. This was also stimulated by the Olympian, Darren Campbell's visit last term, where he encouraged the children to DREAM BIG as it was always his dream to run in the Olympics and he worked hard to achieve his ambition. In today's assembly the children started to share and think about their ambitions and the journey they will have to take to achieve their ambition. Please support this in your family discussions with your children. The staff will be helping the children to focus on the steps they

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will need to make on their journey to achieve their ambitions. We are planning a Careers Fair to inspire children in the Summer term. Please look out for communication from Miss Crye if you would be interested in taking part, who is organising this event.

Staffing

This term we welcome Mrs Henderson, a new Learning Mentor to our team. She will be supporting children in Year 4 and 5 and will also be a Lunchtime Supervisor. We also congratulate Miss Barnwell and Ms Rowe who married over the Christmas holidays. Their new names are Mrs Dixon and Mrs Clarke respectively.

Books

As you will be aware, we have been updating our reading books and we have many books that we no longer need. Over the next few days we will be giving the children an opportunity to look at these books and take any home that they might be interested in.

We have just purchased new reading scheme books to add to Levels 14 to 20. Please encourage your children to look after these and return them to school after use as sadly these levels had completely diminished.

Reminders

Please remember to send your children in with their coats please. The weather changes ever so quickly and we ask all children to bring a coat to school.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10 th January	Y1 (Mrs Short) start swimming	11 th January	Y4 start swimming
16 th January	PTA Discos		

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is protecting vulnerable adults or children 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 Leads

Mrs Morris
Mr Pearman
Mrs Attewell
Miss Czornij

