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:

- Year 2 Trip Marwell Zoo (Change of date)
- Year 3 Trip Rushall Farm
- RUWA jog for Sports Relief
- Year 4 Trip Green Park
- Mrs Kang leaving FSU

Head's Update:

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had such an exciting start to World Book Day. On Monday we invited an African story teller and musician in to tell traditional stories from African cultures. The stories had hidden morals for the children to think about.

If the children did not get an opportunity to listen to traditional stories they took part in the drumming workshop.



I liked the drumming we had to sing songs whilst drums. Solly



Thank you to those parents who came in to read to the children on Tuesday. It was fabulous for the children to have the opportunity to listen to lots of wonderful stories.

The costumes looked absolutely amazing today. Some of the pictures will be on our Facebook page. We also had a photographer from Wokingham & Bracknell News today too – so look out for the next edition.













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Facebook Complaints

Once again we politely request, that if you have any concerns or questions relating to school, that you address them directly to the school staff. This week there have been a number of occasions where criticism of our school, both in general terms and of our procedures, has appeared on Facebook.

We pride ourselves on our values, and our ability to deal with both criticism and praise constructively. However, it is impossible to action complaints unless we are made aware of them. To voice on Facebook appears to compound situations that could so easily be dealt with, and resolved, if only we were addressed directly. We understand that sometimes you may not feel comfortable addressing issues with particular members of staff, but we are a large staff and Governing Body and there will always be an alternative ear to listen to you.

Please help us to help you by giving us information directly.

500 Word Story Competition

Wow! What a positive response there has been to both the school's and the national competition. With over 240 entries we have been very impressed with the children's ideas and creativity. The winners of the school competition will now be announced in our World Book Day Assembly on Monday and we hope to share the winning stories on our website. Every child who entered will receive a Hillside Bookmark and the winner will receive a £10 Book Voucher.

Mother's Pamper Morning/Afternoon

Donations of hand and body cream would be gratefully received. Please give any donations in to the school office.

Nursery

It was lovely to see so many parents braving the cold snap to attend the Nursery Open event on Monday 26th February. If you are interested in registering for our Nursery for September this year, there are still a few spaces available - application forms can be obtained from the school office or by contacting Mrs Heath, our Admissions Officer. Please keep your eyes open for future open events.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
8 th March	Y6 Parent Talk 6:00pm	27 th March	Year 2 trip to Marwell Zoo
9 th March	Mums Pamper morning/afternoon	29 th March	Easter Holidays
11 th March	WASMA at the Hexagon	16 th April	School Term Starts
22 nd March	RUWA jog for Sports Relief	19 th April	Year 4 trip – Green Park













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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











