

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our newsletter.

The first half term has passed by so quickly. I am really impressed and proud about how well all the children, especially our new Nursery class and new Reception children, have settled and made such a positive start to the year.

This half term concluded well today with a fantastic harvest assembly led by Year 5—well done!

I look forward to the busy half term ahead.

Mrs K Schonau

More Able & Talented Art Event

On Friday, 13th October some members of KS2 were given the opportunity to create art work using different types of clay at both Spode and Wedgwood. They used slip, rubber clay, dry clay and porcelain clay. All of the children were impeccably behaved and were true ambassadors to our school. Thank you and well done!



Sharing Successes

Congratulations to the following two Hillside pupils for their recent good news. We are proud to have such amazing talent!

Lewis has been signed for the Under 11's Stoke City Academy football team. He trains 4 times a week and plays a weekly match. Good luck Lewis!

Following an audition last week Georgia has been assigned a part in this year's pantomime at the Regent Theatre. She will star alongside Jonathan Wilkes and others as a dancer. Good luck Georgia!



Reading Challenge Winners!

Congratulations to Riley and Imogen whose names were drawn out of the hat during assembly this week. They have both read at least 5 times a week during this half term and won a Smiggle voucher each. There were 50 names put into the draw in total—a fantastic achievement.



Well done to them all!

Important Date for Reception to Year 4

Pupils who returned consent forms will receive the flu immunisation during the morning of Thursday 16th November.

Book Donations

Many thanks to the following pupils who have donated a birthday book to the school library — Alfie Handley, Erina Lawton and Olivia Winkle. Thanks also to Lewis Rhodes for his book donation.



Sickness: The School Nurse has advised us that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode.



Three Little Pigs visit the Nursery

Nursery have been looking at what our houses are made of and compared them to the houses built by the Three Little Pigs. We had lots of fun huffing and puffing trying to blow the houses down. In the 'tuff tray' there were wooden bricks, some sticks and some straw, we used these and puppets made from wooden spoons to role play the story. Although the wolf was very big and very bad the Little Pigs won in the end.



Reception have had a busy week celebrating Diwali. We started the week off by making some Indian sweets. They were interesting! Next we made our own Rangoli patterns using coloured rice. Then we made clay Mendhi hands and finished the celebrations off by acting out the story of Rama and Sita.



Science in Year 1

The Year 1 children have enjoyed learning about the different plants and trees that grow around school and in the woods. They collected leaves and used magnifying glasses to take a closer look at them.



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their English unit reading 'Sir Scallywag and the Golden Underpants' by Giles Andreae- our author of the term! We have acted out the story, created wanted posters and written our own alternative versions of the story.



Year Three have learned so much about the Greeks! We've written reports on democracy, created our own Herculean Myths and competed in Olympic wrestling! In Science we've furthered our understanding of nutrition, our skeleton and muscles - we enjoyed testing our muscles by racing around! Our topic on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory has started this week, linked to Dahl (our author of the term) and we can't wait to visit Cadburys world next term! Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!



Year 4 have had a busy day at the bakery today, making bread rolls from their own designs. The bread had to: be made from Roman ingredients, look attractive and taste delicious! The breads have now been baked, tasted and evaluated by the children and Miss McCann has the hard job of crowning someone 'Star Baker'.



Year 5 Harvest

Well done to Year 5 for their superb performance of this year's harvest assembly. All your hard work has paid off! Thank you to those who attended and for all the donations to the foodbank.



Year 6 have been looking at the Mayans this year and doing lots of research around this. We have looked at how they built their pyramids and built our own by creating our own nets! The tricky part was making the flat top but we all succeeded!



Whole School Assembly

The children were visited by the PCSO's and learnt about stranger danger and staying safe especially during Halloween and Bonfire Night.

What's On Dates for your Diary



OCTOBER

Mon 30th School re-opens
Mon 30th Y3 visit to Cadbury's World

NOVEMBER

Mon 6th Y3 Parents meeting—proposed Shugborough residential visit 3.30pm
Tues 7th Y6 visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town
Wed 8th Y1/Y2 visit to Odeon Cinema
Wed 8th SOT Library Service visit Nursery 'Time to Read' session 2.15pm
Thurs 9th Remembrance Assembly with Mr Such
Thurs 9th Y4 Showcase 2pm
Fri 10th Remembrance Service at Carmountside Memorial (selected pupils)
Mon 13th PTFA meeting 7pm—all welcome and encouraged to attend
Tues 14th Y2 Showcase 2pm
Wed 15th Y1 visit to Brampton Toy Museum
Thurs 16th Y5 visit to Potteries Museum
Thurs 16th Flu Immunisation Rec to Y4 (*if consent returned*)
Fri 17th Children in Need Day £1 donations—wear something spotty!
Fri 17th PTFA Quiz 7pm—entry by ticket only
Mon 20th Y2 visit to Jodrell Bank
Tues 21st Y3/4/5/6 to Cineworld Hanley –am
Tues 21st Y6 Showcase 2pm
Wed 22nd Reception Showcase 2pm
Thurs 23rd Y1 Showcase 9.15am
Thurs 23rd Y6 Height & Weight—School Nurse
Fri 24th 'Be Bright, Be Seen' Day
Fri 24th Bottle donations—non-uniform wear something bright
Mon 27th Y3 Showcase 2pm
Tues 28th SOT Library Service visit Reception 'Time to Read' session 2.30pm

DECEMBER

Fri 1st Chocolate & cake donations for Christmas Fayre—non uniform day
Fri 1st Christmas Fayre—3.30pm
Tues 5th Reception Class visit to the Ice Cream Factory, Tattenhall
Fri 8th Whole school visit to Mitchell Arts Theatre—Panto 'Babes in the Wood'
Wed 13th Christmas Lunch
Wed 13th Whole school visit to Milton Church—1.30pm
Wed 13th Christmas Production—Key Stage 2 9.30am
Thurs 14th Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 9.30am
Thurs 14th Nativity Performance Rec, Y1, Y2 10.45am
Thurs 14th Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 1.30pm
Thurs 14th Nativity Performance Rec, Y1, Y2 2.30pm
Thurs 14th Christmas Production—Key Stage 2 6.30pm
Fri 15th Nursery visit to Amerton Farm
Mon 18th Class parties
Mon 18th School Disco—Infants 5.30-6.15pm and Juniors 6.30-7.30pm
Tues 19th School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas break

JANUARY

Thurs 4th School re-opens for the Spring Term

Details for specific events will follow in a separate letter. Occasionally dates/times may need to be changed so please keep an eye on the newsletters and other correspondence from the school.