

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

Negative/critical comments on social media about the school and/or staff are demoralising. Please be reminded that at all times we have your child's best interests at the heart of everything that we do and that all issues should be discussed in the appropriate manner. Issues raised on social media but not shared with the school directly invariably do not get resolved but leave a negative impact.

All staff and members of Senior Leadership are available each day at 8.50am and 3.15pm or by prior appointment to discuss any queries or issues that you may have.

As another busy, fun-filled term comes to an end, we thank you again for your continued support. The summer term is set to be equally as busy so enjoy your break.

Happy Easter from all at Hillside.

Mrs K Schonau

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Johnson today after 13 years at Hillside. We wish her lots of rest and fun in her retirement.



Mrs Dixon will now be working full time in Reception and Mrs Rhodes will be working full time in Nursery.

Nursery's visit to Hoo Farm

We had a fantastic day at Hoo Farm. The children were exceptionally well behaved and loved seeing all of the different animals. We were lucky to see and stroke a beautiful lamb that was only 12 days old and we were very brave and fed some goats, cows and deer!



Rock Stars

The introduction of Rock Stars is already having a massive impact on the children's maths work in class. The children are quickly recalling times tables to support them in other areas of mathematics.

Well done to the following children for being at the top of the leader board for their class:

Year 6: William Ellis
Year 5: Jacob Fern
Year 4: Lacie Taylor
Year 3: Lydia Nelson
Year 2: Millie Cowen
Year 1: Grace Deaville



Let's see if these children can be knocked off the top spot.



Thank you to all of our parents and families who helped us to raise the outstanding amount of £365.50 for Sport Relief! This was through the sale of wristbands and contributions by the children for coming to school in sportswear. Sports leaders from Year 6 ran boot camps for the final 15 minutes of lunchtime on both the KS1 and KS2 yard- they did a fantastic job. Thank you!



Reception—The children recently had a taste of India during our Holi day, the Hindu festival of Colour. We tasted Indian food, mixed paint colours, threw powder paint on our outlined bodies and decorated elephant pictures. The children had an amazing day and learnt a lot more about this special festival.



Year 1

Healthy Eating—As part of their D&T work Year 1 tasted a variety of vegetables and used the ones they liked to create salads. They enjoyed eating their salads as part of their dinner.



Painting—The children enjoyed creating artwork based on Henri Rousseau and they produced some amazing jungle inspired paintings.



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon with Mr Edwards and the sports leaders from Haywood Academy. They practised lots of skills and were exhausted by the end!



We've produced a lot of artwork in Year 2 this term! We've made our own tie dye using fruits and vegetables, painted sunset pictures inspired by the artist Martin Bulinya and even had a go at African weaving!



Year 2 had a fantastic day out to Knowsley Safari Park. We learnt about a variety of African animals and their habitats- some children were even brave enough to touch an African land snail and a python!



Year Three's Stupendous Stone Age!

What a fab term we've had learning all about the Stone Age! We've been shelter building, cooking, making tools, fire lighting and much more as I'm sure you saw in our class assembly! We've written Stone Age stories and poems too and solved Stone Age maths problems. The term was ended wonderfully with our snowy visit to Shugborough where we drummed, made tribal flags, toasted marshmallows and grew in independence, being brave enough to stay away from home. Thank you to Mrs Ward and Mrs Green for coming with us and keeping Mrs Rushton company, we loved working as a class to show the staff at Shugborough how amazing Hillside children really are - well done to everyone in Year Three for being so brilliant!



Year 4—We had an amazing range of characters arriving at Hillside on Monday for our belated World Book Day activities. Luckily, in Year Four, Peter Rabbit managed to get through the day unscathed, despite spending the day with five Fantastic Mr Foxes! Although I think the Big Bad Wolf may have been on hand to give some assistance!



WW2 in Year 5—In year 5, we have studied WW2 this term. We have been very lucky to have Mr Gray and Mr Such come in and pass on their knowledge of the war to the children. A huge thank you to both of them and well done to the children for embracing the topic.

Year 6 were fortunate enough for a History teacher from Excel to come and visit the children and do a history lesson with them. The children learnt about the cheddar man through project based work and were required to empathise, enquire and sift through arguments and evidence to draw conclusions.



Diary Dates—Here are reminders about forthcoming events:

APRIL

Mon 16th School re-opens for the Summer Term
Tues 24th Parent Consultation Meetings—by appointment

MAY

Wed 2nd Bike-It Breakfast—*details to follow*
Mon 7th School closed—Bank Holiday
Mon 14th SATs Week—Y6 Mon-Thurs
Thurs 24th School closes at 3.15pm for half term break



JUNE

Mon 4th School re-opens
Mon 4th Y6 - 4 night residential visit—Stanley Head OEC

JULY

Fri 20th School closes at 3.15pm for Summer break

Full details for specific events are provided 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.

COMMUNICATION:

- These diary dates are sent out monthly on the **newsletter**—please transfer them into your diaries.
- Prior to each event a **letter** will be sent with further details.
- All events are included in the **App calendar**.
- All events are included on the **website calendar**—you can download this from the calendar page www.hillsideprimary.org.uk

PLEASE SEE HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2018/19 OVERLEAF

Head Lice

We know that this is a difficult problem but as a school we need everyone to be extra vigilant regarding head lice. If you notice any eggs or lice in your child's hair then please treat the lice immediately. You should check your children's hair regularly, ideally once a week. We all need to work together to ensure that as a school we combat this difficult problem.

Thank you for your support.



Book Donations

Many thanks to the following pupils who have donated a birthday book to the school library — Lennon Handley, Grace Phillips, Olly Rhodes and James Beeson.



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.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018:

School closed:	Monday 3 rd September 2018 (<i>staff inset</i>)
School opens:	Tuesday 4 th September
School closed:	Friday 28 th September – one day only (<i>Staff inset</i>)
Half-term:	Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November inclusive
School opens:	Monday 5 th November
School closes:	Friday 21 st December at 3.15pm for the Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2019:

School closed:	Monday 7 th January (<i>staff inset</i>)
School opens:	Tuesday 8 th January
Half-term:	Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February inclusive
School opens:	Monday 25 th February
School closes:	Friday 12 th April at 3.15pm for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 2019:

School opens:	Monday 29 th April
School closed:	Thursday 2 nd May – one day only Local Election
May Day closure:	Monday 6 th May
Half-term:	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May inclusive
School closed:	Monday 3 rd June (<i>staff inset</i>)
School opens:	Tuesday 4 th June
School closes:	Friday 19 th July at 3.15 pm for the summer holiday
School closed:	Monday 22 nd July (<i>staff inset</i>)