

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our December Newsletter

This is our final newsletter of 2017 and I hope that the information provided is useful as we end the term.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018 for the start of the spring term.

Merry Christmas



Mrs K. Schonau

Events at Hillside—Autumn Term 2017

This term the pupils have enjoyed many exciting educational visits, after school clubs, fundraising events, sporting events, visitors in school, been to the cinema and the theatre.

These include:

Trips to Jodrell Bank, DEWA Centre Chester, Cadbury World, Cineworld, Odeon Cinema, Brampton Toy Museum, Potteries Museum, the Ice Cream Factory, Blists Hill Victorian Village, Safe & Sound Event and a whole school trip to the Panto at the Mitchell Arts Theatre!

We've held fundraising events for charities including Children in Need, Dougie Mac, Royal British Legion, the Food Bank, and our PTFA fundraising events, including Christmas Fayre, Disco, and Quiz night.

Assemblies have included weekly celebrations of achievements in school, Attendance, Dougie Mac, Remembrance, Harvest -Food Bank, International Day of Peace, Diwali, Anti-bullying, Stranger Danger, Advent, Road Safety and 'Be bright, Be seen!'

There has been a whole school musical performance by Key Strings and Virtual Reality workshops with key messages about bullying and we took part in Local Democracy Week.

Our athletes have represented the school at football, Fitzy Festival, Archery, Fencing, Dodgeball, Paralympics and the Change4Life Festival.

Our Songbirds have performed at the Victoria Hall, our Choir have performed at the Mitchell Arts Theatre, our Artists have created wonderful displays in the main hall and of course your children have performed for you at the Christmas Concerts and showcased their work to you as individual classes. Our rock band 'Hillside Rocks' took part in a rock-off against other local schools. Our musical theatre group performed 'Aladdin' for their parents, families and the rest of the school.

We wouldn't be able to do all of these things without your support and the hard work of our pupils and staff.

Thank you!



A huge congratulations to the staff of Hillside for another successful year in 2017.

We are thrilled to be ranked as the **3rd best performing school in Stoke-on-Trent** in the recently published Primary School League Table. The Y6 children were well prepared, they embraced their SATS tests and were a credit to the school, their parents and themselves. In July they looked back on their years at Hillside with fondness and left with confidence to embark on the next stage of their education. We'd like to thank our parents and families for their continued support.

Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas concerts were once again a great success and very well attended. Events like these take a lot of preparation and rehearsals.

I'd like to thank our pupils, staff and volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm.

There are a few DVD's still available to order from the office at £10.00 each.