

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our July Newsletter.

We have come to the end of another fantastic school year and are all looking forward to a fun-filled holiday. It's been another successful year; the children have made lots of progress and had lots of opportunities and experiences. However we are sad to be bidding farewell to our Year 6 children. We wish them good luck and every success for the future.

I wish you all a sunny, safe summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Mrs K. Schonau

Good Luck

'See you soon' to Miss Hewitt who will be starting her maternity leave. We wish you lots of luck and can't wait to hear news of the new arrival.



We also say farewell to Miss Thurland who is leaving to embark on a new career. We wish her lots of luck.

Dinner Money

Please remember that on the first day back, Tuesday 3rd September, you only need to pay 4 days dinner money, £9.60.



Reminder - Pupils in our current Year 2 class, upon entering Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If taking meals the cost will be £9.60 for the first week (4 days) and £12 each week thereafter.

Meal arrangements should remain either cooked meals or sandwiches for the full week.

Meals are payable in advance. Please ensure that you make your online payments, in advance via ParentPay and do not fall behind with payments as we shall be unable to provide a meal for your child if payments are in arrears.

Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is continuing to engage and motivate children to learn their times tables. The final leader board for this academic year is as follows:

1. Mika (Year 4)
2. Imogen K (Year 5)
3. Cole (Year 4)
4. Imogen E (Year 4)
5. William (Year 3)
6. Morgan (Year 4)
7. Daniel (Year 5)
8. Lucy (Year 5)
9. Zac (Year 5)
10. Marshall (Year 4)



Let's hope the children can continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars to learn their multiplication and division facts during the next academic year.

Reading Rocket Challenge

During the last half term challenge, the total number of children reading five times per week was 60. We are incredibly proud of all the children that dedicated their time and efforts to reading five times per week.

The winner of the prize draw are as follows:

- Nursery: Olivia, Edie & Mason
- Reception/KS1: Freddie B (Y1)
- KS2: Sophie-Mae (Y3)



As always, thank you to parents and carers for your continued support; we couldn't do it without you.

Team Point Winners ~ 2018-2019



Autumn Term — Red
Spring Term — Green
Summer Term — Green

Well done to all children who have collected team points throughout the year, contributing to their team total. Keep it up!

What a Fantastic Year in Nursery!

The children in Nursery have worked extremely hard this year and we are so proud of them. They have made lovely friendships and have thoroughly enjoyed their time in Nursery. As well as exploring all of the toys and the different areas - the children have also done amazing phonics and maths learning over the year! We know these children will be superstars as they move into Reception and we will miss them lots!

Reception

Wow what a fabulous year Reception have had! We have made lots of new friends, discovered lots of exciting facts and learned so much about our topics. One of our favourite topics has been Minibeasts and we have loved finding out about the different life cycles. We have also really grown up this year and become much more independent and are now ready to take on the challenge of Year 1!



Year 1

What a busy year it has been! We've learned so much, settled in to formalised learning and made tons of progress! This term we have enjoyed our visit to Ford Green Hall, made houses, thought about how fire safety has changed and baked our own bread as well as improving our reading, writing and maths skills in lots of different areas. Mrs Rushton, Mrs Green and Mrs Machin are extremely proud of how grown up we have become and know that we are ready for our next adventure in Year Two!



Year 2

We've had a lovely final few weeks in Year 2. The children have continued to work incredibly hard - we are very proud of each and every single one of them. One activity that they particularly enjoyed was a practical Maths lesson - making a range of 3D shapes using spaghetti and marshmallows. Well done Year 2 - I wish you all the luck in the world as you move into Year 3!



Year 3

The pictures show our super Year 3 children completing science. They have been outside collecting soil samples and analysed them to see what type of soil they had found. They have all worked really hard in their final term and have achieved so much! Well done.



Growth Mindset in Year 4

Over the year, Year 4 have developed their understanding of Growth Mindset. They now apply it when tackling challenges in class. Hopefully, this attitude towards their work continues as they move into Year 5. A super year of learning!



Year 5 have had a busy final few weeks, squeezing in their last bits of Y5 learning and hosting the French market, as well as getting their first taste of Year 6 during transition week. They have worked tremendously hard over the year and Miss McCann, Mrs Daley and Mrs Riley have some wonderful memories from throughout the year.

Year 6 have visited their future high schools this month. This was a chance to become more familiar with the high-school staff and settings and most children have become much more at ease with the prospect of transition.

They practiced hard for the end of year leaver's assembly and enjoyed showing off their acting skills! We hope you enjoyed it. Well done Year 6!

Whole School Move Up Week

This was a great success and we have received good feedback from parents, staff and the children.



Goodbye Year 6



We bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 class. Hillside wishes each and every one of you good luck for the future. You have been incredible and will be missed. We hope that you have enjoyed your final year. Let's look back on your final, busy year:

- Sports Clubs, Competitions & Showcase
- Visit to Blist's Hill Victorian town and Iron Gorge
- Local Democracy visit to Kings Hall
- History workshop
- Trips to local High Schools
- Hockey
- Science Ambassadors
- Charity Fundraising
- Rounders
- Bananagrams Competition
- Guitars
- Careers Fair (Science)
- Science Week
- Bikeability
- Trip to Alton Towers
- Safe & Sound training at Hanley Fire Station
- Hillside Awards Evening
- Football
- Athletics
- Netball
- Rock Band—Super Seven Rock Off
- School Discos
- Forest Schooling
- Extra-curricular booster sessions
- Choir
- Key Strings Performance
- Trip to Manchester Museum of Science & Industry
- Showcases
- Weeping Window
- Christmas Production
- Trentham School Orienteering
- Hillside School Games Day
- Cenotaph Visit—Memorial Day
- Staffs University Geography Trip
- Book Club
- Big Bang Science
- Cross Country
- Parliament Week
- Street Dance
- Book Week—Treasure Island Performance
- Swimming
- Book week activities, including dress-up day
- Various events at Excel
- 5 Day Residential at Stanley Head
- School Council
- Growth Mindset Day
- Summer Ball
- Pantomime—Puss in Boots
- D-Day Memorial Day
- Reading Rocket
- Transition to High School Visits
- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Leavers' Assembly

Thank You
 A great big thank you for being fantastic role-models to the rest of the school. You have taken your roles and responsibilities seriously and been great ambassadors for Hillside.

Hillside Y6 Awards 2019

'Developing the individual'



A prestigious awards evening was held in school on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 children. Each child received a trophy, a certificate and a photo. We are immensely proud of all the children that won awards for their academic achievements or personal accomplishments at Hillside categorised within the school values.

The awards and deserved winners are as follows:

Respect

George
Keira
Reggie
Lewis
Evan
Zac
Liam

Inspiration

Summer
Jack
Alexandra
Jacob
Evie
Poppy
Niamh

Determination

Scott M
Evan
Harry
Millie
Jamie
Keira-Leigh
Scott W
Sztella

Excellence

Tyler
Connor
Jake
Theo
Ethan
Amy
Luke
Madeleine

Thank you to the children who attended to perform either in the Choir, Rock Band, Singing Stars or the Street Dance Crew - you helped to make the night amazing..

The evening culminated as all those who attended enjoyed canapes and drinks.

We hope that the evening was enjoyed by all. We have received some fantastic feedback from pupils, parents and governors. Thank you to the parents and families who attended and made the night so special. Thank you also to the governors and staff who wanted to be part of the celebrations and congratulate the children on their successes.



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SPORT & PE



We are delighted to have achieved the **School Games GOLD Mark Award** again for the 2018/2019 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Over 20 children from Y4/Y5 competed in the Hanley Town **Athletics** competition at Birches Head High School and Northwood Stadium. Well done to the 3 children who reached the City Finals.

Y6—Harry was nominated for a **Leadership Award** for his work as a Playground Leader.

Football—We entered the Y5/6 league with our Y5/6 team eventually coming 3rd in the league. We also had Stoke City coaches in weekly, helping with the training of our team.

In October we took part in an **Orienteering** competition.

In May Y4 took part in a **Tri-Golf** competition.

Cross Country—Hillside competed in several Key Stage 2 competitions and also a Key Stage 1 competition.

On Friday 5th July we held a whole school **Olympic themed School Games Day** event. Sports Leaders from Excel Academy organised lots of physical activities. Everyone joined in and it was a very enjoyable day.

Olympic Athlete Ellie Harberson visited school and presented a motivational assembly followed by workshops with each class.

Change4Life—We continued with an after school Change4Life Club led by Ministry4Sport focussing on healthy living and exercise.

Y5/6 took part in a **Netball** tournament at Fenton Manor.

We also continued with active after school clubs for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 enabling them to participate in a range of **Multi-sports** activities.

Street Dance Club—Our dancers performed at the Victoria Hall, our Awards Night and at our School Games Day.

We held several successful school **Sports Showcases** for the whole school. Well done to all of our athletes and thanks to our House Team Captains and Vice Captains for their help. Everyone had a great time. We are very proud of the way they cheered and clapped and encouraged the competitors.

Reminder: PE kit for September

Nursery, Reception (EYFS) & Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1)

Maroon t shirt with Hillside lettering (available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Plain black shorts (no stripes or logos)
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton or other outlets)
Black pumps

Year 3,4,5 and 6 (KS2)

Indoor/ Summer kit:

Maroon t-shirt with Hillside lettering
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Plain black shorts (no stripes or logos)
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton or other outlets)
Black pumps (indoor)/ trainers (outdoor)

Outdoor kit:

Maroon t-shirt with Hillside lettering
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
(no stripes or logos, no leggings)
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton, supermarkets and other outlets)
Maroon hoody with Hillside lettering
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Trainers

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Tues 3rd School re-opens for the Autumn Term
Fri 27th School closed—one day only INSET

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Fri 25th Oct School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Mon 4th Nov School re-opens

DECEMBER

Thurs 19th School closes—end of term

JANUARY 2020

Mon 6th School re-opens for the Spring Term

A few reminders to assist your preparations for September:

- ⇒ All children (Rec-Y6) should have a water bottle in school
- ⇒ Girls with mid-long hair should have it tied back with plain (preferably school coloured) accessories. Hair braids/tram lines etc. are not permitted at school.
- ⇒ School footwear must be plain black shoes and NOT sports footwear of any make or kind.
- ⇒ Clearly label all items of clothing brought in to school.
- ⇒ Earrings must be plain, metal studs and be removed for all PE activities

Safeguarding

Although we have an 'open door' policy I would like to remind parents/carers that they are not to enter the school building unless granted access through the main reception or they are accompanied by a member of staff.

Book Donations

Many thanks to the following pupils and staff who have donated a birthday book to the school library: Matilda M (Nursery), Scarlett (Reception), Isaac (Reception), Lewis (Y6).



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association—PTFA

Our Summer Fayre was a great success. A big thank you to Angela for bringing together the events organised this year by the PTFA and to all of those who have given their time and support in making them a great success. The event, after expenses, raised £812.45. An additional £145 was raised from the sale of refreshments at the Sporting Showcases.

Hillside Helpers

Thank you very much to the many helpers who come into school on a voluntary basis. Your time and support is very much appreciated and the children enjoy working with you.

