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HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / carers

Thank you once again for your continued support in what has been a very busy and successful week.

The children in Foundation 1 & 2 had a fantastic trip to Whirlow Hall Farm and it was nice to see so many parents and carers enjoying this memorable experience with them.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the York Chocolate Experience with Puffin and Skylark classes and was overwhelmed when a member of the public commented on the positive conduct and behaviour of our pupils. They were a credit to you and to Hillside Academy.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you to return the consent form for the use of images of children. We would love to share our achievements and experiences on our new website and twitter feed but need your consent to do so.

I am pleased to announce that our Macmillan coffee afternoon raised £124.00. Thank you to all parents, carers and children that donated and made cakes and biscuits, and to those that were able to attend this hugely enjoyable and memorable experience for the children.

SPOOCTACULAR DISCO

The Spooctacular Disco is taking place at school on 20th October. Tickets are available from outside the school office at 3.15pm from Mrs Woodhouse and are priced at £2.00 for children and £2.50 for adults. Food is included in the ticket price – there will be pizza and chips for all the spooctacular people! Other refreshments are also available.

There will also be a party games and a fancy dress competition.

Last ticket sales Wednesday 19th October!

We need volunteers to support with the running of this event. If you can donate cakes or buns, help with selling raffle tickets, tidying away or selling refreshments on the night please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter.

STARS IN OUR EYES

Please support this worthwhile event in order to raise money for our children:

'Stars In Our Eyes' takes place on Saturday 29 October, 7.00pm at Denaby & Cadeby Miners Welfare. Tickets are still on sale in school, priced at £1 each.

BAG PACKING

On Sunday 16th October Friends of Hillside will be bag packing at Tesco supermarket in Wath-upon-Dearne from 10.00am until 4.00pm.



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Please go along to show your support. They have already raised £231.77 for our children.

FRIENDS OF HILLSIDE

Friends of Hillside are wanting to run a bingo night in school. Please indicate on the reply slip which evening you would prefer this event to take place on.

CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Puffins	95%
2 nd Place	Woodpeckers	92%
3 rd Place	Skylarks	91%
4 th Place	Kingfishers	90%

Whole school attendance 92%

REMINDERS

On Monday 17 October, Woodpeckers will be visiting Conisbrough Castle. Please make sure your child is dressed in full uniform and wearing sensible shoes and a warm coat.

Parents of Nursery and Reception Children:

please complete and return your Early Years Funding Form. Please hand in to the office before half term.

Free school meals

If you think your child would be eligible for free school meals, and they are entitled to a universal free school meal please apply for this online.

ACTIVE KIDS

We will be holding free Active Kids sessions in school during the October half term. These will take place on Tuesday 25th October; 10.00 – 11.30. If you wish your child to take part in this activity, please complete and return the parental consent letter that was sent out last week.

TOM HILL YOUTH CLUB

Junior session not open on Wednesday as of next week – it will now be Fridays (as of 14th October) 4.30pm – 6.45pm.

SCHOOL ADMISSION AND TRANSFER PROCESS

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council have issued closing dates for admission and transfer processes for September 2017. They are:

- Transfer to Secondary School:
Deadline = 31 October 2016
- Transfer to Junior School:
Deadline = 15 January 2017
- Admission to Reception:
Deadline = 15 January 2017

Details of the application process will be posted direct to each child's home address.

TERM DATES 2016

Monday 17 October: Woodpeckers visiting Conisbrough Castle

Wednesday 19 October: Parents Evening

Thursday 20 October: Halloween Disco



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Thursday 20 October: Break up for ½ term holiday

Friday 21 October: INSET day

Monday 31 October: Children return to school

Friday 18 November: Children in Need day

Tuesday 22 November: School photo day

Monday 5 December: Christmas Concert dress rehearsal for grandparents and young children to attend. PM – time to be confirmed

Tuesday 6 December: Christmas concert 09.15

Wednesday 7 December: Christmas concert 09.15

Thursday 8 December: Christmas Panto

Monday 12 December: Christmas Craft Evening

Tuesday 13 December: Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas party

Wednesday 14 December: KS2 Christmas party

Thursday 15 December: School Christmas Dinner