



16 December 2016

HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all who attended and helped out at our Christmas craft evening that took place on Monday. We raised £60 for our school.

The children have all enjoyed their Christmas parties this week. A big thank you to the Friends of Hillside for donating funds to enable us to purchase items for the parties.

It is wonderful to see all the children looking very festive today! We have raised £43 for today's Christmas jumper day. Thank you to everyone who donated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

M Walton,
Principal



GOVERNANCE

There has been a change to our Transition Governing Body. With effect from 13th December 2016, Alan Richards became Chair of our Governing Body. Drew Oxley is now Vice-Chair.

I am confident that both Alan and Drew will be paramount to the governance of Hillside Academy.

STAFFING

As reported on the last newsletter, January will see a change to staffing at Hillside Academy. I am confident that this will be a very positive step forwards for our school.

As always, the children's wellbeing and successful outcomes are paramount to us and are at the heart of everything we do at Hillside.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Walton to discuss this.

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

Reach 4 have launched an admissions consultation. If you wish to read more about this, please visit our website (admissions page) or the Reach 4 website for further details.

POPPY APPEAL

We received a visit from 2 poppy appeal volunteers this week to confirm that Hillside Academy raised £53.21 for this year's poppy appeal. Once again, thank you to all who donated to this very worthy cause.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

All prizes have been allocated and winners have been informed. We had some lovely donations for the raffle. Thank you to everyone that donated and who purchased tickets. We generated £117 in ticket sales.



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REMINDERS:

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to write your child's name in their uniform.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs will continue in the New Year:

Monday: Cheerleading Club run by Miss Davies takes place 3.15 – 4.30. This is open to years 2-6.

Wednesday: Hillside Choir, (will be run by Mrs Jackson from January onwards) takes place 3.15 – 4.15. This is open to years 3-6

Thursday: Year 6 booster class run by Miss Davies takes place 3.15 – 4.00.

Thursday: Sports club, run by Coach Owen 3.15-4.15. This is open to Woodpeckers and Kingfishers.

Friday: Sports club, run by Coach Owen 3.15-4.15. This is open to Puffins and Skylarks.

TWITTER

We are so desperate to tweet photos of our nativity performances but we still need parental permission for some children to do so. If you haven't returned your consent form, please call into the school office for a form.

MARVELLOUS ME

We are really pleased for all the parents that are using the Marvellous Me app but would really love it if we had every parent involved. If you need support setting it up, please call into the school office.

STAY AND PLAY

Every Wednesday, 08.30 – 10.00 Foundation Stage parents are welcome to stay and play with their children. This will continue after the Christmas break.

FUNDRAISING

Just to remind you that if you are doing any last minute on-line Christmas shopping you can collect free donations by shopping via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hillsideacademy/>

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation to Hillside Academy, and we will be really grateful for your help. Thank you for your support.



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CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Puffins 94%
2 nd Place	Woodpeckers 87.6%
3 rd Place	Kingfishers 87.5%
4 th Place	Skylarks 85%

TERM DATES 2017

Tuesday 3 January 2017: School re-opens

Friday 17 February 2017: School closes for half term

Monday 27 February 2017: School re-opens

Friday 10 March 2017: Y6 theatre visit

Thursday 16 March 2017: Y6 crucial crew visit

Friday 7 April 2017: School closes for Easter break

Monday 24 April: School re-opens

Monday 1 May 2017: School closed for May Day bank holiday

Friday 26 May 2017: School closes for half term

Monday 5 June 2017: Inset day

Tuesday 6 June 2017: Inset day

Wednesday 7 June 2017: School re-opens

Friday 21 July 2017: School closes for summer break

Monday 4 September 2017: School re-opens