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HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your positive engagement with the school at the start of what is going to be a very exciting New Year at Hillside.

I am pleased to announce that 72% of you are positively engaging with our **Marvellous Me** reporting to parent's app. If you have not yet engaged with Marvellous Me, please contact the school office who can issue you with your sign-up code.

It was lovely to see so many of the invited parents attending their child's **special mention assembly** today. If your child receives a special mention, you will be invited to the special mention assembly via text so please ensure that the school has your most up to date mobile phone number.

Children in Woodpeckers class received some special visitors this week! Miss Lambert from Wigfield Farm brought along a snake, a bearded dragon and a tortoise to visit the children.

I am pleased to announce that the shoe boxes donated by you and your children as part of **Operation Christmas Child** were received by children in Belarus. Over 6000 boxes were collected throughout the Doncaster area, which is a fantastic achievement and I am so proud that Hillside Academy were part of that. Thank you so much to all who were involved in this.

Next week we are promoting healthy eating, please see the additional letter detailing the children's raffle.

On Monday we will be sending out a letter to Foundation and KS1 parents. Please make sure you fill in this form and return to school by Friday 20th January.

M Walton,
Principal

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

The Reach 4 admissions consultation is still live. If you wish to read more about this, please visit our website (admissions page) or the Reach 4 website for further details.

READING INITIATIVE

Please can I encourage that each parent / carer reads with their children each evening and records it in their reading record. We will soon be launching a parent competition around this..... more info will follow next week!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to write your child's name in their uniform. Additional uniform items can be purchased from Tesco:

www.tesco.com/direct/ues/

We have received a few enquiries this week regarding school book bags. These have now been added to the website for purchasing.

JEWELLERY

Please note that jewellery is not permitted in school. We recognise that when ears are pierced, they must remain in for 6 weeks to avoid healing. In this instance, a plaster must be placed over the earring. After this period of time, earrings must be removed during school hours – this is in the interest of safety.



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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.

STAY AND PLAY

Every Wednesday, 08.30 – 10.00 Foundation Stage parents are welcome to stay and play with their children.

FUNDRAISING

We have a **New Year Raise-olution** to continue to raise funds for our school by using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hillsideacademy/>

This is a free service for you to use and can raise additional funds for our school. These additional funds will benefit your child as we will be able to purchase additional resources and rewards for them.

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs this year are:

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

Wednesday: Hillside Choir, run by Mrs Jackson, takes place 3.15 – 4.15. This is open to years 3-6

Thursday: Year 6 booster class run by Miss Davies and Miss Walton 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.

CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Puffins	95.3%
2 nd Place	Woodpeckers	91.9%
3 rd Place	Kingfishers	91.3%
4 th Place	Skylarks	90%

TERM DATES 2017

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