



3 February 2017

## HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to this week's Newsletter.**

Dear Parents / Carers

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a series of meetings about some important up and coming educational events/activities. They include **KS1 Phonics** and **Y6 SATs**. Parents / carers of yrs 1, 2 and year 6 children are invited to come along to the hall from 08.30 onwards for a bacon butty and a chat. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to come and join us. Please note that if you have children in both classes, there will be an additional meeting after the Y6 meeting has finished so that any parents don't miss out on information.

I would like to say a huge well done to the **School Council** who arranged their first successful week running '**Book and Biscuit**' Friday. Last Friday they raised £5.50. Thank you to all the children that purchased biscuits. The School Council are hoping to reach their target of £100 so that book prizes can be purchased for the children who read at home

As well as **Y5** taking part in the **swimming** curriculum programme, **Y4** will now be joining them. The lessons will start on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February and will run through to July. Learning to swim is an essential life skill and I'm sure your child will enjoy their weekly lesson which will not only help them to gain confidence in and around water, but will teach them swimming techniques and improve their activity levels.

Thank you to all who attended the teddy bears picnic in Foundation Stage this week. Everyone enjoyed it!

M Walton,  
Principal

## REMINDERS:

### FRIENDS OF HILLSIDE

Unfortunately, the next meeting of the Friends of Hillside has been **cancelled**.

### HILLSIDE CHOIR

Unfortunately, the Hillside Choir practice is **cancelled on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**. Practice will return as normal on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### CLASS PHOTO DAY

Photographers will be in school on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** to take whole class style photographs.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please note that PE Kit is part of our School Uniform and therefore the correct kit must be brought to school so that children can take part in PE. The **PE kit is black shorts & white t-shirt**.

### SWIMMING

**Year 4 and 5 children** will start swimming lessons on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit – please note that **no jewellery is permitted in the pool**.

### 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.

### BOOK AND BISCUIT

**Every Friday** during buddy reading, children are able to **purchase a biscuit for 20p**. Please support this by encouraging your child to read and by purchasing a biscuit so that the School Council can raise funds for book prizes for children that read at home.



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#### READING RECORDS

Please continue to support your child's reading by listening to them read each night and recording it in their reading records. At the end of term, we will enter parents/carers into a prize draw to win a £10 Asda voucher.

#### STAY AND PLAY

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

#### CELEBRATIONS

##### Attendance Awards

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Puffins	95.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Woodpeckers	94.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Skylarks	91.6%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Kingfishers	91.3%

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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. (please note there will be no choir on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> February)

Thursday: Year 6 booster class run by Miss Davies and Miss Walton takes place 3.15 – 4.15.

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.

Our after school clubs are proving very popular with the children however we still have some places available. If your child wants to take part in any of the after school clubs, please ask the school office for a consent letter.

#### 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