



10 February 2017

## HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

---

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

Dear Parents / Carers

The Year 6 SATs meeting held yesterday went really well. Any parents that couldn't attend due to work commitments will receive a copy of the presentation used. If you have any queries about this, please make an appointment to see me and I will be happy to chat to you about it.

The KS1 Phonics meeting, run by Mrs Pritchard, also went really well. We are in the process of making phonic packs for each year 1 child. We will also give out booklets for those parents unable to attend.

Mrs Pritchard will be doing a KS1 SATs booster for the year 2 children. This will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday back after half term. It will run from 3.15-4.15. Please can you complete the consent form at the end of this newsletter and return to school before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Unfortunately I need to inform you that, due to personal circumstances, Miss Farmer will no longer be joining Hillside Academy. Miss Farmer was due to start in Kingfisher and Robin class after the February half term. Mrs Crossland has agreed to stay with us until we appoint a permanent member of staff.

We are seeking to appoint a permanent and a temporary member of staff. Please be assured that we are doing our utmost to secure suitable teachers for our school, as your child's education is paramount to us. I will let you know any further news about this as soon as I can.

It is with regret that I need to inform you that the Friends of Hillside group have decided to disband. They would like to thank all those who have supported them and given their time to helping to raise funds for the school. They have a remaining balance of £700 to spend on the pupils and I will be meeting with them in the near future to agree on what to spend this on and I will inform you all of what is decided. I would like to thank the Friends of Hillside on behalf of the children, parents and staff for their time, commitment and their efforts in raising valuable funds for our school and children.

M Walton,  
Principal

### REMINDERS:

#### ACTIV KIDS

Letters were sent out earlier in the week to parents of children in KS2 for the Activ Kids club to be held in the half term holiday at Denaby Main Primary School. If your child wishes to take part in this free session, please return your signed letter no later than 13<sup>th</sup> February. This will be offered on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis.

#### SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. These vouchers will enable us to purchase active or cooking equipment.

#### 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.** Any children that don't bring the correct kit will not be able to take part in PE lessons.



**10 February 2017**

### **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.**

Please don't forget to send in your child's signed consent form.

### **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. Thank you to all who have donated biscuits to this. Your donations have been greatly accepted.

### **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 98.1%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Woodpeckers 96.2%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kingfishers 95.8%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	Skylarks 94.1%

### **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.

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.

### **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