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HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had such a busy half term and I am so pleased at the children's efforts this term. Year 6 children are working hard towards their SATs and I am proud of the development they are making.

I am also pleased at the encouragement and support that staff, parents and carers are giving to the children with their reading. The book and biscuit event each Friday in school is going well and we are seeing more children reading at home which is fantastic.

I hope that you all have a wonderful break next week and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 27th February.

M Walton,
Principal

REMINDERS:

FUN WITH PHONICS

Every Thursday 08.30 – 09.00 parents of children in Woodpecker class are invited into class to have **Fun with Phonics**.

KS1 SATs booster

Starting after half term, every Monday at 3.15pm – 4.15pm Year 2 children are invited to stay in school for KS1 SATs boosters. Please complete the slip below and return to school before the 1st booster session.

BOOK AND BISCUIT

Our book and biscuit event is being thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Hillside Academy would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have donated biscuits so far.

Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read and to buy a biscuit in school for 20p. So far we have raised £24 which is amazing. Well done to the School Council members for running the book and biscuit event. Keep up the good work!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March we will be taking part in World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and bring along their favourite book. We will be raising funds to add to our book fund and ask that children bring a £1 donation to school for World Book Day. For ideas on costumes, you can visit www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/

ACTIV KIDS

Activ Kids collected the returned consent forms earlier this week. They will inform parents/carers if your child has a space at next week's activity.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you to everyone that has donated Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please keep them coming in so that we can purchase active or cooking equipment.

SWIMMING

Year 4 and 5 children have now started their swimming lessons. Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit each Wednesday.

READING RECORDS

Thank you for continuing to support your child's reading. Reading develops a child's imagination, improves vocabulary, language skills and concentration. Children who read achieve better in school. Please continue to support your child's reading by listening to



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them each night, or by reading to them and asking them questions about the book/story.

CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Puffins 93.9%
2 nd Place	Skylarks 88.2%
3 rd Place	Woodpeckers 81%
4 th Place	Kingfishers 77.8%

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after school clubs will continue after we return from the half term break.

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

Monday: Year 2 SATs booster class run by Mrs Pritchard takes place 3.15 – 4.15.

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 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

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