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HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you to all the children who took part in World Book Day. The children really enjoyed the day and they all looked marvellous in their costumes. We raised £56 so thank you to all who contributed.

On Tuesday, Year 6 parents and children were visited by the Principal of De Warenne Academy along with some past pupils. They asked and answered questions about De Warenne, and about what it is like to be a Year 7 pupil.

On Tuesday, we had a special visitor in school from Doncaster Museum to launch the Conisbrough and Denaby History Project. The project is to create a piece of art that represents something from Denaby or Conisbrough's history. All classes will be taking part in this and will be part of a competition at Conisbrough and Denaby Local History Fair on Saturday 6th May at Denaby Football Field.

Please can I remind parents and carers that our Breakfast Club begins at 8am. Children will be admitted between 8 – 8.15am and the cost is now £1 each morning for each child; unless your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium in which case Breakfast Club is subsidised at 50p. If you are unsure if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, please call in to the School Office to check this.

Children not attending the Breakfast Club should wait in the playground to be collected by a teacher at 8.30am. If it is raining, children should stand under the canopy where they will be collected from there by a teacher. Any children arriving after 08.45am must enter the school via the reception area as the cloakroom

door will be closed and the register will have been taken. This is in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.

Thank you all for your continuous support.

M Walton,
Principal

CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Kingfishers 97.8%
2 nd Place	Puffins 97%
3 rd Place	Woodpeckers 89.6%
4 th Place	Skylarks 87.4%



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CHEERLEADING CLUB

Unfortunately our Cheerleading Club has been cancelled. We are hoping to start this club again in the future. We will inform you all via a future newsletter if and when the club will recommence.

NEW CRAFT / BAKING CLUB

A letter was sent out to children in Woodpecker Class to invite class pupils to attend a Craft and Baking Club. This club will start on Tuesday 7th March, 3.15 - 3.45pm and will run for 5 weeks. The cost of this club is £1 per week per child and is payable in advance. Consent forms should be returned to school no later than Monday along with the full £5 cost.

If this club is a success, we will hopefully be running this after Easter for KS2 children.

ORCHESTRA LIVE CONCERT

On Friday 10th March, Skylark Class will be attending The Dome at Doncaster on to watch a live orchestral performance. Please remember to return your consent forms and trip monies as soon as possible. Should we not receive enough contributions, we may have to cancel this event.

Y6 CRUCIAL CREW

On Friday 16th March, Y6 will take part in this year's Crucial Crew event which is organised by South Yorkshire Police. Please remember to return your consent forms and trip monies as soon as possible. Should we not receive enough contributions, we may have to cancel this event.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 21st March. Letters will be sent out next week detailing the timings and arrangements.

PE KIT

Children must bring the correct PE kit to school. Our PE kit is black shorts and a white t-shirt. This is not an optional kit, this is part of our Hillside Academy uniform.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

We would like to start to email out copies of the newsletter rather than print copies each week. We appreciate that not all parents / carers have access to the internet or to email accounts so please can you complete the slip at the bottom of this newsletter to inform the school of how you would like to receive the newsletter in future.

IMAGES CONSENT

Thank you to all who have returned your consent forms for us to use images of your children in school, on twitter and on our website. If you have not yet returned the form, or even if you do not consent at all to photographs being taken of your child(ren), please still return the form to let us know.

FUN WITH PHONICS

It was great to see a few more parents at Fun with Phonics this week. Parents will see how they can support their child with phonics and appropriate resources will be shared. Fun with phonics sessions take place every Thursday 08.30 – 09.00.

RED NOSE DAY

Hillside Academy will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March. Children are invited to bring £1 and to wear something red on Friday 24th March. On Monday, we will be selling red noses. If children would like to purchase a red nose they cost £1. All proceeds will go towards Red Nose Day.



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BOOK AND BISCUIT

Our book and biscuit event is going from strength to strength each week. 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. This week we raised £11.20 taking the total to £47.00. Well done to the School Council members for running the book and biscuit event. Keep up the good work!

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you to everyone that has donated Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. Please continue to support us by sending in your vouchers which will enable us to purchase active or cooking equipment.

SWIMMING

Please remember to send your Y4 and Y5 children to school with their swimming kit each Wednesday. Thank you to everyone that has contributed so far towards the cost of the coach.

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our current clubs are:

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

Tuesday: *New Club for Woodpecker Class* Craft / Baking Club run by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Holmes takes place 3.15 – 3.45

Wednesday: Hillside Choir, run by Mrs Jackson, takes place 3.15 – 4.30. 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 10 March 2017: Y6 theatre visit

Thursday 16 March 2017: Y6 crucial crew visit

Tuesday 21st March: Parents evening

Friday 24th March: Red Nose Day

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



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NEWSLETTER

Child's name(s) _____

Class(es) _____

Please complete as appropriate:

I wish to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter and my email address is:

I wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. I have 1 child who attends the school.

I wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. I have more than 1 child that attends the school and would prefer _____ (name 1 child) to be given my copy of the newsletter.