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HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to say a final thank you to the former Friends of Hillside Group. They have presented Hillside Academy with a final balance of £679.73. We have all agreed that this money should be spent directly on the children. I am pleased to announce that Hillside Academy book bags have been ordered for each child, courtesy of Friends of Hillside. As soon as these arrive we will hand them out to children. We are also looking at ordering new water bottles with our school logo on, for all our children.

I am pleased to announce that all school will be adopting our new Rainbow Reward scheme.



Resilient Aspirational Independent Nurturing Believing
Outstanding Welcoming Individuals

Children will be rewarded for demonstrating our rainbow values. We are launching this by inviting children to take photographs of them reading a book in an interesting place outside of the school environment. There will be a reward for the best picture sent in.

Today the children in Skylark Class attended the Doncaster Dome to watch the Speed of Sound concert with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The children really enjoyed this and I am sure it has made a lifelong memory for all of them.

On Thursday 16th March, Y6 will be involved in the Crucial Crew which has been organised by South Yorkshire Police. Please remember to

send in your consent form and trip donation if you have not already done so.

Please can I remind parents and carers that if you need to speak to anyone in school about your child, the 1st point of call should be the class teacher. If parents have any concerns, speak to the class teacher in the 1st instance. I am available to speak to parents and carers but by appointment only.

Thank you all for your continuous support.

M Walton,
Principal

CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

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| 1 st Place | Woodpeckers | 93.5% |
| 2 nd Place | Kingfishers | 93.3% |
| 3 rd Place | Skylarks | 92.1% |
| 4 th Place | Puffins | 92% |



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REMINDERS

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. All proceeds will go towards Red Nose Day. We have sold 80 noses so far and are awaiting a further delivery of noses as we know that some children still want to purchase them. Thank you to all children who have purchased one so far.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Thank you to those who have returned the slip indicating how you would like to receive copies of the newsletter. For those who have not returned your preference slip, another copy can be found at the bottom of this newsletter. Please complete it and return to school as soon as possible. This will help us to be more efficient and cost effective with our newsletter.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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.

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. Children not bringing the correct kit will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

BOOK AND BISCUIT

Please continue to support your child by encouraging them to read and to buy a biscuit in school for 20p. This week we raised £9.20 taking the total to a fantastic £56.20. 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our current clubs are:

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

Tuesday: Craft / Baking Club run by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Holmes takes place 3.15 – 3.45. This is open to Woodpecker class.

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.



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Friday: Sports club, run by Coach Owen 3.15-4.15. This is open to Puffins and Skylarks.

TERM DATES 2017

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

NEWSLETTER PREFERENCE

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.