



7 April 2017

HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you are all looking forward to Easter. The children and staff have worked so hard this term and I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication this term.

I have some exciting news in that Reach 4 Academy Trust has been renamed to Astrea Academy Trust, please see the separate letter sent out today for further information.

After the Easter break, there will be a few changes. Firstly, PE lessons will be changed. KS2 PE lesson will be Thursday afternoon. KS1 PE lesson will be Friday afternoon. Please make sure your child brings their full PE kit (white t-shirt and black shorts) on the correct day.

Our special mention assembly will change to Friday afternoons, after we return from the Easter break. We have enjoyed parents and carers being involved in our special mention assemblies and hope that you continue to support us after Easter. Should your child receive a special mention, you will be invited via text to attend the assembly which will start 2.40pm each Friday.

On Tuesday this week, the children took part in a craft afternoon and made some wonderful Easter crafts. The crafts were judged by staff, and the winners announced in school. Well done to all.

We had some very special guests in our nursery building this week. A gospel choir and Ghanaian ex teacher and Pastor joined us, along with Reverend Ian Wright, for a multi-cultural morning of singing, dancing, performances and

food. It was a wonderful morning, and one which we hope to repeat very soon, so watch this space!

Our nursery and reception children have built a dinosaur out of recycled materials, which is at the front on nursery – I'm sure many of you have seen it. They did such a wonderful job that a photographer from the Dearne Valley Weekender came to take a picture of it. Please watch out for us in a future edition of the newspaper.

A big thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets for our Easter raffle, we have raised £ 75.

Unfortunately, it looks as if we are going to have to cancel our Hillside Academy tea towel order. If anyone would like a tea towel, please contact the school office after the Easter break. If we have to go ahead and cancel our order, all monies will be returned parents during the 1st week back after Easter.

Thank you to the former Friends of Hillside for donating Easter eggs for all our children. We hope that all the children enjoy their eggs and their break over the Easter period. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 24th April.

Thank you all for your continuous support.
M Walton,
Principal

Y6 EASTER SATs SESSIONS

On Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, and Thursday 13th April we will be holding SATs booster sessions in school 10.00 – 13.00. Food will be provided. If any Y6 children wish to attend these sessions please return the consent to school. A letter was sent out on Thursday 6th April to all Y6 pupils.



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CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Kingfishers 98%
2 nd Place	Skylarks 94%
3 rd Place	Puffins 93.2%
4 th Place	Woodpeckers 88.7%

REMINDERS

NURSERY ADMISSIONS / TIMES

Please speak to the school office staff if you wish your child to change their nursery timings from Monday, Tuesday Wednesday to Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

BOOK AND BISCUIT

This week the children raised £8.40, taking the total so far to £96.50. This is an absolutely amazing achievement.

FUN WITH PHONICS

Thankyou to all parents that have been attending the Fun with Phonics sessions each Thursday 08.30 – 09.00. These sessions will continue after the Easter break.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our current clubs are:

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 7 April 2017: School closes for Easter

Monday 24 April: School re-opens

Monday 1 May 2017: School closed for May Day bank holiday

Monday 8 May 2017: KS2 SATs week commences

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

Monday 12 June 2017: KS1 Phonics screening week commences

Friday 21 July 2017: School closes for summer break

Monday 4 September 2017: School re-opens