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HILLSIDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to this week's Newsletter.

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Easter break.

Thank you to the year 6 children that attended the Easter SATs sessions during the holidays. We are offering free breakfast club attendance next week for our Year 6 pupils so that they can attend the SATs breakfast club. Please see separate letter sent to Year 6 children. The children have worked so hard with their preparations for the SATs which begins week commencing 8th May.

This week our school kitchen was assessed by environmental health as part of standard checks across all schools and I am pleased to report that they have achieved a fantastic 5 star rating again. This is testament to our kitchen staff and the amazing job that they do.

Please do encourage your child to have a school dinner. All of our meals are prepared fresh, on site each day. The children have a varied healthy choice each day. If any parents would like to come into school and sample a school dinner alongside their child(ren), the please complete the slip below. We are inviting parents to eat with their children on Thursday 18th May. Our kitchen staff will be promoting their 'Great British Menu' during this week. On Thursday 18th May, the menu will be quiche, beef steaklet or jacket potato; and chocolate crunch or apple pie and custard for dessert.

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you with this.

For those that bring packed lunches, please can I remind parents that sweets, chocolates and fizzy drinks are not allowed in packed lunches.

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 1st May for the May Day bank holiday.

Thank you all for your continuous support.

M Walton,
Principal

CELEBRATIONS

Attendance Awards

1 st Place	Puffins 92.7%
2 nd Place	Woodpeckers 92.6%
3 rd Place	Skylarks 92.5%
4 th Place	Kingfishers 88%

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.

As of September 2107, Hillside Academy is able to offer upto 30 hours childcare in our nursery setting for all 3 and 4 year olds. This is in addition to the 15 hours previously offered. To apply for, and check your eligibility for 30 hours care, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

ALL STARS CRICKET

We have been informed of an exciting new initiative from the ECB called 'All Stars Cricket'. All Stars Cricket has launched nationwide and will be running at Mexborough and other clubs across the country. This program is aimed at providing children aged 5-8 with a great first experience in Cricket, it is a fun and active way



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to develop children's skills, and through the 8 week program they will learn lots – as well as make new friends – in a safe and inclusive environment. All girls and boys are welcome, and each registered child will receive a pack of cricket goodies including a cricket bat, ball, backpack, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap to keep so that they can continue their love of cricket when they go home.

Registration is now open for the program, which starts in May. If your child is interested in taking part in this, please register your child at the following website:

www.allstarscricket.co.uk

MAKE DO AND MEND

Can all children bring in any recycled materials next week for the 'Make do and Mend' Art Project.

BOOK AND BISCUIT

The school council are continuing to sell biscuits each Friday during buddy reading in order to raise money. This week the children raised £6.90, taking the total so far to £103.40. 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. Please come along and support your child with their phonics.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our current clubs are:

*New club Tuesday: KS2 Craft/Baking Club run by Mrs Jackson and Mrs Holmes takes place 3.15 – 3.45. This is open to Puffins and Skylarks. Please see separate letter.

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 Callum 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

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

Monday 8 May 2017: KS2 SATs week commences

Monday 15 May 2017: KS1 SATs assessment period 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



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SCHOOL MEALS – please return slip by Thursday 4th May 2017

I _____ (NAME) would like a school meal on Thursday 18th May. I understand that the cost will be £3.60 per adult meal.

I do/do not have any dietary (please delete as appropriate)

Please state any dietary requirements here: _____

Please state your preferred dinner choice:

Quiche / beef steaklet / jacket potato and salad (please delete as necessary)

Chocolate crunch / apple pie and custard (please delete as necessary)

My child(ren) are: _____ (name) _____ (class)

_____ (name) _____ (class)

_____ (name) _____ (class)