



Friday 13th January 2023

Weekly Bulletin

With kindness, respect and gratitude, together we aim high in all we do

Headteacher's message:

Highlights of this, our first full school week of 2023, have been Y2 enjoying scooter skills, our first Class Representative meeting and an important Martin Luther King Day assembly from Mr Caldwell this morning. There has, of course, been plenty of core subject learning and I have been really impressed with all our children's focus and enthusiasm to work hard and 'aim high in all they do'.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

Congratulations Lucy!

Helen from Helsby running club visited us this week to award Lucy a T-shirt and a £50 Book voucher for winning the Helsby Half Marathon T-shirt competition.

Thanks to Lucy, the school also received a £200 book voucher.



Pedestrian safety

Please be extra mindful of pedestrians when turning into Bates Lane. Our location makes this junction particularly dangerous as children will be walking to school both here at Hillside and to the High School. There was unfortunately an incident this week where a car turning into Bates Lane hit a High School pupil who was crossing the road. Thankfully the injuries were not serious but could so easily have been. If you are crossing Bates lane on foot to come to our school, please make sure you do so further up Bates Lane, where there is more visibility, rather than at the junction with Chester Road.

Y2 Scooter Skills

Y2 children had a great time learning about scooter safety. Thanks to Sam, from Sustrans, who came in to lead the training.



Sam commented on how well behaved and friendly our children were which is lovely to hear.

Reminder about Infant Free School Meals

I would like to explain how the Infant Free School Meals (IFSM) works. Schools receive a grant for Infant FSM based on those children who order a meal on census day. There are three census days a year January, May and October. If your child does not order a meal that day we do not receive grant funding for the whole year. Any subsequent meals ordered are then at a cost to the school (as we have received less grant funding). This year our funding was 83% and we have missed out on approximately £6,000 of Infant school meals income.

Our next census day is Thursday 19th January 2023. The theme is Enjoy the taste of the USA.

Please support our school funding by ordering a meal for your child on census day. Why not give it a try and if a little uncertain send something in as backup!



This is the link to the [menu page](#)

if you prefer here is the link to the actual [menu for census day](#)

Pupil Voice

During our class representative meeting, we all introduced ourselves and discussed ways to find out what children think about our school.



We have planned to create a mission statement, make sure every class has a suggestion box and we are also thinking about how effective our school rules are.

Olivia L and Ella K (Y5)

Holiday Club

PDS will be running a holiday club here at Hillside.

Please use this link to the holiday club page where can see the [PDS holiday club flyer](#)



S4C Half Term Holiday Club

S4C will also be running a holiday club over the February half term holiday. Please use this [link](#) for more information.

Music for Life

We wanted to remind you about the new ensemble opportunity for instrumentalists and singers (beginners and advanced). I'm sure you'll agree this is a brilliant opportunity to make music together, make new friends and learn new skills. The Special Launch Event is on Saturday 21st January '23.

Further details and the sign up form is on our website www.musicforlife.org.uk/groups/ensembles

Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at:

admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk

or call 01928 722 991

Website links:

[School website](#)

[Absence request](#)

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Diary Dates 2023:

January 15th KS2 Cheshire Phoenix Trip

January 31st Young Voices at Manchester

February 9th FOH Spring Disco

February 17th Break-up for Half Term 3.15pm

February 27th Return to school

March 6th Y2 Burwardsley Residential

March 27th Y4 Tattenhall Residential

March 31st Break-up for Easter Holidays at 2pm

Friends of Hillside PTA:

Our PTA are always looking for new volunteers. Please get in touch if you can support us. In addition to general help, they would be also grateful for a volunteer with finance/accounts experience.

PTA can be contacted on friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com

[Click here for school lottery!](#)



Helsby Hillside Link Club

We are pleased to announce that we have places available at both our breakfast and after school clubs. If you would like any more information or would like to book your child a place please email us, our email address is linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk



Twitter:

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