



# Weekly Bulletin

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

## Headteacher's message:

It has been a busy first full week of learning, laughter and play. This morning in assembly, Year Six presented important information to the rest of the school about plastic use and how it is having a detrimental impact on our planet. It was so pleasing to see the confidence and enthusiasm from all the children involved to clearly get their messages across as to what we can do to help- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Well done Year Six! Please ensure that children are coming to school with refillable water bottles as opposed to disposable single use plastic ones and where possible, use recyclable/ reusable packaging for packed lunches in an aim to reduce plastic use.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

## Hillside Children Raise £781.63 for the Hospice



Congratulations to Helsby Hillside children for raising an incredible £781.63 with our Festive Fun Run in December. A very practical way our children are showing kindness and gratitude to a very worthy

cause. Thank you families and friends for supporting this.

## Is my child too ill for school?

As levels of winter illnesses including flu, coronavirus (COVID-19) and norovirus continue to rise, the UKHSA is reminding parents of simple steps they can take to reduce viruses spreading in the community, helping their children make a healthy start to the year and minimising the impact of illness on attendance as schools return. [Please read this advice.](#)

## SRE Parents Information Evening

On the 7th March at 5.30pm we will be inviting parents to attend a sex and relationship education (SRE) information evening where teachers will share details of our SRE curriculum and you will have an opportunity to see teaching materials and ask questions.

## Y5/6 FAVSP High Five Netball Tournament

A mix of 15 children from Y5/6 represented the school on Wednesday. Between both teams, they only lost one game. Blue team were unbeaten winning all 6 games, including a nail-biting final against Frodsham C of E. Red team scored 11-0 in one of their games. Hillside Blue go on to represent the school in the Ellesmere Port final later this month.



## Screen Time Zoom for Parents—7pm 25th January

Screens are becoming more and more a part of our children's lives and as they grow up through school, many children get a phone of their own. This can present some new challenges for children, parents, teachers and learning. We have Emi Howe from Real Talk for Kids offering a free parent zoom session, helping to ready your kids for their time online. Looking at things like: healthy screen time, friendships and bullying online - especially WhatsApp, children as targeted consumers, the real / fake divide and why the world can be a bit wonky in our screens. Recommended for parents of children all ages, this session will benefit your children's growing relationship with technology.

The parents' zoom will take place at 7pm on 25th January. [Zoom Link](#)

Or use this QR code



## School Census Day—Special Lunch next Thursday

Edsential are offering a special Census Day Lunch next Thursday. Children can order this in the usual way.

## Class weekly round-ups

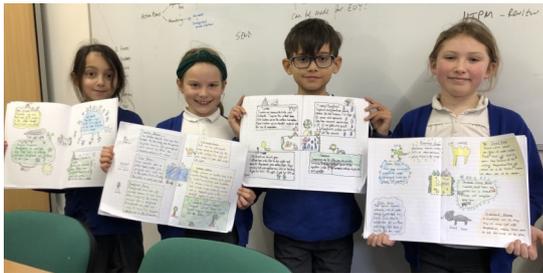
Effective communication with parents is very important to us. In addition to this weekly newsletter, every class teacher emails a weekly round-up to parents with a summary of the week's learning and any important changes/ arrangements for the following week. Please note that this round-up is also posted on the class web page. We have experienced a few problems with sending group emails on a Friday which have hopefully been resolved. If you do not receive your child's class round-up on a Friday, it will have been copied to the class page on the school website.

## Important Dates 2024

- 16th February—Break up at 3.15pm for Half Term
- 26th February—Children return to school
- 28th March—Break up for Easter at 2pm

## Y3 geographers share their learning

Year 3 have been busy learning about biomes and climate. Here they are proudly showing off their double page spreads and sharing their knowledge of tundra, the coldest of all the biomes and the effects of permafrost!



## Year 3/4 Runners brave the cold

Great 1st Y3/4 running club session on Tuesday morning. Great to see new runner Alice (Y3) trying something new and discovering new talents!



## Celebrating Hillside children aiming high

Well done to all children being recognised as lead learners, Star readers or receiving a Hillside award. This week.



## Blue Peter Reading Badge Winners

Some of the reading ambassadors have gained their Blue Peter reading badge - the latest of the BP badges. Well done to Harry, Kimaya, Joseph, Poppy, Isabelle, Rose and George! If anyone else in school is interested in getting this badge, please see Mrs Potts or one of the ambassadors for further information.



## Be a chorister for the day

I am very grateful to your Head Teacher for sharing this letter about Chester Cathedral's "Be a Chorister for a day" events. This event is for any child in Year 1 and above who loves to sing and wishes to get a taste of what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister, or even those who are unsure whether they can! We are hosting two events: for boys on Saturday 27 January 2024 and for girls on Saturday 3 February 2024. Both events will run from 1.30pm to 5pm at Chester Cathedral; there is no charge and refreshments will be provided. No previous experience or training is required, and all are welcome!



## BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY

BOYS | SATURDAY 27 JANUARY | 1.30 - 5PM  
GIRLS | SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY | 1.30 - 5PM

Does your child love to sing?  
Chester Cathedral is seeking boys and girls aged 5-11 to join the prestigious Cathedral Choir.

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon of singing games and rehearsals culminating in a service of Choral Evensong at the end of the afternoon.

All welcome, no experience necessary.

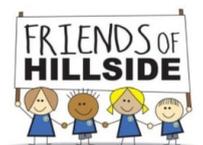
For more information and to register for this free event, please contact Dan Mathieson on [dan.mathieson@chestercathedral.com](mailto:dan.mathieson@chestercathedral.com)

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Our next event will be a Movie Night, on the 8th February, details to follow.

PTA can be contacted on [friendsofhillsidefund-raising@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhillsidefund-raising@outlook.com)

[Click here for school lottery!](#)



## Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk)

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