

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear children and parents, I am again delighted to have had another relatively Covid-free week with a welcomed return this week of Mrs Moore's Party Dance club. Next week is the last week of this half-term. The children have worked really hard on their assessments and will deserve a rest and a re-charge of their batteries. **Thank you** to all staff who have been particularly busy assessing, writing reports, and preparing for parents' evenings next week.

Adam Khan - Headteacher

### Well Done Thea!

Congratulations to Thea (Y1) who was awarded a special football trophy last week.



It is great to see girls and boys taking part in and enjoying sports outside of school as well as in school. This week we learnt how keeping active also helps our mental health.

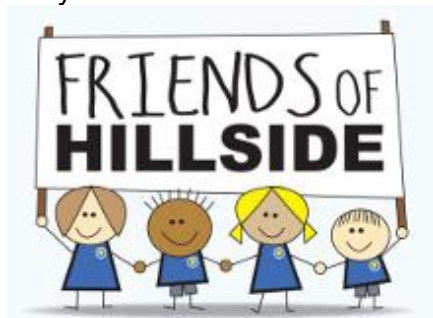


### Break the Rules Day

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February is our next 'Break the Rules Day'. Children are to bring in 50p for each rule they choose to break from the list below.



1. Juice allowed in bottles
2. Own clothes
3. Crazy hair
4. Choose you own snacks



This is the first of many fundraising events organised by our PTA, Friends of Hillside.

### Hillside Change 4 Life Champions

Scarlett and Isabelle (Y5) completed the Change For Life training at EPSV on Tuesday.



The practical training enabled both girls to become Change for life Champions. Their role, back in school, will be to encourage everyone to stay fit and healthy.

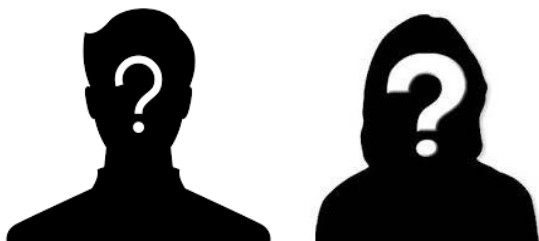
Mrs Moore

#### Important Dates:

W/B 14/02/22 – Parents Evenings (Zoom)  
18/02/22 – FOH Break the Rules Day  
03/03/22 – World Book Day (Bedtime Stories)  
07/03/22 - Y2 Burwardsley Residential (1 night)  
10/03/22 – Y6 Hoops4Health workshop  
10/03/22 – Reception Airport Trip  
11/03/22 – FOH non-uniform day – Details to follow  
17/03/22 – FOH Spring Disco  
18/03/22 – Red Nose Day  
21/03/22 – Science Week  
23/03/22 – Y5 Hoops4Health workshop  
25/03/22 – FOH Easter Bingo – Helsby Sports Club  
28/03/22 – Y4 Tattenhall Residential (2 nights)  
29/03/22 – Y5 Easter Journey

## Guess who?

Every few weeks, we will challenge you to identify a member of our Hillside staff using the clues given below. It is just for fun, and the adult's identity will be revealed in the following newsletter.



This adult:

- Is well known by the local wildlife – including beavers?
- Loves reading and wants the whole school to as well!
- Has two children who came to Hillside but are now at university
- Teaches KS2 jeudi après-midi.

Can you guess who it is?

## Year 2 Time Travelers

This week, Year 2 travelled back in time to London, 1666 and the Great Fire of London. The children learnt about jobs from the 17 century and were in role as their chosen job:



Chimney Sweeps, Gong Farmers (poo cleaners), Apothecary, Spinsters, Scullery Maid, Carpenters, Rat Catchers, Blacksmith. We went back in time and found ourselves asleep in our homes in Pudding Lane where the fire started. We were given challenges we had to fulfil and decisions to make to escape the fire.  
Mrs Fletcher-Curran

## Coronavirus Reminder

Reminder that from Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. **Please remember to notify us of having the two negative LFTs when your child returns to school.**

Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Date of test / onset of symptoms					7.30 am take LFT test	7.30 am take LFT test	Continue to isolate up to and including Day 10 unless you have two consecutive negative LFT tests 24 hours apart. Maximum isolation 10 days			
Isolate	Isolate	Isolate	Isolate	Isolate	If positive then continue to isolate 😞	If positive then continue to isolate 😞				
					7.30 am LFT	7.30 am LFT	No need to Isolate 😊			
					If negative continue to isolate and test again on Day 6	If Negative and no temperature child can return to school 😊				

Please register your results on the Government website same day (you can only report LFD on day of test and day after). Also notify school admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk of the results.



## Congratulations Girls!



Huge well done to Emma and Lucy (Y6) who have passed their entrance exams and will be going to The Kings School, Chester.

They are both excited about this new challenge but are keen to stay in touch with their Hillside friends.

## Apologies – Wrong Farmer!

Last week, the newsletter celebrated Nancy Farmer for achieving a distinction in her recent dance examination.

It was actually **Sally Farmer**, Nancy's younger sister, who achieved the award. I'm sure Nancy is also a great dancer!



## Have your say!

County SEND OFSTED inspection 14-18 Feb 2022

OFSTED are undertaking an inspection of the effectiveness of the SEND (Special Education Need and Disabilities) provision of Cheshire West and Chester Council next week. Parents and carers are invited to contribute their opinions anonymously.



The closing deadline for this in midday on Tuesday 15th February. Please see the attached document with on-line links if you wish to take part in the survey and share your opinions on the services provided by CWAC.

## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day this year is Friday 18/03/22.



We will be painting the children's noses for a small donation. Permission will be requested electronically.

## Children's Mental Health Week – Whole School Assembly

As part of Children's Mental Health Week we focused on 'be active', from the 5 ways of wellbeing.



We discussed how being active and making more active choices not only helps us physically but also mentally. I challenged the children to 'move their mood with exercise'.



**World Book Day** takes place on **Thursday 3rd March** and we will be planning some activities to encourage every child in school to be a reader and love books. This year, we have adopted a 'Bedtime Stories' theme and in keeping with the theme, we are inviting all children and staff to dress in their pyjamas/ onesies for the day. There will be various activities in school throughout the day including, of course, the chance to share some stories together. We are also running a competition as part of our celebrations; to create a “**book in a box**” – children will need to:

1. Choose a book that they have enjoyed
2. Find a box approximately the size of a shoebox
3. Design and decorate the box to represent their chosen book
4. Bring the box to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Some examples to get the ideas flowing are at the bottom of this page. There will be prizes for the winning entries. Good luck!

Finally, the £1 book tokens will be available again this year for children to exchange for a book. These will be given out to the children on Book Day.

Thank you in advance for supporting the children in their Book Day celebrations!

