

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear parents, we have all made it to half term!

I hope that you have found the pupil progress reports and the parents' Zoom meetings useful. It is so important that we work together to support your child. I hope you manage to spend some quality time together and that the weather improves!

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 28th February. Don't forget about the 'Book in a Box' competition for World Book Day – details on page 4.

Adam Khan - Headteacher

Party Dance

Mrs Moore's Party Dance Club has proved very popular this ½ term.



Unfortunately, this club finished this week. We will be asking the children later this term which clubs they most enjoyed. Maybe Party Dance will return later in the year!

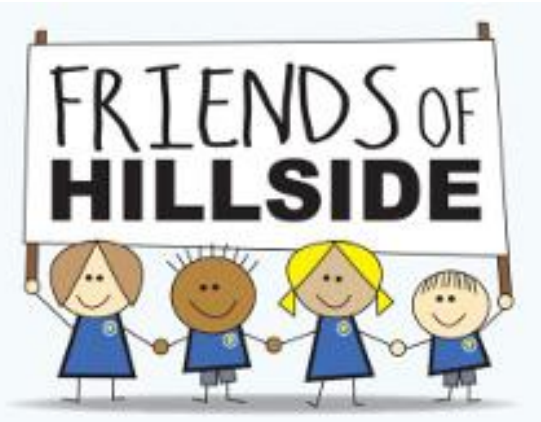
After ½ term, Mrs Moore will be running her Y5/6 Dodgeball after school club.



Thank you Friends of Hillside!

You will have seen the Friends of Hillside's latest newsletter, sent out on Wednesday.

It contained details of fundraising events such as today's Break the Rules day and the forthcoming Easter Bingo.



I think that it is important that you know that this term alone, the Friends of Hillside have agreed to pay for:

- Reception class coach to Manchester Airport
- Hands on Science Day – Whole school science workshops
- Image Musical Theatre – Whole school workshop and production
- Hoops4 Health – Cheshire Phoenix Year 5/6 basketball training

Without FOH's work, and parents support, these experiences would not be possible.

Cheshire Phoenix win 84-76!

Around 40 Hillside children attended the Cheshire Phoenix event on Sunday.



A great time was had by all and Cheshire Phoenix managed to win 84-76 partly thanks to the enthusiastic Hillside cheers!

Important Dates:

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

Local Job Opportunity

RSK

HABITAT MANAGEMENT

RSK is currently recruiting for several positions in the Direct Sales team to supporting the business development teams. The department is growing further due to the growth of the business and have 9 positions to fill (full time and part time 20hrs+). A few our Hillside parents have already joined this family friendly and flexible employer.

If interested, please see the attached information.

Y5 Buddies

Year 5 have been sharing their love of reading with our Reception children. Another favourite Hillside activity that benefits both classes.



The Year 5 children enjoy the responsibility and trust we give them to communicate with and encourage our youngest learners. The reception children enjoy listening to and talking about the stories, and making new friends with the 'big' Year 5s.

Coronavirus Reminder

Please see the table below to confirm when to return to school following a positive LFT.

| 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.

School Absence reminder – all pupil illness should be reported daily to the school office using the absence line or by emailing admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk. Teachers may not have opportunity to read emails and this avoids unnecessary phone calls home. If you need to take your child out of school for another reason please complete the leave of absence request form, these are available from the school office and is also available on the website to download.

Proud Beaver and Cub bring in their new badges

Well done Charlie (Y4) and Toby (Y2) who have earned their well-being badges from Cubs and Beavers. They have been working on them since summer and have had to complete tasks from each of the 5 areas of wellbeing.



These tasks included learning their name in sign language, baking a cake, sponsoring a whale and a child in Africa and much more. Toby was in fact the first Beaver to complete all the sections of the 365 steps of wellbeing in order to earn the badge.

Rev Michael keeping the whole school enthralled

Reverend Michael Mills visited us last week and shared one of his stories. The children were captivated by Rev Michael's dramatic, funny, thought provoking and memorable story about not judging people and being kind.



Cosmic Yoga

Miss Monaghan has been keeping fit and flexible with her Y2 Cosmic Yoga students.



Please note the Y2 Cosmic Yoga class is moving from Tuesdays to Mondays after ½ term.



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 3rd 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!

