



Friday 30th September 2022

With our harvest festival preparations under way, plus a surprise visiting drum workshop yesterday, the school has been rather noisy this week. It was great to end the week with our first celebration assembly of the school year. Thank you, parents and grandparents, for attending.

As ever, this bulletin has been written to keep you informed of any important whole school messages you may need to know. Please check your emails for your child's class weekly roundup which will be sent every Friday and Twitter for highlights from Helsby Hillside this week. A bi-monthly pictorial newsletter will start at the end of October.

Harvest Week – Next week is harvest week. On Wednesday and Thursday, KS1 and KS2 will be having their special shared harvest breakfast. Details of what children need to bring have now been shared. On Friday we look forward to seeing you all at our Church Service at St Paul's at 2pm. Please note doors will not open till 1.50pm as we need time to organise the children.

Head lice - following on from our email last week, there are ongoing cases of head lice reported in Year 2.

Parent's progress evening booking system opens at 4pm today and closes at 4pm on 12th October.

You will receive a notification from School Spider (school website), when the system goes live (please check your junk box). Please click on parent login on the home page, if you do not know your password, there is a link on the login screen to reset your account. If it is your first time logging in you will need to click the link on the login screen to create an account. To do either of these you will need to use the email address attached to your parent account in SIMS (the email address that this bulletin is sent to). Usernames are firstnamesurname (all one-word lowercase) not your email address. If you are unsure of your username you can reset your account, the username will be on the email you receive.

Reception Grandparents' Day (Monday 3rd October) – The grandparents of our new reception children are invited to a special afternoon tea on Monday at 2pm where they can take part in some activities with their grandchildren and enjoy some tasty treats.

KS2 Snack – We have been increasingly concerned about the excessive amount of snack some children are purchasing. This is not only affecting their appetite for Lunch, but also detrimental to their health. From Monday, we will be restricting them to 2 items (a whole bagel or teacake being two items).

School Policies – For your information, our governors have oversight of our policies, when approved these are displayed on our school website available [here](#). Our attendance policy has recently been refreshed based on new government guidance.

Book fair – Our annual Scholastic Book Fair books have arrived. Parents/ grandparents are encouraged to come into school next week (Monday – Thursday 3.15pm – 3.45pm) to buy books with their children. Please collect your child in the usual way before coming back into school to see the Book Fair. Book purchases will not only support our mission to excite and engage young readers, but also provide the school with a donation of books from Scholastic. **Please note that the book fair is CASH ONLY.**

Dates for your diary

- Please see the dates planned for this term so far.

Important dates

03/10/22 – Reception Grandparents Visit 2pm	03/10/22 – Harvest Week Details of KS1/KS2 Harvest Breakfast to follow.	07/10/22 Harvest Service at St Pauls 1.45pm
18 th and 20 th October – Parents Evenings – Booking instructions to follow.	21/10/22 – Kittle Whole School Photograph and Class Photos. 03/11/22 – Kittle Individual Photographs	21/10/22 – Break up for Half Term Back Tuesday 01/11/22
03/11/22 – Friends of Hillside 'Halloween' Disco KS1:6pm KS2 7.15pm	07/12/22 – KS1 Christmas Production Afternoon performance - 2pm 08/12/22 – KS1 Christmas Production Evening performance – 6.30pm Ticket information to follow.	09/12/22 – Friends of Hillside Christmas Fair 6-8pm
13/12/22 – KS2 Christmas Production Evening performance – 6.30pm 14/12/22 – KS2 Christmas Production Afternoon performance – 2pm Ticket information to follow	15/12/22 – Whole School Brindley Pantomime Trip	16/12/22 – Carols around the Tree at 1pm. Break up for Christmas at 2pm Return for Spring Term Wednesday 04/01/23

School contact details: admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk Tel: 01928722991 please only email your child's class teacher directly if it is related to their performance; class/homework or you have any concerns. For all other correspondence including absence requests, please contact the school office.

Useful forms: [Absence request form](#) [Administering Medicine consent](#) [Lunch Menu](#)