



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The children have enjoyed a fantastic harvest week that has included two harvest breakfasts and concluded today with a wonderful Harvest Service at St Pauls. Thank you to those who joined us to see the children recite, act, sing, dance and reflect on the harvest message of gratitude for what we have and kindness to others who do not. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to our harvest collection this year. We know Helsby Foodbank will be very grateful for our donations. Please note that we will still be collecting on Monday and Tuesday next week.

**Helsby Hillside's Guiding Values:** In September 2022 we invited parents, staff and governors to help agree our guiding values. We received some wonderful ideas and suggestions that will help to guide our school. Helsby Hillside's values can be summed up as:

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

**REMINDER** Parent's progress evening booking system closes at 4pm on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Meetings are in school (not via zoom)

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). **Username** is **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.

One of the easiest ways of booking parents evening is through the school spider App which you can download from your App store. Please see [Parents App Guide](#), please make sure you have the latest version of the App if you have downloaded it previously. We hope to trial the app for communications very soon.

**School Uniform Policy** – in line with government guidance we have prepared a new school uniform policy, which is available on our school uniform page, [please click here](#). We are pleased to announce that parents have the flexibility to purchase branded uniform from two suppliers. My School Style continue to provide good quality affordable uniform available on their website with delivery to your home address. We have just agreed for Uniformity to dual supply uniform from 1<sup>st</sup> November which is available either from their website or shop in Ellesmere Port. Full details are on our website and in the school policy. None branded uniform is available in most supermarkets. The school also has a selection of second-hand uniform available for free (or donation to Friends of Hillside if you wish).

**Link Club transition** – we want to reassure parents that we are working towards a smooth transition for Link Club from 1<sup>st</sup> November. We will be writing to all parents soon who currently use Link Club with more details. If you are currently on a waiting list for a place, unfortunately we will not be admitting any new children at the present time, and will continue to offer places only to those children who currently attend. We will review availability after we have completed our transition period and are comfortable with how Link Club is operating.

### Dates for your diary

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

### Important dates

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| 18 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings – Booking instructions to follow.  | 21/10/22 – Kittle Whole School Photograph and Class Photos.<br>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<br>08/12/22 – KS1 Christmas Production Evening performance – 6.30pm<br><br>Ticket information to follow. | 09/12/22 – Friends of Hillside Christmas Fair 6-8pm   |
| 13/12/22 – KS2 Christmas Production Evening performance – 6.30pm<br>14/12/22 – KS2 Christmas Production Afternoon performance – 2pm<br><br>Ticket information to follow | 15/12/22 – Whole School Brindley Pantomime Trip  | 16/12/22 – Carols around the Tree at 1pm.<br><br>Break up for Christmas at 2pm<br>Return for Spring Term Wednesday 04/01/23 |

School contact details: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto: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](#)

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