



Hill View Primary School

Reach For The Stars.

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back!! I really hope that you have all had a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday. It is the start of another year and the children have come back happy and ready to learn. They look really smart in their uniforms! It was wonderful have our new Reception Year children in school for their first session this morning.

We began the school year by holding a whole school assembly outside to welcome everyone back and introduce new staff. We all cheered our school ethos values: Aspire, Success, Community, Excellence, Nurture and Trust. This was followed by a rousing rendition of 'Reach for the Stars' to enthuse everyone.

Every year I introduce a strap line, which is the theme of our school development, this year it is 'Journey to Excellence'. We will be developing children's understanding and use of our six learning values to enhance their learning.

I will explain more in next week's letter.

'Meet the Teacher' sessions are planned for next week. Please see the Coming Up section for dates and times. I recognise that this is very short notice and if you are unable to attend or if you have children in two year groups the presentations will be added to the website after the events. Please come to the front office a few minutes before the start time.

If you have any queries or need clarification, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office rather than using and relying on social media. We try to ensure that a member of the Leadership team is on the large and small playground every day to welcome your child.

This will be my last term as Headteacher, as I will be retiring at the end of December. Hill View's new Headteacher Mrs Vicky Buckland will be visiting this term to ensure there is a smooth handover in January 2019.

It is going to be a great year at Hill View School; make sure you read our weekly newsletter and checkout our website.

Amanda Jones

Headteacher

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Coming Up...

7/9—13/9/18 EYFS children mornings only.

12/9/18 Y3 & Y5 Meet the Teachers 2.45 pm

13/9/18 Y4 & Y6 Meet the Teachers 2.45 pm

13/9—19/9/18—Life Bus
14/9/18 EYFS children fulltime

14/9/18 Y1 Outcome at 2.40

17/9/18 Y1 & Y2 Meet the Teachers at 2.40 pm - **PLEASE**

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

17/9 & 18/9/18 - *Individual Photos*

19/9/18 EYFS Tapestry meeting at 3.15 pm in classrooms

21/09/18 Y6 Outcome

2/10/18—*Coffee Morning in aid of the McMillan Charity*

5/10/18 *INSET Day school closed*



Attendance

Whole School attendance for this week.

98%

Let's aim for that 100% next week!

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES

Hill View is very proud of the wide range of enrichment experiences we offer the children eg: visits to the zoo, museums and Life Bus. These events are not mandatory in relation to the coverage of the National Curriculum but have been selected to support and enrich your child's experience at school, and are designed to excite, motivate and engage them in their learning. In the past, the school would have heavily subsidised these experiences, however, our school is under enormous pressure with its decreasing budget and last year we introduced a new system and asked parents to make a one off voluntary contribution to cover the full costs for their child's school enrichment activities. Once this payment was made, any additional requests for money only related to specific clubs, purchases at book fairs or fundraising events. Costings for a residential visits will also be in addition to this.

The school does not make a profit and ALL contributions go towards the children's enrichment experiences. We recognise that parents may have two or more children in school and making contributions all at the same time may be very difficult. Please speak to the school office staff who will be happy to organise a plan with you. If sufficient funds are not forthcoming, visits and visitors may have to be cancelled.

We will repeat the process this year and you will very soon be receiving a letter from your year group informing you of the enrichment experiences that the staff have planned for your child this year. Parental contributions will be collected in one payment within the first half term, this is to ensure that we have sufficient funds for all activities planned and also reduces the cost to you as online payment systems always include a percentage charge. Thank you for your understanding and support of this request.

LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE

We will be receiving our annual visit from the Life Education Centres' mobile classroom beginning on Wednesday 12th September.

'Life Education Centre' is a charity providing a unique Drugs Education programme which teaches children about the wonder of their bodies, how to take care of them and how drugs can affect them. They also include themes such as managing emotions and friendships by encouraging the development of positive attitudes, communication and assertiveness skills. The specially equipped classroom provides an unforgettable experience for the children, which supports our Personal, Social and Health Education work.

There will be an opportunity for parents to find out what their children have been learning about on Tuesday 18th September at 2.50 pm.

HELPING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

To keep everyone safe please remember the following rules: the adventure playground must not be used by children before and after school; scooters and bikes must not be used on the school playground; and children should not use school equipment or play with balls before and after school. Dogs are not permitted on school site. Thank you for ensuring that your children are supervised before and after school.

HV Sports Update

SPORTS CLUBS

Badminton—Y3/4

Monday's 8am—8.40am (Paid)

Badminton

Monday's 3.20—3.50pm (Paid)

Badminton—Y5/6

Tuesday's 8am—8.40am (Paid)

Dance Club

Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's (Paid)

Junior Sports Coaching—Football

www.juniorsportscoaching.co.uk/

Fit n Funki Dance Club

Thursday's - starting 20th Sept (Paid)

Leaflet to follow

Tennis—details to follow.

There is no Sports Trophy winner this week.



*Harold the Giraffe
from the Life Bus.*

Jigsaw



ACCESS TO BUILDING

To improve the security of the building and ensure children are safeguarded entering and leaving school, parents are not permitted to use the link corridor as a short cut between playgrounds and to enter the building at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please say good bye to your child at the entrances to the building. If your children are in different year groups please collect your youngest child first.

Children in Years 3 and 4 may meet parents in the large playground at the end of the school day, but must wait until their teachers is available to dismiss them. This is to ensure the safety of your child. If you wish for your child to meet you in the large playground please inform your child's teacher by letter.

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

From next week the Office hours will be changing. The office will be open from 8.00am until 4.00pm each day. Messages can be left on the answer machine at anytime of day/night.

OPENING & CLOSING OF GATES

This is a reminder the main school gates are unlocked from 8.30am, registration for the children is between 8.40 and 8.50am and the gates are locked promptly at 8.50am. Arrivals after this time need to sign in via the office.

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Good School attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you, as parents, set the standards and expectations for your child. Showing your child the importance of attending school every day, not only helps your child to settle quickly, but also helps them to keep and sustain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

Attendance at school is a nationwide priority to ensure that all children are receiving the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential. Children's progress is assessed throughout the year and the children in Year 1, 2 and 6 participate in National Assessments through out May and June. It is essential that all children are in school.

The school's expectation is for all children to achieve a good attendance level of 96% or above. The school can only authorise absences from school in exceptional circumstances. Holidays or day trips for birthdays will not be authorised.

ABSENCES

For any absences/lateness, please inform the office in advance or by 8am on the first day of absence. It is imperative for safeguarding reasons that the school knows where your child is if they are not at school. Please note absences cannot be accepted by email, only by phoning our absence line 01202 512813. Please leave a message if your call cannot be answered.

ROUNDERS 'N' CAKE

TOURNAMENT

CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ROY ARMSTRONG

Hamworthy Club, Magna Road

(All day carvery available)

Sunday 16th September

1.00—4.30pm

Teams of about 10, £25 donation per team. All ages and abilities.

Entries/enquiries to:

traceyarmstrong007@hotmail.co.uk

Prior to the day please.

Please come and have fun in helping us to be able to take Roy forwards on his journey!

The funds raised will go to private intensive physio so one day he will be able to catch his brother!

Fun for all! Coconut Shy and activities for young one (By DCF stand) Bouncy Castle. Tombola and cakes!"

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