



Hill View Primary School



Reach For The Stars.



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HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

For me, the end of 2018 has a special significance. This term has passed by so quickly as we look forward to the Christmas holiday and I prepare to retire from teaching at the end of this month. I should like to say that I have greatly enjoyed my career in education and being Headteacher of Hill View. I am very proud of the reputation that the school has within the community and beyond. This is due to the exceptional behaviour and manners of our children who repeatedly demonstrate their compassion, consideration and positive attitude to learning in and out of school. Central to our success is the hard working and dedicated staff across the school. Never complacent, the staff work, with great determination and energy, to ensure that Hill View builds on our current success and continually improves provision and standards throughout. It has been a privilege to have led all, past and present, who have worked in school. I am proud of the ethos values that have been created which the whole school community can identify and live by. We have consistently demonstrated a commitment to improve standards of education throughout the school and recognise that this is confirmed by inspection and nationally agreed progress measures.

As 2018 draws to an end, I can reflect that education is not solely about being at the top of any league table. It is about ensuring that children in the primary age range enjoy learning and are ready for secondary school. At Hill View, we achieve this by providing a broad integrated project based curriculum that makes learning relevant, meaningful, purposeful and fun! This is the vehicle we use to teach children how to think laterally and independently; encourage them to be creative; work collaboratively by taking on different roles; become emotionally intelligent and wonder at the world in which they live. These are the skills and values, along with a resilience, which equips Hill View children for life.

Although I will be sad to leave, I am looking forward to my retirement, confident that the Governors and Trust have appointed an excellent Head in Victoria Buckland. I should like to thank all at Hill View – Governors, Staff, Parents and especially the Children – for allowing me the opportunity to work as Headteacher and making my time at school such a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Thank you.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone!

Amanda Jones
Headteacher

Coming Up...

Thursday 20th December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Parties

Friday 21st December

Last day of Term

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Y4 Carey Camp stage payment due

Y5 Leeson House final payment due

Friday 4th January 2019

Y6 Harrow House stage payment due

Monday 7th January 2019

First day of Term

'Silver Smarties' - PTFA fundraiser

7th—11th January

Pre Loved Uniform Sale

Tuesday 8th January

Coffee Morning

Friday 18th January

'Silver Smarties' returned

Monday 21st January

EYFS Height and Weight—NHS

Wednesday 23rd January

Y6 SATs Parents Meeting 6pm

Friday 25th January

INSET Day—school closed

Tues 29th & Thurs 31st January

9.15 Y2 Performance Snow White

Wednesday 30th January

PTFA Pantomime in school time

18th—22nd February

Half Term

Attendance

Last week's attendance:

96.7%

Best Reception Class:

Donaldson: 97.5%

Best Year 1/2 Class:

Parks: 97.78%

Best Year 3/4 Class:

Attenborough: 98.67%

Best Year 5/6 Class:

Luther King & Pankhurst: 98.67 %

MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PAYMENT SCHEDULES

If you currently attend Morning or After School Club please arrange payments as per the following schedule:

ATTENDANCE WEEK

Monday 7 January

Monday 14 January

FINAL PAYMENT DATE

Friday 14 December

Friday 4 January

MAGIC FOR CHRISTMAS

School Choir members had the opportunity to perform alongside the Bournemouth Back Choir at St Luke's church, Winton on Saturday night. Our choir sang beautifully and were able to enjoy seeing and listening to Mrs Price, Hill View's Music teacher sing as part of her choir, along with one of the school choir's grandfather. It was a very magical event. Thank you to all parents and siblings who supported the event.

HOPE FOR FOOD

Thank you to everyone who has already donated food for our local charity. There is still time to donate any non-perishable foods (Tins, dried goods including pasta, rice or cereals) if you can. The charity is supporting 33 families in our school community this season. Please put donations into the box next to the Christmas Tree in the main reception.

SALVATION ARMY

The reception children's Nativity coin collection raised £95, which was used to purchase gifts for the Salvation Army who were very appreciative of the donations. They will bring a smile to some children on Christmas Day.

YEAR 3/4 CAROL CONCERT

There was standing room only at St Thomas' when the children in Y3/4 presented readings and poetry with clear confident voices. Their singing was fantastic and the event brought a smile to everyone present.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Thank you to all parents who participated in the election of our Parent Governor, 166 votes were cast. I am pleased to announce that the new Parent Governor is Mr Kenchington.

POPPY APPEAL

The school collected £151.70 for the British Legion this November.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The children looked really colourful in their festive jumpers on Friday. We raised a wonderful £423.47 for the charity Save the Children. Thank you for your support.

YEAR 5/6 CAROL CONCERT

The concert was a great display of how talented and musical our children in Year 5 and 6 are. The soloists, choir and piano performances, along with all the children singing, filled St Thomas' with the spirit of Christmas. A very big thank you to Reverend Evans for hosting our Carol Concerts this year.



Wizards



Week Ending

7/12/2018

Aveya Legg - Year R

Chloe Seymour - Year 4

Week Ending

14/12/2018

Jack Finaly - Year R

Layla Turner - Year R

David Arseni - Year R

Zac Aspelng-Wilding - Year 1

Ruby Mosley - Year 1

Mikey Bath - Year 1

Ethan Wheal - Year 2

Lyla Cutler - Year 2

Eli Tovich - Year 2

Leon Litchfield - Year 3

Lois Sturley - Year 3

Ruby Manns - Year 3

Alfie Barry - Year 4

Jessica Braide - Year 4

Ava Lynch - Year 4

Elisha Ellis - Year 5

Layton Edwards - Year 5

Kyra Soraya de Jesus- Year 5

Poppy Bean - Year 5

Maya Ashley - Year 6

Kieran Hopkins-Pollard - Year 6

John Blandford - Year 6



Jigsaw



YEAR 1/2 CHRISTMAS SINGING

The children in Year 1 and 2 sang brilliantly for their parents in the playground on Monday. It was great to see the children enjoying performing and dancing to 'Boogie Woogie Christmas'. Luckily the rain held off.

FUN AT THE FAIR

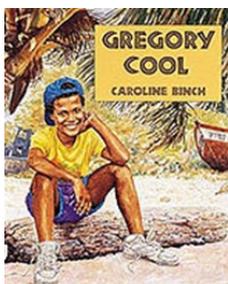
At the Year 4 outcome Mr Bray, Chair of Governors and Mr Chapman, from Paultons Park judged the children's designs and fairground rides. They were both very impressed not only with the quality of the children's models, but the imagination, ideas and their ability to confidently articulate their thoughts and rational. They asked some very challenging questions around the design and operation of their rides, but every group was up to the challenge and enjoyed explaining their thoughts. They were unable to pick a winner from the shortlisted 11 finalists but two groups stood out and deserve a special mention. So well done to Seb, Oliver and James, George, Avo and Jack for their working Fair Ground model.

PTFA DISCOS'

A big thank you Mr Steve Mate for being the DJ for the three discos and to all the parents who volunteered to help. There were some discrepancies in the published information distributed by the school and the PTFA, specifically around deadlines, and I can only apologise to those children who were unable to attend. The school will endeavour to ensure that communication is consistent regarding PTFA events, especially in respect to closing dates and times. The system for booking children to participate in PTFA events has been obliged to change as a result of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Hence the introduction of "Classlist". However, the PTFA realise that not all parents wish to use this system and therefore a hard copy of booking forms will continue to be available from the school office for future events.

HV SPORTS AWARDS Congratulations to Toby Ewens who wins an award this week for his excellent listening and response during gymnastics. He tries hard to perfect his technique and perseveres in order to achieve his best. Congratulations also to Lucas Clist. His perseverance with gymnastic shapes and flight makes him our second worthy winner. 

Reading Focus Gregory Cool – Caroline Binch



When Gregory wakes up on his first day in Tobago with his grandparents, his heart sinks. The food is strange, the sun too hot, his cousin Lennox is on another wave length, and there are none of the televisions, video games and other high-tech gadgets that a cool city-boy takes for granted. How Gregory adjusts to the strange culture, and learns to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean is enchantingly told and illustrated by award-winning author Caroline Binch. 



LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is Friday 21st December.

All PE bags will be sent home to be washed over the holidays. School will finish at the usual time. We look forward to greeting all the children on Monday 7th January 2019.

The staff and Governors of Hill View wish everyone a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL

CLOSURES



Please ensure you read page 5 of this newsletter.



ASCENT AWARDS



Each half term one child is selected by the teachers from each year group to receive the prestigious ASCENT award. The awards are given to children who demonstrate our ethos values (Aspire, Success, Community, Excellence, Nurture and Trust) through their attitude and behaviour in school. A citation is read out in assembly and the previous ASCENT winner for that year group congratulates the new winner and presents them with a trophy to keep. Each award winner is also given a golden star badge to wear.

YEAR 6 - MIA BIRKETT

Within class, Mia can always be relied upon to be a shining light, demonstrating a fantastic approach to her learning. She always strives to do the best she can with her work, aiming for excellence in everything with high quality presentation to match. Mia is polite and courteous to all members of the school community and her peers are fortunate when they are partnered with her in class as she supports others so well in their learning. It has been lovely to see Mia increase in self-confidence, shown recently in her role as ambassador, a job in which she is diligent and focused. Mia fully has shown she fully deserves this award.

YEAR 5 - HARRY KIRBY

You consistently show all of the ASCENT values and demonstrate an excellent and positive approach to your learning. Even when you find things tricky, you show determination and resilience to achieve your best whether that's trying hard to complete difficult maths challenges, improve your written vocabulary or develop gymnastic sequences in PE! You have such a lovely, caring nature in the classroom. You are always keen to give your peers encouragement and support their learning and are always willing to carry out jobs of responsibility for adults. Harry, you should be very proud of your achievements so far this year.

YEAR 4 - JACK SHUREY

Since the start of Year 4 your enthusiasm for learning has increased and you are more determined to try your best in all your work. I am extremely proud of the way you listen to feedback and then respond to this, for example you have developed your expression in reading and are now a great role model of the expectations to others in the class. You are definitely aiming for excellence in your learning. Through the group work in our latest project, you have also shown to be nurturing towards others by listening to their ideas and showing respect. Keep up the brilliant attitude and determination!

YEAR 3 - MILLIE DURRANT

You are a respected member of Simmonds class and our Hill View community. Each morning, you arrive in school with a warm smile, a positive attitude and most of all, a strong determination to work to the very best of your ability. You consistently strive for excellence and your resilience should be highly commended. You are a very supportive pupil, always offering to help out in any given situation. It is a joy to watch your ability to turn your hand to everything offered to you and you have shown that success is the result of working through problems, trying again and pushing yourself in order to achieve pleasing results.

YEAR 2 - BELLA EWENS

Bella, you are a fantastic role model for the other members of our class. We can always trust you to be following school rules and to be kind, polite and helpful. You are always listening and trying your best even when you find things tricky. You are a good friend and work very well collaboratively, always with a smile on your face. You're not afraid to challenge yourself and are always working hard, striving for excellence! You are a trustworthy member of Nightingale class and you can always be relied upon because of the example that you set with your behaviour and attitude to learning.

YEAR 1 - DELILAH BROWN

Delilah, you are a caring, kind hearted girl who always thinks of others. You demonstrate a growth mindset, aspiring to achieve great things. You persevere with challenges and continually stretch yourself with all of your work. You uphold our school values positively demonstrating them every day through impeccable behaviour and beautiful manners. You are trustworthy and independent in all aspects of school life. Thank you for being such a super credit to our class. We are very proud of you!

YEAR R - ANNELIESE LONG

Anneliese, you have such a beautifully warm and nurturing approach to your school life. You greet Donaldson class, each morning, with a lovely smile on your face and with a determination to reach for the stars. In addition, you are a fantastic role model to the Hill View community and demonstrate very high expectations. With your nurturing attitude and kindness, you are always there encouraging and supporting others in your class. With your hardworking and resilient approach, you should be really pleased with your successes and achievements. You are a perfect role model to your peers and we are so lucky to have you in Donaldson class!

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

School Closures

With the exceptionally cold weather we had over the weekend, I am writing to remind you about how we deal with severe weather, especially snow, which may affect the school. Please be assured that every effort is made to keep school open. However, there are exceptional circumstances where the safety of your child/children is the primary concern. At such times, a decision is made on whether it is safe or practical to open the school to our pupils. For example, when the journey to school is dangerous due to weather conditions such as heavy snow or when teaching staff who travel some distance to reach school, are obliged to abandon their journey due to the prevailing conditions. At such times, school closure is considered the safest option. If a decision is made to close the school a text alert will be sent as soon as possible informing you of the closure by 7.30 am.

Information can also be found by listening to local updates on Heart FM.

In the unlikely event that a decision is made to close the school during the school day, a text message alert will be sent to you. Again, we make every effort to remain open and will always ensure children remain safe. Please remember to keep your mobile phone switched on to ensure that you are able to receive any news or important updates.

It is very important that the school is able to make essential outgoing calls during such times. Please do not telephone school, unless in an emergency.

Arrival at School

Our Site Manager, Mr Kelly, prepares a gritted pathway for use when arriving at school in icy conditions. Please ensure that children walk safely with you along this route and do not allow them to play on icy surfaces in the playground. Please send children straight into class at 8.40am when the bell rings.

Wellingtons and Warm Clothes

Whenever possible children play outside during morning break and at lunchtimes. Please ensure that they have sufficient warm clothes to wear at these times.

Thank you for your support.

