



Hillview Primary School

December Monthly News

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We have had a very busy and enjoyable December! The children have impressed me with their learning throughout the term and it was lovely to see so many of you at the theme share and book look events this week. I hope you enjoyed seeing the learning that has taken place this term. Over 90% of parents/carers attended.



Well done to all of the children in HEY, reception and Key Stage One for a fabulous nativity "Hey Ewe". Thank you to all staff involved and all those who attended. Thank you also to those of you who attended Christingle Services. The school choir have made us very proud by singing in the community at Brockworth House Nursing Home and St James Church Munch Club, thanks to Mrs Atkinson and Ms Martinez for all of their hard work with rehearsals in preparation for these events.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes , Rebecca Curtis

Thank you to those of you who completed the 2 stars and a wish feedback form at the Nativity. The idea of this form of feedback is to gain information on what you feel we are doing well and find out what parent/carers feel we could improve on. I have provided a summary of the feedback below and have provided a response to the 'wishes'. Key Stage 2 parents will be asked for their 2 stars and a wish feedback in January.

Stars (What you feel we do well)

Learning Gems, transition to school from HEY, pastoral support, staff enthusiasm and talent, emotional support, individual needs are met, including HEY in school life, friendly atmosphere, lovely, friendly, helpful teachers, homework, afterschool club variety, happy children, reward systems, brilliant communication, accessible Headteacher, feedback to parents, nurturing approach, speed of progress, monitoring of curriculum and learning, creative learning, interesting and engaging themes and teaching, weekly newsletter, approachable and visible staff.

Wishes and our response

No reserved seats at the nativity—We reserve seats for those people who have given their time to the children of Hillview throughout the year by way of a thank you. Should you wish to volunteer please contact Mrs Curtis.

Improve the website— We have sourced a new website which will be easier to navigate and more frequently updated. The upgrade will take place in term 3.

Free swimming lessons— Children in Year 4 and Year 6 (who cannot swim 25m) will be given free swimming lessons from 2016.

Communication, correct timings and timely— Occasionally, the times of events change once the monthly newsletter is published. We can appreciate that this can be confusing so from now onwards the monthly newsletter will state am or pm for events where the time has not been finalised. We endeavour to ensure that monthly and weekly newsletters contain information about upcoming events well in advance. We send a text the day before events as a reminder.

Teachers to be more accessible on the playground— once all children have left the school building you are welcome to approach the teaching staff.

Guidance on assisting children with their learning and more information about what they are learning— we will put on parent information evenings regarding reading and maths. On the website the curriculum section has a parents guide to the curriculum.

Congratulations to our Super Gem and Star Gem Winners Term 1 and 2.

Amethyst— Toby (YR) Sophie (Y5)

Diamond— Arthur (Y2) Maddy N (Y6)

Topaz— Sam (Y1) Adaora (Y3)

Star Gem Y3 Katie

Emerald— Daisy (YR) Aksjayaan (Y4)

Star Gem YR Sophie P

Star Gem Y4 Lexie-May

Sapphire— Atrum (Y1) George (Y4)

Star Gem Y1 Jack O

Star Gem Y5 Neve

Onyx— Nathan (Y2) Maddie D (Y6)

Star Gem Y2 Sophie

Star Gem Y6 Henry

| Date | What's happening? | Where and when is it happening? |
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| 7.1.15 | Tours of the school for parents of children who start school in September 2016 Please ring the office to book | 9.15am |
| 18.12.15 | KS2 Christingle Parents/carers welcome | St Philips and St James church 2pm |
| 18.12.15 | EYFS/KS1 Christingle Parents/carers welcome | Hall 2.30pm |
| 18.12.15 | Term 2 ends | 3.05/3.10pm |
| 19.12.15-3.1.16 | Christmas Holidays | |
| 4.1.16 | Inset Day 2 | School Closed |
| 5.1.16 | Term 3 starts | |
| 19.1.16 | Tea and Toast | 9am |
| 11.2.16 | Term 3 Ends | 3.05/3.10pm |
| 12.2.16 | Inset Day 3 | |
| 13.2.16-21.2.16 | Half term | |
| 22.2.16 | Term 4 starts | |
| 22.3.16 | Theme Shares | pm |
| 24.3.16 | Term 4 Ends | 3.05/3.10 |
| 25.3.15-11.4.16 | Easter Holidays | |
| 11.4.16 | Inset Day 4 | |
| 12.4.16 | Term 5 starts | |
| 9.5.16-13.5.16 | Year 6 test week | |
| 27.5.16 | End of Term 5 | 3.05/3.10 |
| 6.6.16 | Term 6 Starts | |
| 21.7.16 | End of Term 6 | |
| 22.7.16 | Inset Day 5 | |

Days that the school is closed in 2016

Monday 4th January
Friday 12th February
Monday 11th April
Friday 22th July
Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September



Hillview Early Years is part of Hillview Primary School and we welcome all children from the age of 2 years 9 months years to school age.

Our aim is to provide a happy and stimulating environment, where the children can explore and learn about the world through play.

If you would like to apply for a place at Hillview Early Years for September 2016 please complete a registration form available from Hillview Early Years or the school office, alternatively they are available to download at : www.hillviewearlyyears.co.uk.

Charity support in December

Throughout December we have collected food items which have been donated to the Gloucester foodbank. Even though we didn't anticipate collecting money for Christmas jumper day this year some donations were made, these will go towards purchasing food for the Gloucester foodbank. Many thanks

Well done and thank you to The Friends of Hillview Primary School. Who raised a fantastic

£878.60

At the Christmas Bazaar.

Thank you to all of you who attended and helped to make the Bazaar a success.

The Friends of Hillview are a very friendly group of parents and carers who work together to put on events throughout the year which raise funds for equipment and structures which benefit all of the children within the school.

The Friends of Hillview are always looking for new committee members, so do feel free to come along to the next meeting on **Thursday 7th January 2016 in The Hive**

Lost Property



We have a large amount of lost property in the box in the foyer next to the office.

Please do come and look in the box if your child has lost an item of clothing. If items are named we endeavour to return the item to the child rather than placing it in lost property. As the lost property box is now full we will donate any clothes left in there after January 9th 2016 to charity.