



Hillview Primary School

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As term 1 draws to a close, I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who have impressed me with their positive attitudes towards learning and willingness to take on a challenge as we continue to develop 'purple learning' and the gem project.

Miss Barnes, Mrs Hemming and I have been lucky enough to visit lessons in every class across the school this term. Our focus being on how well the children are: rising to the challenge in their learning, developing resilience by understanding that making mistakes or being 'stuck' is an important part of learning and are involved in self and peer feedback. We have been impressed with the way in which the children are embracing their learning.

As part of our behaviour policy we look at the school rules with the children at the beginning of every academic year and review them. This year the children have selected 3 words which will be the basis of the behaviour code. These are: **Honesty, Safety and Respect**. The children and I have spent assembly time discussing what it would look like all of the people in the school were following these rules to help develop their understanding of what the rules mean.

Thank you to those of you who attended parents/carers appointments with the class teachers. I hope you found the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and look at their books useful.

Thank you to those of you who filled in the parent questionnaire on values the results were that respect, resilience, responsibility and safety scored as the most important values for parents/carers. We will feed this information into the values we have from the children, staff and governors.

I hope you have a lovely half term break with best wishes, Rebecca Curtis



Once again, we will be supporting the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. This appeal sends shoeboxes of Christmas gifts to children who live in poverty around the world. If you want to make your own shoe box at home please do so and bring into school by **Wednesday 11th November** for collection. Alternatively, this year, we have decided to make a box in each class and send these as well. If you would like to contribute one item to your class shoebox please send this item clearly labelled "Shoebox Appeal" by **Monday 9th November**. If you would like more information regarding Operation Christmas Child please go to

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

We are in need of donations of small world objects and puppets for the Haven.

If you have any spare items such as dolls house furniture, mini-figures, animals etc Mrs Talbot would gratefully receive them. Many thanks for your

support

Date	What's happening?	Where and when is it happening?
12.11.15 20.11.15 24.11.15	Tours of the school for parents of children who start school in September 2016 Please ring the office to book	9.15am 9.15am 2.00pm
2.11.15-6.11.15	Year 6 Residential	Wales
2.11.15	Term 2 starts	
2.11.15	Egyptian Workshops Y3	Hall
5.11.15	Roman Theme Day Y4	School
11.11.15	Shoebboxes in by today please	
13.11.15	Friends Toy Sale	
13.11.15	Children in Need—Talent Show	
20.11.15	Friends Disco	
23.11.15	Coffee and Cake with Mrs Curtis	2.00pm in the Hive
27.11.15	Pantomime— Wizard of Oz	The school hall
15.12.15 16.12.15	HEY, YR, Y1 and Y2 Nativity Play	The hall 9.30am
16.12.15	YR, Y1 and Y2 parent/carer book look	Classrooms after nativity
16.12.15	Key Stage 2 Theme Shares	2.15pm onwards
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	
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	
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	

The Friends of Hillview Primary School are running a toy sale on Friday 13th November. Please bring any toys you wish to sell into school by Thursday 12th November

Celebration Assemblies for home achievements



In order to ensure that enough time is given to the celebration of achievements from outside of school the first celebration assembly of each month will concentrate on these achievements.

If your child has had an achievement outside of school which they would like to have recognised they can bring in trophies/medals/photographs/letters/certificates on the first Friday of each month.

I really look forward to celebrating the vast range of achievements the Hillview Family has to share.

The next home achievements celebration assembly will take place on Friday 6th November 2015.

As you will have noticed the yellow lines outside of the school were repainted in the summer holidays, this has improved the parking situation directly outside of the school. Thank you for not parking on these lines.

It is important, however, that parents/carers park legally and considerately on the roads surrounding the school. If you have any issues with parking please speak to Mrs Curtis or the police in the first instance.

School Uniform

A huge thank you to those of you who have ensured that your children are wearing the correct school uniform. Please can I draw your attention to the rules concerning **jewellery**.

One pair of **plain** gold or silver stud earrings only (no shapes, colours or jewels please)

In exceptional circumstances, e.g. allergies to gold/silver clear (diamond style) jewels may be worn with prior permission from Mrs Curtis.

No other jewellery (including Loombands) is permitted.

Appropriate uniform is an important part of high expectations of behaviour, thank you for your support.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask.