



# Headteacher's Bulletin

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

## Headteacher's message:

Part of our school vision is to be a central part of the Hillside community, supporting family and friendships. This has recently been enacted with our children taking part in our annual Harvest Service at St Paul's Church and parents invited to our reading meeting. Thank you to all who attended. This week has also included our reception children hosting a special grandparents' tea and Year 1 visiting Helsby Library.

Well done to our Y5/6 and Y3/4 Tag rugby teams who represented Hillside at a recent Tag Rugby tournament and festival. We know that all children involved enjoyed themselves and they were celebrated in Friday's assembly.

Thank you to parents who supported our recent book fair. In addition to the children's enjoyment of buying and reading a new books, Scholastic have given Hillside £422.50 credit towards new books. So thank you!



On Thursday 24th October, we will be hosting our second Reception 25 open day. If you know of any prospective parents with children due to start next September, please ask them to get in touch.

Can I please remind parents **to notify the office** when your child is absent. You are welcome to copy in your child's class teacher, but understandably, teachers, busy preparing their class and then teaching, may not pick up emails till much later in the day. If the office have not been notified, they will contact you to confirm the reason for absence.

Please note that children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for morning break, and we suggest to parents that fruit is the most suitable option. School snacks (toast, bagels and fruit juice) are provided for KS2 children, which should be paid for in cash. Fresh fruit is provided for all our infant age children (Reception, Y1 and Y2). Children should not be bringing in sweets, chocolates or crisps for snack and will be asked to take them home.

Finally, can I please ask that children do not bring any foods into school (for snack or lunch) that contain peanuts. We now have two children with peanut allergies. Please note foods containing other nut types are fine to include in lunches/ snacks.

This week, we look forward to parents' evenings on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th. If you have not yet made an appointment, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient date and time.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

## Kim Williams leaves us after 25 Years!

We are very sad to share that Mrs Williams has decided to retire and leave us at half term. Kim has been a brilliant team member, supporting children across the school but mainly in Reception and Year 2. The happy news is that she may be back as an occasional volunteer but she is very much looking forward to enjoying her retirement with the recently retired Mr Williams. We wish her all the best in her retirement which hopefully will include lots of holidays in the sun!



We congratulate her too in recently becoming a proud Grandmother. Her first grandchild, Bobby George was born on the 6th November weighing 7lb12oz (just in time for her retirement!).

## Diary Dates 2024:

- 15th & 17th October—Parents evenings
- 24th October—Book Swap
- 24th October—Reception 25 Open Morning
- 25th October—FOH Disco (KS1 3.15-4.15) (KS2 4.30-5.30)
- 25th October—Finish for October half-term
- 27th October—FOH Halloween Bingo at Helsby Sports Club
- 5th November—Children return to school
- 7th November—Individual and class photos
- 13th December—[Nasal Flu Vaccines Link](#)
- 20th December—Finish for Christmas Holidays (2pm)

## Reading

As part of national libraries week, Year One enjoyed a visit to Helsby library on Wednesday. They enjoyed story time and a chance to browse through the books available there. It is free to join the library and they host many events in school holidays as well as a Lego Club every Saturday morning - a great place for families to visit!



## Book Swap

Our next book swap event will take place on Thursday 24th October. This is a great, cost-free, way to encourage reading for pleasure whilst helping to save the environment. Children will need to bring in their unwanted books on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 21st-22nd October and will receive tokens to "spend" at the swap shop on Thursday. Please note that books should be in good condition and be age appropriate for your child's class. A maximum of 3 books per child can be brought in to swap.



Please hand in your old book(s) to your class teacher on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 21/22/23 October. You will then receive a token to "spend" on a new book at the Swap Shop on Thursday 24th October.



## Volunteer readers wanted!

Can we please ask for any parents/ grandparents to get in touch if they can spare some time each week to read with children.

Mrs Potts—Reading Champion

## Personal Development

October is Black History Month and on Tuesday Mr Newman gave a whole school assembly celebrating black history. This was followed on Wednesday with Mr Khan giving a KS2 assembly where the children learned about the Windrush generation of men and women who came over from the West Indies in the 1950s to support the rebuilding of Great Britain after the war. Mr Khan will be leading two further assemblies on Black History before half-term. On Thursday, Miss Hughes led a KS2 assembly linked to World Mental Health Awareness Day.

## Hillside's 60th Time Capsule

Representatives from KS2 helped to bury a time capsule on the grounds of our school. We have captured what school life is like in 2024. The aim is for this time capsule to be opened in 30 years. We hope they will find it interesting to see how much school life has changed in 2054.



## Link Club

We now have places available in our before and after school provision. If you would like to use this provision or would like further information please email us at [linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk) more information can also be found on the [school website](#)



## Friends of Hillside

The next FOH event is the school disco next **Friday 25th October** in the school hall at the following times:

KS1 disco 3.15pm—4.15pm

KS2 disco 4.30pm—5.30pm



PTA can be contacted on:

Followed by the Halloween Bingo at Helsby Sports Club on the 27th October.



## Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk)

or call **01928 722 991**

Website links:

[School website](#)

[Absence request](#)

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# HELBY JFC GIRLS

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR GIRLS IN SCHOOL YEARS 1  
AND 2 TO JOIN OUR FABULOUS U6'S AND 7'S  
FOOTBALL TEAMS 



**TRAINING ON TUESDAYS 6-7PM  
AT HELSBY COMMUNITY SPORTS**

**MATCHES ON SATURDAY MORNINGS  
AT KING GEORGE V SPORTS HUB**

**Contact Kelly for more information on 07973470456**

## Helsby JFC looking for new members!

Would any budding KS1 girl footballers like to join Caitlin and Libby (Y2) train and play for Helsby JFC Girls football team?

Please get in touch with Kelly (07973470456)

### Kimaya (Y4)

Kimaya recently passed her grading in taekwondo.

She is now 2nd Kup red belt! She only has one more belt to go before she can grade for her black belt! She worked really hard to get this belt! Well done Kimaya.



### Erin (Y5)

Well done to Erin (Y5) who has been working very hard on her floor work in gymnastics and received a star of the week certificate.



## Teddy Tombola

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for HOHO Helsby! It has become a bit of a tradition now to have a HOHO teddy tombola and we will indeed be holding another one this year. Please could any preloved teddies be handed to Mrs Potts over the next few weeks so that they can have their "wash and brush up" in time for the big day.

## Hillside children aiming high!

On Friday we celebrated children's reading. Children from each year group were awarded a certificate to acknowledge their reading progress. We also awarded Hillsider certificates to children who have been working hard to champion our guiding values of kindness, respect, gratitude and ambition.

### Thomas (Y4)

Congratulations to Thomas who was recently awarded player of the match. Thomas currently plays for Frodsham juniors. Keep up the good work Thomas!

