



# Headteacher's Bulletin

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## Headteacher's message:

As we complete our first half term together, I reflect on what has been a great start to this academic year. New children, not only in Reception, but also across the school, have settled in well and are already much part of the Hillside family.



This week, our Y3s have reinforced their geography study with a successful trip to West Kirby. On Wednesday, Reception class went on a Bear Hunt with Mrs Williams (on her last day).

On Thursday, children from across the school took part in our 'Book Swap' and Year 2 celebrated their knowledge of the seasons in a special assembly for their families. I would like to thank my colleagues for providing these experiences and look forward to many more next half term.



In school, you may have noticed some construction work at the back of Year 5. We are having a small MUGA (multi use games area) installed which we hope to be ready for the children to enjoy using next half term. Over half term, we are also having the 'Trim Trail' extended which has been partially paid for by you through Friends of Hillside fundraising.

Next half term is anticipated to be another busy period of learning enhanced by wider personal development opportunities. Please note the addition of KS1 and KS2 Christmas Production dates for your diaries.

I wish all our children, families and friends a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in on Tuesday 5th November.

Adam Khan—Headteacher



## Headteacher's Tea

I was delighted to host two Headteacher's Teas this month. Kian, Tess, William, Phoebe, Alex, Evelyn and Rupert attended on Friday 11th October. Each child shared what they enjoyed and also found challenging in their new classes, particularly in maths. Older children were able to empathise, recalling their memories of previous years and giving support. It was lovely to see the growing confidence of all children in sharing their voice. On the 24th October, Alfie, Lucy, Jax, Megan, Tilly, Tristan and Ted joined me and again enjoyed the opportunity to have some fruit, a biscuit and a chat about school.



## Diary Dates 2024:

- 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
- 10th December—KS1 Nativity (Afternoon performance)
- 11th December—KS1 Nativity (Evening performance)
- 18th December—KS2 Christmas Production (Evening)
- 19th December—KS2 Christmas Production (Afternoon)
- 20th December—Carols Around the Tree Assembly (1pm)
- 20th December—Finish for Christmas Holidays (2pm)

## Good Luck Kim—We'll miss you!

On Wednesday we celebrated Mrs Williams 25 years at Helsby Hillside and wished her a fantastic retirement. At her farewell assembly, she shared the following poem which she specially wrote for the children and staff:

*The time has arrived to say 'Goodbye',  
and this I know will make some of us cry.  
I've been at Hillside for quite a long time,  
sharing both happiness and sadness and the odd glass of wine.*

*My role has been varied since I became a Hillside,  
which has included cutting and sticking and catching the odd spider.*

*Residentials and school trips I've done my fair share,  
but if Mrs Williams had no sleep the children knew to beware!!*

*Much of my time has been spent "playing" in Reception,  
the time got more stressful with every Ofsted Inspection.*

*Phonics is taught by a green frog who's called Fred,  
Ice packs and a wet paper towel are the cure for any bumped head.*

*Mr Khan the Headteacher has introduced fantastic walking,  
but he frowns in assembly when children are talking.*

*Advice to new parents is to 'let them put their own coats on',  
as when I'd zipped up 30 my break time was gone.*

*So we are off on the bear hunt in the school playground,  
with homemade maps and binoculars I'm sure he'll be found.*

*So with retirement now here I've found a new hobby,  
loving and caring for our gorgeous grandson named Bobby.*

*So search in your pockets and bring out your smile,  
It's cherrio for now but you never know I might be back in a while!*

Kim wanted us to also share the following:

Please can you say a huge 'Thank You!' to all parents who contributed to the collection for my retirement. I will be using some of the money in the spring to buy some plants for my garden so I can have a permanent reminder of the Hillside children. I'm also going to treat myself and my daughter to a spa day leaving "Pops" in charge of Baby Bobby. Many thanks, Kim xx

### Contact details:

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## Heidi (Y2)

A big achievement for Heidi in passing her Stage 4 swimming this week. In just 8 sessions she had powered through with determination and resilience.

Well done Heidi!



### 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 Halloween Bingo at Helsby Sports Club on Sunday 27th October



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