



# Hillside Primary Newsletter

Children first, last and always!

March 2021



## Happy Easter!

It would be easy for me to highlight the many challenges that we've all faced this term and indeed over the last year, but I would like to instead focus upon the amazing resilience, determination, flexibility and positivity that everyone in our school community has shown. When I see the children in class or at playtimes, it's easy to forget everything that they have been through over the last year because they are so happy, enthusiastic, caring and sensible. We should all be incredibly proud of our children, ourselves and for what we have overcome and achieved together.

However, while things continue to move in the right direction, we still have some way to go before everything can return to normal and we must therefore, remain cautious and continue to follow the same strict measures that have been in place across the school since the beginning of the academic year. Hopefully, over the coming term, we will be able to gradually remove some, or even all of these measures, but in the meantime we kindly ask that you continue to support us in keeping everyone in our community safe.

I hope that you all have a fantastic Easter and enjoy being able to share it with friends and family...albeit outside! Take care.

Simon Minter — Headteacher

## Red Nose Day

All of the children (and staff!) had a fantastic day last Friday. This year's theme was "Funny is Power" and it was fabulous to see so many wonderful superhero costumes, which certainly made us smile. Thank you so much for all of your donations. We are delighted to announce we raised a massive £325!!! We are so grateful for your generosity for this wonderful charity, helping to support projects in the UK and across the world. THANK YOU!



## Pupil Premium

If your financial situation has changed recently, you could be entitled to help with school meals, uniform, music lessons and school trips. Your child could also be entitled to additional support with their learning. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered universal infant free school meals. This is regardless of your household income. However, you can apply for your school to get extra funding from the Government called Pupil Premium. It only takes a few minutes to apply and could help your family and the school. All applications are completed online so are entirely confidential. Visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk).

## Important Dates

- 26/03/21 Last Day of Term
- 12/04/21 Children and staff return to school
- 03/05/21 Bank Holiday
- 10/05/21 Class photos
- 20/05/21 Y6 trip to Harry Potter Studio
- 28/05/21 Whitsun Half Term
- 07/06/21 Return to school
- 21/07/21 Last day of Term
- 02/09/21 Staff return to school
- 06/09/21 Children return to school

Don't forget to inform us if your child has any medical needs or dietary requirements we should be aware of. We are currently reviewing our care plans to ensure we have the most up to date information. Thank you.

