



Hillside Primary Newsletter

Children first, last and always!

April 2022

Happy Easter!

We've reached the end of yet another busy and disrupted term, with so many children and staff succumbing to various bugs! Fortunately, we've managed to keep things going and to their great credit, the children (and staff) have once again taken it all in their stride!

It was lovely seeing so many of you in-person again for the Parents' Evenings this week. With the imminent removal of all Covid measures and mass testing, we've decided to remove the majority of our measures in school for the Summer Term. While we will be continuing with enhanced cleaning, hygiene and ventilation, and gradually moving to whole-school face-to-face assemblies over the term, the children will be able to mix more freely again across the school. I have attached some information on our new arrangements and we will continue to keep things under review and follow both Public Health and Government guidance.

We're really looking forward to finally returning to somewhere close to normal and have lots of fun and enriching activities planned for the Summer. In the meantime though, I hope that you all have a wonderful and well-deserved Easter break with your families!

Mr Minter

World Book Day

Pupils and staff enjoyed celebrating and dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We were really impressed with all the imaginative costumes and the children took part in lots of book-related activities throughout the day. The Early Years children were able to go between classrooms to complete activities from the books "We're going on a bear hunt" and "Cat in the Hat". In the afternoon, they went on their own bear-hunt, following the bear footprints and retelling the story.



Football

It has been great to have both our girls and boys football teams back up and running this term. They have started their league and cup matches and we are delighted to report that our U11 girls team recently won against Ormesby, 3-0 and are through to the next round of the cup. Our U11 boys team also won against Cliff Park (undefeated this term) 2-0! Well done to both teams. Thank you to Mr Spring and Mrs Lazell for training the teams.

Pupil Premium

We appreciate that these are very difficult times and we've all been hit hard with significantly increasing living costs. However, you may be entitled to help with school meals, uniform, music lessons and school trips. Your child may also be entitled to additional support with their learning. Therefore, we would encourage you to apply for a Government Pupil Premium grant. It only takes a few minutes to apply and could help your family and the school. All applications are completed online and are entirely confidential. Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk.



Important Dates

- 01/04/22 Last day of term
- 19/04/22 Staff training day
- 20/04/22 Children return to school
- 02/05/22 Bank Holiday
- 09-12/05/22 Year 6 SAT's
- 18/05/22 Year 6 trip to Harry Potter Studio
- 23/05/22 Class photos
- 30/05/22 Whitsun Half Term
- 06/06/22 Return to school
- 08/06/22 Year 4 trip to Strangers Hall
- 17/06/22 Bollywood day
- 22/07/22 Last day of term
- 05/09/22 Staff return to school
- 06/09/22 Children return to school

