



Hillside Headlines

Keeping everyone up-to-date

Summer 2018

Fond Farewells



During the last term we have bid farewell to a number of staff and some will be leaving us at the end of the term. We say "Goodbye and Good Luck" to Kristy Wood, Angie Salisbury, Emma Stalker, Jade MacDonald, Jeannie Fry and Claire Laffling - we wish them all well in their new ventures.

Karen Pilgrim and Linda Brown will be retiring at the end of the term after over 30 years of dedicating their lives to Hillside!



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Our new system for online reporting to families. Make sure you have returned your reply slip with email addresses.

HOLIDAY BUILDING WORKS

We are having a new "Bird Hide" built on our field so pupils can have an access to an outdoor space whatever the weather. They will be able to learn all about the environment and watch the comings and goings of different species of birds, and hopefully, get a glimpse of our resident Owl!

We are also having a door fitted to Rabbit classroom to enable the pupils in this class access to an outside space directly from their room.

The atrium will be updated with new flooring and decorations and replacement windows will be fitted to the older end of the school.

HEADTEACHER INSIGHT *by Michelle Kelly*

It has been a busy but exciting few months at Hillside. We were delighted to welcome OFSTED in to our school, who affirmed what we felt sure of, that Hillside remains an Outstanding provision for our pupils.

We have had several new initiatives that have now been embedded and seen the pupils flourish!

We have developed technology across the school and we are beginning to reap the rewards.



We are looking forward to enabling our pupils to access a Summer School this year.

Our team of experienced staff are making the final preparations for the sessions as we speak. Thanks to Activities Unlimited for supporting this amazing opportunity!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has been a huge success across the school with pupils taking responsibility for the shopping as well as some of the preparation and making breakfast.

Pupils have enjoyed a range of breakfast options including toast and cereal.

This has even given some pupils an opportunity to clear up afterwards and practice their washing up skills!



New Posts and Positions

Shelley Jackson our Deputy Headteacher will be going on Maternity Leave in September. Jenny Askew and Wendy Battye will be sharing the Deputy Head role until her return.

We have also appointed Val Bain and Jo Ince as class teachers of Fox Class and Rabbit Class. In addition, we have appointed Robin Morris-Denholm and Lizzie Murphy.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies have been very well received this year with a number of families attending!

It has been wonderful to share with you this time and we hope to see more of you there next year!

The dates will be sent out in September.

HYDROTHERAPY

We are pleased to say we are now letting the Hydrotherapy pool for use by the local community. We are working with AQUATOTS, PUDDLEDUCKS and JANE WEST PHYSIOTHERAPY.



School Holidays



The last day in school for pupils will be Friday 20th July 2018. We will re-open for pupils on Thursday 6th September. We hope you have a great summer break.



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Sailing Trip



A group of Hillside pupils had an amazing day on the water with East Anglia Sailing Trust!

Nurture Club

This year we have we have implemented a new "Nurture Club"



This has provided opportunities for pupils to access sessions with Iris, a specialised teacher, to focus on specific areas of learning. We hope to make this opportunity available to more pupils as we move forward.

Music Therapy

We continue to work with Suffolk Music Therapy services to deliver this valuable and beneficial therapeutic service for our pupils.



Sensory Circuits



Huge thanks to Barbara Goddard this year as she has successfully organised and run Sensory Circuits for pupils that need their sensory needs met. Barbara, and husband Steve, also helped fundraise for equipment for the sessions.

Sensory Art

A great year of Sensory Art has been led by Chris Patrick! Some outstanding results have been achieved. Here we can see a



Sensory Fish Tank that the pupils created.

REMINDER

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school directly. Unfortunately, we cannot accept messages from anyone other than parents or carers. Thank you!

Next Years Dates for the Family Forum Meetings



Friday 21st September 1.15pm
Wednesday 21st November 1.30pm
Tuesday 22nd January 9.00am
Monday 18th March 1.30pm
Thursday 6th June 11.00am

We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Be Respectful, Be Heard, Be Truthful, Be Safe and Believe in Yourself