



# Hillside Primary School and Nursery

## “Achieving Greatness Together”



Friday 9th February, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have promoted Children’s Mental Health Week ‘Express Yourself’ and “Your Voice Matters”. PHSE lessons, class assemblies, and lunchtimes planned by School Council have all raised awareness towards these extremely important topics.

We have focused on how ‘our voice matters’ and what we can do as individuals to have a bigger impact. We’ve encouraged the children to share their ideas and opinions for areas within school through suggestion stations and look forward to putting their ideas into action!

On Friday 16th February (last day of the half term) we have arranged a non school uniform event. Children can come to school in non-uniform to express themselves, whether it be letting their personality shine through with their favourite colours, showing off their team spirit in their favourite teams kit or just coming as they are in their comfiest clothes! We want all children to share what makes them, them.

We are also raising funds for Place 2 Be, if you wish to donate please follow this link -

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/hillside-primary-school-1707242648276?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fhillside-primary-school-1707242648276&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=](https://www.justgiving.com/page/hillside-primary-school-1707242648276?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fhillside-primary-school-1707242648276&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=)

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wass





## Safer Internet Day

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, Hillside Primary School took part in Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally every year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation. The theme for 2024 was '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'.

The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how can we help support children and young people separate fact from fiction? From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2024 centred around listening to pupils voices, particularly focusing on their perspective on new and emerging technology, how things online can make them feel and supporting children to question, challenge and change the online world for the better.

Safer Internet Day challenges everyone to play their part in fostering supportive relationships and respectful communities online. From discussing the ways the internet can be used to communicate, to creating positive change in online groups when bullying behaviours arise, the Day empowers young people to be at the heart of creating a better internet.

Often we hear about the negative impact that the internet and new technology has on young people, but on Safer Internet Day we want to celebrate the positives and to explore what we can all do to make sure that all young people have a positive time online. Parents and carers play a crucial role in supporting children to navigate the risks and make the most of the opportunities offered by technology. The most important thing you can do is to have a conversation and stay engaged with your children's digital lives.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our workshop this week!  
Please check out our home safety agreement on page 7 and 8.





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## Hillside is taking part in Beat the Street!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJbOghMQ5ZM&t=2s>

You can find more information on the website:

<https://www.beatthestreet.me/ipswich>

## Weekly Attendance

We want every single one of our children to be  
an Attendance Hero:

Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time



**Overall attendance is 91.6% Target 96%.**

*Every day counts!*

**Yr 6 Osprey 98%, Yr R Butterfly 97.3%, Yr 2 Robin 96.5%,  
Yr 3 Fox 94.8%, Yr 3 Badger 94.8%, Yr 5 Seal 93.6%,  
6 Kestrel 92%, Yr 1 Hedgehog 91%, Yr 4 Kingfisher 91%, Yr 4  
Puffin 90.3%, Yr 5 Dolphin 90.3%, Yr 3 Deer 90%, Yr 2  
Wren 89.8%, Yr R Ladybird 88%, Yr 1 Squirrel 85.4%**

**Well done Osprey 98 % !**



## Year 4 Maths Parent Meeting

Thank you to all the parents for attending our meeting this week. The presentation can be found here:

<https://hillsideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/year-group-pages/year-4>

# 20 is plenty!

## Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them

Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year

Will have better general knowledge

Will improve critical thinking skills

Will improve their communication skills

Will have a broad vocabulary

Will have reduced stress levels

Will learn how to develop empathy

Will improve their test results

100%





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# Diary Dates

Friday 16th February - Non school uniform Day - last day of the half term

Monday 26th February - Return to school

Week beginning Monday 4th March - Book Week at Hillside( more details to follow)

Week beginning 11th March - Science Week at Hillside (more details to follow)

Thursday 28th March - Last day of the term

Hillside School Dates 2023-2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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January 2024							February 2024							March 2024							April 2024						
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May 2024							June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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■ Staff training days – school closed  
■ School holiday closures  
■ Bank Holidays



**Hillside Primary School Nursery**  
**Stay and Play**

Wednesday 14th February 2024  
 10.30am

Drop your child off at the usual time of 8.30am and return at 10.30am.







*Every day matters!  
Attendance is the key  
to success*



Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance	Whole days of absence	Learning Hours Lost
<b>Excellent</b>	100%	190 days	0	<b>0</b>
	99%	188 days	2	<b>10</b>
<b>Good</b>	98%	186 days	4	<b>20</b>
	97%	184 days	6	<b>30</b>
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	<b>37.5</b>
<b>Cause for Concern</b>	95%	180.5 days	9.5	<b>47.5</b>
	94%	179 days	11	<b>55</b>
	93%	177 days	13	<b>65</b>
	92%	175 days	15	<b>75</b>
	91%	173 days	17	<b>85</b>
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	90%	171 days	19	<b>95</b>
	89%	169 days	21	<b>105</b>
	88%	167 days	23	<b>115</b>
	87%	165 days	25	<b>125</b>
<b>Serious cause for concern</b>	86%	163 days	27	<b>135</b>
<b>Critical</b>	85%	161.5 days	28.5	<b>142.5</b>
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	<b>152.5</b>
	83%	158 days	32	<b>160</b>
	82%	156 days	34	<b>170</b>
	81%	154 days	36	<b>180</b>
	80%	152 days	38	<b>190</b>

# What we have agreed about our online life

internet  
matters.org

We have decided that *(add your names)*:

  
  
  
  


1. We agree that we want to use our phones and the internet safely
2. When we eat together phones and online activities will be off
3. I can play my games after school for  minutes and at weekends for  minutes
4. At night my phone will be charging in another room while I sleep
5. We agree to be kind to other people online and move away from anything that upsets us

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## Below are our agreements for social media and our devices

*We've agreed on some rules about social media. We don't like:*

- Messages that are rude, upsetting or make people sad
- Photos or videos that are not OK for children or teenagers because they make us less safe or let other people see things that are private to us.
- It is not OK to send these.

## I/We promise to do these things:

- Get help from [redacted] *[name of parent / carer]* to add friends at first
- I'll only talk to close friends I know now or my family
- I won't share photos that are inappropriate (describe)
- We all understand that social media apps have age limits and rules
- We all understand how important it is to be private and [redacted] will set up a social media account for [redacted]
- We agree to be kind to other people on social media and help our friends

- .....
6. If I feel upset about anything I see, I can tell [redacted] I know how to block or restrict people if they are nasty or I can ask [redacted] [redacted] to help.
- .....

## Devices

- Which devices are we allowed to use and when? [redacted]
- Who will check regularly to see that the privacy and security settings are OK? [redacted]
- What do we do if we are asked to click on something? [redacted] *(Like don't click 'accept' before checking with an adult)*
- When is it OK to download files, games or apps? [redacted]
- When is it OK to buy things in games? [redacted]

We will talk about our agreement [redacted] *[enter agreed amount of time]* to see how it is working.

