



**Hillside Primary School and Nursery**

**“Achieving Greatness Together”**

Friday 17th November, 2023



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Wow, what a busy week filled with positives.*

*We have raised awareness and fundraising for Anti Bullying, ‘ Make Change Happen’ and Children in Need, ‘Positive Relationships’.*

### **Anti Bullying**

*At Hillside, we have a zero tolerance approach to bullying. We have used this week to remind all pupils of how to report bullying or anything they are worried about, That there are people who care and can help if they are struggling with a bullying- related issue and where to find their school’s Anti-Bullying Policy.*

*Bullying is defined as: behaviour by an individual or group, repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.*

*The following acronym is used when explaining bullying to children: **STOP***

**S – SEVERAL**

**T – TIMES**

**O – ON**

**P – PURPOSE**



*On Monday, we launched the week with an ‘Odd socks’ day. Ofsted recently commented ‘ We are a happy and diverse environment’. We used our ‘Odd socks’ as another way of celebrating our differences and uniqueness.*



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*Lessons and assemblies throughout the week have focused on: what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Thank you to our Anti Bullying ambassador team of children for all their support! We hope you have found our resources sent home useful.*

#### **Visit from Roma**

*Roma has been performing since a very young age including, at the age of nine, playing a young Fiona in Shrek the Musical. Developing her skills over the following years has seen her perform at major music events, such as Latitude and two times in the final of Ipswich Has Got Talent, in front of an audience at the Ipswich Regent. She endured many years of bullying in both primary and secondary school and today, through a series of questions, she led an assembly with Year 5 and 6 about the highs and the lows and the things she put in place to make sure the bullies, eventually, did not win.*

*We have shared further information with parents this week, all resources can be found here <https://hillsideprimary.co.uk/safeguarding/anti-bullying>*

#### **Parent Council**

*This week, we had our first Parent Council meeting. Thank you to all parents who attended. Our minutes can be found here <https://hillsideprimary.co.uk/parents/leading-parent-partnership-award>*

#### **Children in Need ‘ Positive relationships’**

*Thank to Miss Bligh for arranging our various fundraising activities including daily mile, walk or run, lunchtimes activities and of course our non school uniform day today! I can’t wait to find out how much we raised.*

*Wishing you a safe and happy weekend.*

*Mrs Wass*





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**Apply now!**

**We are welcoming applications now for children starting Reception in September 2024**



**Funded places are also available in our nursery for children aged 3+**



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Call 01473 601402 or email [office@hillsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@hillsideprimary.co.uk)**

[www.hillsideprimary.co.uk](http://www.hillsideprimary.co.uk)



Children born between 1/9/2019 and 31/8/2020 can start school in September 2024. Details of how to apply for a school place can be found on the [Suffolk County Council website](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk).



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### Outside of school achievements

We would love to hear about your child's achievements outside of school. Please email the information to:

[office@hillsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@hillsideprimary.co.uk)

### Hillside Heros

If you would like to praise a member of staff, please use this link:

<https://bit.ly/hillsideheroes>



School success starts  
with attendance

**Overall attendance is 92.2%. Target 96%.**

### *Every day counts*

**Kingfisher 96.7%**, Seal 96.4%, Robin 95.4%, Dolphin 95%, Badger 94.8%, Puffin 93.7%, Kestrel 93.3%, Hedgehog 92.8%, Osprey 92%, Fox 91.8%, Deer 91.4%, Butterfly 09.9%, Wren 90.7%, Squirrel 89.2%, Ladybird 86.7%

**Well done to Kingfisher!**



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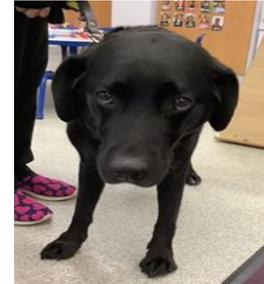
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### **Introducing Joy (Guide Dog)**



**Joy is on site every day supporting Miss Mills.**

*How should I behave towards the dog?*

*The important thing to remember is that a guide dog is a working animal, not an ordinary pet. It expects to work with its owner and knows that when it's wearing the harness, it is on duty. When the dog is working it needs to concentrate on the job in hand (or paw!), so it's very important that you don't distract it by touching, feeding or talking to them. When the dog's harness is off, it should behave like a well-trained dog but still people should not touch the dog.*

*Where will the dog stay during the day?*

*When it's not working, the guide dog should rest quietly and undisturbed.*

*Can I talk to the dog?*

*Like all dogs, guide dogs enjoy attention, and unless it's on duty the answer will often be “yes” - but please always ask the owner first! It's important not to overwhelm or over excite the dog, particularly when it's settling in to the work environment, so please don't be offended if the owner asks you not to talk to the dog.*

*Can I feed the dog?*

*Definitely not! All guide dogs are fed a carefully balanced diet and extras or titbits will affect their health and the way they work. We also recommend you keep your own food - sandwiches for example - well out of temptation's way!*

*Can I play with the dog? A guide dog has been trained to lie quietly where it's placed, so it's a great help if you don't encourage it to run around in the workplace. It may have some toys to play with but they should not be noisy ones, and the dog won't be allowed to chase them around the work area. The toys are for the dog, not for anyone to interact with.*

***Please ensure that we are aware if your child is allergic to dogs or has a phobia of dogs so this can be managed effectively.***



**Guide Dogs**

Guide dogs help people who are blind or partially sighted.

It is expensive to look after and train a guide dog. The money is raised through donations to charity.

You should never stop or distract a guide dog while it is working.

Certain types of dog breed are often used as guide dogs, such as golden retrievers.

Guide dogs attend puppy classes to learn commands, such as 'sit', 'stay' and 'come'.

When puppies are young they go to live with a volunteer to learn about the world around them.

Guide dogs go to a special training school at about the age of one. They learn how to help people cross the road safely and how to follow instructions.

Guide dogs are allowed in some places where other dogs are not allowed, like restaurants and shops.

After this, they are paired with a possible owner. The owner and dog train together for about a month to check they are well-matched.

Guide dogs usually wear a special harness. The harness is a different colour when they are training.

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## **Diary dates - More information to follow**

Friday 1st December - Choir Performance

Thursday 7th December - Choir performance

Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day at Hillside

Monday 11th December - Christmas experience at a local church , 10.30am Nursery Christmas Nativity

Tuesday 12th December - 2.30pm KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December - Year 3 and 5 Christmas Carol service at 9.30am, Year 2 Christmas experience at the church

Thursday 14th December - Year 4 and 6 Carol Service at 9.30am, 2.30pm KS1 Nativity , Choir Christmas performance

Tuesday 19th December - Reception Christmas play at 9.30am

Wednesday - End of Term. Christmas afternoon parties in class.

