

"Achieving Greatness Together" Friday 8th November 2024





Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! It has been a positive transition with new clubs launched, good attitudes to learning and themed Maths and Writing lessons to support engagement.

On Monday, Mrs Box led an assembly to introduce our 'Talk money' focus. Linking maths to real life contexts is a priority for us and lessons focused on budgeting and spending this week.

Throughout the week, all writing lessons have been focused on, 'Shadow Stories,' linking literacy and Science. The children have created their very own stories alongside a shadow theatre to enhance their story telling skills. Keep an eye next week for photos of the children sharing their stories!

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Next week we are continuing to promote our zero approach to anti bullying. Thank you for all your ongoing support!

Don't forget it''s our 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday to celebrate that we are all different and unique.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wass







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We are a listening school!

Thank you for the 117 recent responses to our survey. We are grateful for your feedback which supports our ongoing school development and this will be discussed during our Parent Council meeting next week.

Next steps:

Awareness of bullying. Although the feedback was approximately 90% positive, we are continuing to develop awareness in this area. We are supporting Anti Bullying week next week which is themed ' Choose respect'. Although we take action all year to bring an end to bullying. Help us to STOP bullying. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher so we can swiftly deal with any issues to prevent bullying.



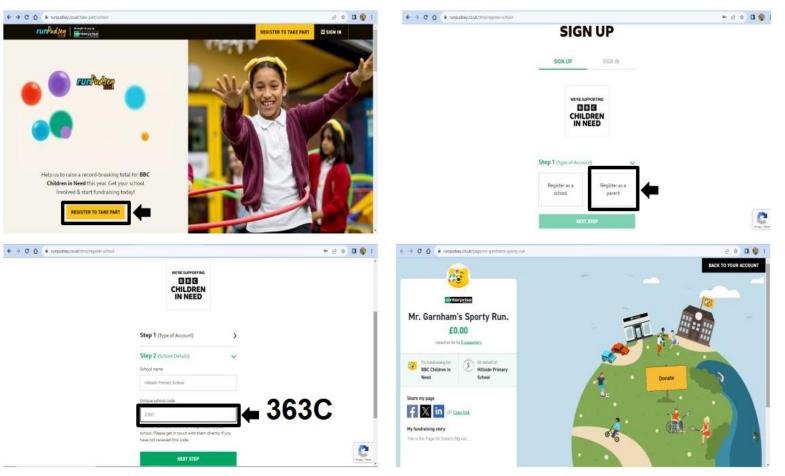


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On Friday 15th November we will be raising money for Children in Need.

Children can come to school in non-uniform and we will be doing a variety of sponsored sports!



This year for Children in Need we are using a website called 'runPudsey', this enables you to register an account for your child where you and others will be able to donate. Every child who registers and raises money through this will receive a medal as a thank you for their contributions!

Below is a step-by-step guide on how to register, following this link: <u>https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/hillside-primary-school</u>





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular - with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Interne cess can sometimes be an issue when you'r using up data), so you may fi<u>nd that de</u> ortnite players are often less iastic about trips away – such as day

IN-GAME COSTS

rtnite is free to download and play, but it doe offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a nificant amount. These items are bought with ne currency, V-Bucks – earned through

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POP CULTURE REFERENCES

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CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

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VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

e, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is pout shooting other players to eliminate then from the contest. That said, there's no blood o

FREQUENT UPDATES

resh update se elp to hold pla rs' interest

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with heir friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise vith their friends online

SET SPENDING LIMITS

nism for coaxing players into buying sought-after efore they disappear for weeks or months. This insactions on bank cards if

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USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set st around £8 and are also asses can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans ormance, or as an

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with you e of the game: make sure any young player knows this

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

e also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play un with their child, while also maki

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

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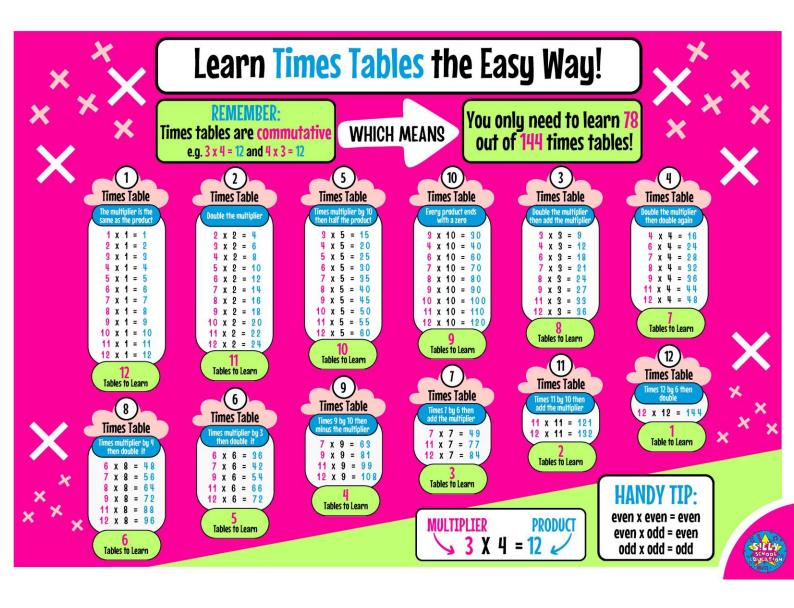
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Outdoor learning at Hillside Primary!

We highly value the benefits of the outdoor environment to enhance learning, mental health and wellbeing, and develop environmental awareness. We are keen to extend our outdoor learning opportunities.

Here are some recent updates in EYFS, outdoor learning area on the KS2 field and our new outdoor learning classroom.











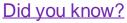




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Talking Money at Hillside





A 2013 study from Cambridge University indicated that **financial habits are formed by the age of seven.** The research suggests that children have often formed core behaviours by the age of seven which they will take into adulthood and could affect financial decisions for the rest of their lives.



This week children across the school learnt about the importance of money in different contexts for the different ages. Children were highly engaged in real life discussions of money and how it affects them. In EYFS children were in role playing shops, exchanging money for goods. All children learnt about clever financial decisions as well as how money can make us feel. In years 5 and 6 children learnt about budgeting, bank accounts and saving. A fantastic and engaging day of money math lessons!











Why good attendance and punctuality matter?

High attainment depends on good attendance. Have you logged into to the Arbor app to check your child's attendance? If their attendance is 98% or above we refer to this as 'excellent' and gold level. Between 95% and 97.9% is 'green' which is a good level attendance. If attendance is below 95% then this is a concern, as this is below the national level. Below 90% is a serious concern and a 'red' level.

Click on this link and learn how to find out your child's latest attendance figure. <u>https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-</u> <u>us/articles/203856191-Attendance-on-the-</u> <u>ParentPortal-and-Parent-</u>

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. Please refer to page 8 and 9.











IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING! I was abducted I'm fairly sure My alarm clock The bus driver by aliens - look school starts at got off at the stop exploded and I 10:00 - maybe I'm I've got a note slept through it. before mine. to prove it! early? <u>minutes late per day,</u> every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time. 15 minutes 20 minutes 30 minutes 10 minutes = = 10 days 6.5 days 19 days 13 days lost per lost per lost per lost per school school school school year year year year WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE · Get everything you need for school ready. · Set your alarm with plenty of time to spare. If you bring your lunch to school - make it now. Turn off electronic devices 30mins before sleep. If you use your phone before bed download a blue light filter app to look after your eyes. Remember that people aged 11 - 16 need 8 - 10 hours of sleep! WHAT TO DO IN THE MORNING Get out of bed as soon as your alarm goes off. Have a shower first thing - it will wake you up! Have a nutritional, but guick, breakfast. Fruit,

- toast and healthy cereals are perfect and will give you enough energy to last to lunch time.
- Keep an eye on the clock and don't waste time.
- If you wait for friends, don't wait if they are late.
- If you're late don't make excuses we've heard them all before and honesty works much better!









Success really does start with

attendance

We support first!

We want every single one of our children to be an



Attendance Hero: Here Everyday Ready On time

Target 96%



Every day counts!

2M 98.21%, 4G 97.16%, 5C2 96.12%, 5C1 95.97%, 4C 95%, 1A 94.57%, 1D 94.57%, 4T 94.57%, 2D 93.53%, R1 92.86%, R2 92.72%, 3B 92.08%, 6H 90.83%, 3R 90.63%, 6C 87.95

If your child is not well enough to attend school please report this by phoning the Office on 01473 601402 option 1 from 7.30am. We MUST receive this information by 8.45am

Please support us in reducing the number of school days lost.

A day off school means a day where learning is lost.









Learning in Families



Story Sacks - ^{a free 3-week course for parents/carers} of Nursery, Reception & Year 1 children MAKE A STORYSACK FOR YOUR CHILD

- make a story sack for your child, which includes one of your child's favourite books plus resources you make to bring the story to life (free story book provided)
- learn how to use it to support your child's reading, writing and speaking and listening skills

There will be a selection of free story books to choose from, or you can bring a favourite book of your child to base the story sack on.

You don't have to be good at art and craft, just keen!!

WHEN: Starting Thursday 28th November 9 -11 am

WHERE:

Hillside Primary School

HOW TO BOOK:

Email office@hillIsideprimary.co.uk

or return this flyer to the school office with your name and your child's name and class written on the back

The course is free. In order to keep it at no cost to you or the school, our funders need us to ask you to complete some documentation, which is held securely in accordance with our 'Privacy Policy'. Please bear with us on this.



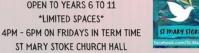








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Diary Dates for Autumn Term

Monday 4th November - Return to school

Monday 11th November - Parent Council meeting at 2.30pm

Thursday 14th November - Flu vaccinations

Friday 15th November – Children in Need (please refer to page 3)

Thursday 28th November – Class photographs

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

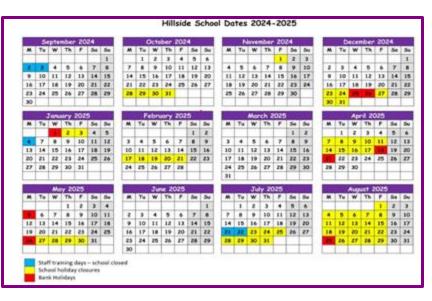
Monday 16th December - Online Safety workshops (more details to follow)

Tuesday 17th December – 8.45am KS1 Christmas production

Wednesday 18th December – 2pm Reception production

Thursday 19th December – 2pm KS1 production

Friday 20th December – Last day of the term







Hillside Primary School



Achieving Greatness Together

Welcome to Hillside Primary School, where we are proud to offer a happy and nurturing environment for all children to thrive.

Our well-established and vibrant school sits at the heart of our community.

We are welcoming applications now for entry into Reception for September 2025.



Visit us for a tour and find out more: Call 01473 601402 or email office@hillsideprimary.co.uk

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Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week One

Dates: 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 23rd Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar, 7th Apr Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Two Dates: 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 30th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th Mar, 14th Apr Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

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WEEK TWO	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Main Meal Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Tomato Chicken Pasta Spirals	Fish Fingers ه Chips	
Main Meal Option 2	Potato, Spinach & Cheese Toasted Wrap with Tomato Salsa	Plant Based Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Mediterranean Vegetable Tart Served with Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Tomato Vegetable Pasta Spirals	Plant-based Sausage & Chips	
Filled Baguette	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham	
Vegetables	Baked Beans or British Red Tractor Garden Peas	Broccoli/Cauliflower	Cauliflower Carrots,	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Baked Beans, British Red Tractor Garden Peas	
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Dessert	Apple & Sultana Crumble Bar with Custard	Iced Carrot Cake & Orange Slices	Chocolate Shortbread	Toffee Cream Tart	Chocolate Oaty Slice	

Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Three

Date: 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 17th Feb, 10th Mar, 31st Mar

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt						
WEEK THREE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Main Meal Option 1	Cheesy Pasta Spirals with Pizza Style Topping	Beef Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Barbeque Chicken & Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips	
Main Meal Option 2	Beany Shepherd's Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad	Roast Vegetable & Lentil Roast with Sticky Ketchup Glaze, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegetable Meatballs, Tomato Sauce & Mixed Rice	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Chips	
Filled Baguette	Ham	Cheese	Tuna Mayonnaise	Cheese	Ham	
Vegetables	Broccoli/Cauliflower	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Cauliflower & Carrots	Baked Beans <u>& Peas</u>	Baked Beans, Sweetcorn	
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Dessert	Lemon Cupcake with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges	Chocolate Crunch ه Chocolate Sauce	Strawberry Mousse	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Custard	



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