

Baby News...

Congratulations to Mrs Wainwright and her family who will be welcoming a new baby in April. This is fantastic news and I know that they are excited about Pearl becoming a big sister. We are all looking forward to meeting the new Baby Wainwright!



School Gates

Reminder: The gates on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds automatically open at 8:40 in the morning and close at 9:10. In the afternoon they will open at 2:55 and close at 3:35.

All gates are electric so please do not push them to try to open them more quickly as they will jam. For safety reasons please wait until the gates are fully open before walking through.

Pupils arriving before 8:50 when staff go on duty will need to be supervised by an appropriate adult. Doors open at 8:50.

Harvest Assembly

Year 5 performed brilliantly in their harvest assembly this term. They focused on Harvest festivals from around the world and took the audience to a range of places including Mexico, Indonesia and Egypt through a mix of singing, dancing and art.

Thank you to all who have kindly donated food items to Hillside so that we can support the SOT food banks. You have been very generous and the food banks will be very appreciative.



School Uniform

Reminder to ensure that all items of clothing (including PE kit) are clearly labelled. To reduce the occurrence of items being misplaced children are encouraged to put clothing in bags, rather than on pegs, when they are not being worn.

Local Democracy Week

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Y6 School Councillors attended Local Democracy Week at the Kings Hall this afternoon. They learnt about democracy in Stoke-on-Trent and had a chance to talk about the issues in our area with our local Councillor.



Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club staff cannot accept any monies or letter replies and cannot provide change when you drop your children off in a morning. These must be put into the child's bag in a clearly labelled envelope.

Sickness

The School Nurse has advised us that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then they should not return to school until 48 hours after their last episode.



Friendship Buddies

Thank you to all the pupils who applied to be a Friendship Buddy for this academic year. All applicants were successful and will be undergoing training to ensure that they feel fully equipped to carry out their role successfully. They must be commended for committing their time and skills to such an important role at Hillside. A launch assembly will follow so that they are known to all children in school.

Nursery's First Half Term

The Nursery Children have had a great first half term. They have settled very well and we are very proud of them! In maths we have been learning all about numbers 1-5! In Literacy we have learnt all about who lives in our houses, what our houses are made out of and the story of the Three Little Pigs! We even went into the forest for the first time, which we enjoyed. We are so excited for next term to learn all about sound. Here are some pictures of what we have been up to in the first half term.



Reception Food Tasting

As part of our topic we tasted a variety of sweet, sour, and salty foods to see which we liked best. The overall winner was the 'chocolate' although the children surprised us by also enjoying the lemon and raw onion.



Reception—Library Visitor

A visitor from the library came to Reception to share a story with the children and their parents. The children really enjoyed listening to the story, 'Kitchen Disco' and joined in enthusiastically at the end.



Year 1 Bird feeders

Year 1 have been thinking about how to attract birds to our woods as part of their Science topic. They worked in groups to make bird feeders



Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to the year so far and have experienced a number of learning opportunities outside of the classroom.

Hanley Fire Station invited us back for an afternoon of exciting, life-saving workshops during the September month. The children took part in a number of activities, which covered fire-safety, mental and physical wellbeing, and the impact of alcohol and drugs on the body.

We have also been to Haywood Academy twice this half-term. Our computing topic is animation and to supplement this learning we took part in a workshop using the school's ICT facilities. The children created their own computer game, which is due to be finished in a follow-up visit during the next half-term.

Our second visit to Haywood was for a different topic - High School Taster Day. We attended a full day at the school where children baked pizzas, made key-rings and played table tennis (to name but a few activities). Children commented that they had had lots of fun and were particularly pleased about the prospect of having their pizza for tea...

Year 6 English Writing

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their topic on spooky stories. The writing produced has been incredible and the decorated classrooms; eerie music and variety of stimuli have been the perfect backdrop for creative writing.



Meet the eCadets!

We have chosen 2 children from each Key stage 2 class to become eCadets. They will be working with Miss Nelson to spread the message of staying safe online. Already they have created and shared top tips on staying safe and have lots more planned.



Year 4 Roman Trip

Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful day at the Dewa Museum in Chester to support their learning about the Romans in Britain. They went on patrol around Chester, looked at artefacts and saw a real archaeological dig within the museum.

Perfect behaviour ensured a fabulous day was had by all.



Year 2 Bake Off

Year 2 have been focusing on the text 'A Piece of Cake' by Jill Murphy this half term. As part of this unit we looked at instructional texts in the form of recipes. We then followed a recipe to make our own cakes- they were delicious!



Year 4 at Haywood Academy

Last week Year 4 went to Haywood for a PE taster session. They improved their dribbling, passing and shooting skills and all looked extremely smart in their new PE uniforms!



Year 3—Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Year 3 have had extremely fulfilled half term learning about Roald Dahl and his book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children had a great trip out to Cadbury World and enjoyed lots of freebies! They were fully engaged and had an educational talk about the packaging that Cadbury used. Following our visit the children produced their own chocolate bar, created their packaging and then wrote a persuasive letter to Mr Willy Wonka giving him reasons to produce their chocolate bar. It has been lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning and the work they have produced has been fab! A great



Year 5 on Radio Stoke

Year 5 took part in 'Educating Peter' this term, live on Radio Stoke! They came up with five questions based around their topic of 'WW2', and Peter did his best to guess the answers. Luckily, Peter got three questions wrong, meaning the winners were Year 5! They were very chuffed, and as an extra treat, they had the opportunity to look at the radio van. Well done!



Dougie Mac—Bring A Pound Day—7th October

Thank you to all of the children and their families who supported us with Dougie Mac's 'Bring a Pound Day.' The children all looked fantastic in their yellow clothing, and thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the Dougie mac bus which included Pottermus, Dougie the Sunflower, Emil and Jonty from Signal 1 and many other volunteers. They used their 'voting chips' wisely and had a great time watching Mrs Schonau, Mr Frost (x2!), Mr Mellor, Miss Nelson and Miss Smith being 'cream pied'. In total we raised over £250! Thank you again for your continued support.



Book Donations - Many thanks to the following people who have donated birthday books so far this term — Alfie Davies, Erina Lawton, Freya Jenkins and Imogen Davidson.

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER

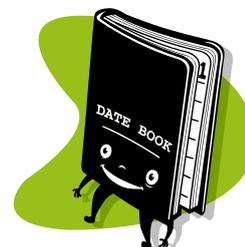
School re-opens	Tuesday 1st November
Thurs 3rd	Y4 Showcase 2pm
Fri 4th	Y2 Educational Visit to Jodrell Bank
Fri 4th	Football Matches at Northwood Stadium 3.45pm
Mon 7th	PTFA Meeting regarding Christmas Fayre
Tues 8th	Sohan Kailey—Indian Dance
Thurs 10th	Y3 Showcase 2pm
Fri 11th	PTFA Quiz Night 7.30pm—ticket entry
Mon 14th	Anti-Bullying Assembly and Y6 Workshop
Tues 15th	Y5 Educational Visit to Dudley Zoo
Tues 15th	Y2 Showcase 2pm
Wed 16th	Y1 & Y2 Odeon Cinema—Zootropolis
Fri 18th	Non-Uniform Day—Bottles for Christmas Fayre
Wed 23rd	Y3 & Y4 Odeon Cinema
Wed 23rd	Y1 Educational Visit to Brampton Toy Museum
Wed 23rd	Reception Showcase 2pm
Thurs 24th	Be Bright, Be Seen Assembly
Fri 25th	Non-Uniform Day—Chocolate/cakes for Christmas Fayre
Fri 25th	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm

DECEMBER

Thurs 1st	Y1 Showcase 2pm
Mon 5th	Nursery Trip to Amerton Farm
Tues 6th	Reception Trip to Winter Wonderland
Thurs 8th	KS1 Immunisation Session
Thurs 8th	Disco—details to follow
Fri 9th	Whole School Visit to Mitchell Theatre 'Robinson Crusoe'
Tues 13th	9.30am—Nursery Sing-a-Long
Tues 13th	10.45am—Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity
Tues 13th	1.15pm—Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity
Tues 13th	2.15pm—Nursery Sing-a-Long
Tues 13th	6pm—Key Stage 2 Production
Wed 14th	9.30am—Key Stage 2 Production
Wed 14th	Whole School Visit to Milton Church
Thurs 15th	Christmas Lunch
Fri 16th	School closes at 3.15pm for the Christmas Break

JANUARY 2017

Wed 4th	School re-opens for the Spring Term
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Details for specific events will follow in a separate letter. Occasionally dates/times may need to be changed so please keep an eye on the newsletters and other correspondence from the school.