

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome to our December Newsletter

This is our final newsletter of 2016 and I hope that the information provided is useful as we end the term.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We return to school on
Wednesday 4th January 2017
for the start of the spring term.

Merry Christmas



Mrs K. Schonau

Events at Hillside—Autumn Term 2016

This term the pupils have enjoyed many exciting educational visits, after school clubs, fundraising events, sporting events, visitors in school, been to the cinema and the theatre. Radio Stoke's 'Educating Peter' Show broadcast live with our Year 5 class.

These include:

Trips to Jodrell Bank, DEWA Centre Chester, Cadbury World, Amerton Farm, Odeon Cinema, Brampton Toy Museum, Dudley Zoo, Winter Wonderland Telford, Blists Hill Victorian Village and a whole school trip to the Panto at the Mitchell Arts Theatre!

We've held fundraising events for charities including Children in Need, Dougie Mac, Royal British Legion, the Food Bank, and our PTFA events, including Christmas Fayre, Disco, Quiz and Film nights.

Assemblies have included weekly celebrations of achievements in school, Attendance, Dougie Mac, Harvest -Food Bank, Diwali, Advent, 'Be bright, Be seen!' and Anti-Bullying.

There has been a whole school musical performance by Key Strings and a whole school performance of 'The Lonely Mesop' which is embedded with key messages about bullying, and celebrating individuality. The production is also a useful tool in promoting positive mental health.

Our athletes have represented the school at football, Fitzy Festival, Sports Hall Athletics, Indoor Rowing, Laser Tag, Dodgeball and the Change4Life Festival.

Our Songbirds have performed at the Victoria Hall, our Choir have performed at the Mitchell Arts Theatre, our Artists have created wonderful displays in the main hall and of course your children have performed for you at the Christmas Concerts and showcased their work to you as individual classes. Our newly formed band 'Hillside Rocks' took part in a rock-off against other local schools and won!

We wouldn't be able to do all of these things without your support and the hard work of our pupils and staff.

Thank you!

Christmas Concerts

Our Christmas concerts were once again a great success and very well attended. Events like these take a lot of preparation and rehearsals.

I'd like to thank our pupils, staff and volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm.

DVD's still available from the office at £9.00 each.

PTFA Fundraising Events—Autumn Term 2016

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success. As always, the PTFA and our staff did an excellent job in organising the event and a big thanks to those of you who donated items and those who came along to support us. The total amount raised was £1,092.42.

More successful events included a quiz night which raised £208.92, film night which raised £276.53 and our Christmas disco which raised £324.03.

A big thank you to the members of our PTFA who work very hard to support the school, ensuring that the pupils benefit as much as possible during their time at Hillside.