HILLSIDE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1 - 02.10.2026

A message from Mrs Richardson

We are absolutely delighted to celebrate the success of our swimming programme this year. Thanks to the determination of our children, the support of staff, and the encouragement of families, a further 62 children out of 100 swimmers who were unable to swim 25 metres at the start of the programme, can now do so confidently. This is a fantastic achievement and an important life skill that will stay with them for years to come. We are incredibly proud of every child for the resilience, courage and perseverance they have shown in the pool.

It has also been a very exciting week in school as we welcomed some very special visitors Tuesday & Wednesday. Throughout their visit, our children were nothing short of amazing. They spoke confidently, demonstrated their learning with pride, showed exemplary behaviour and truly reflected everything that makes our school such a special place. As a school community, we could not be more proud of them, and parents should be immensely proud too. Whether in the swimming pool, the classroom, on the playground or when representing the school to visitors, our children continue to show what can be achieved through hard work, kindness and determination. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our whole school community. This has certainly been a week full of achievements and memorable moments, and we look forward to celebrating many more successes together throughout the year.

R. Richardson

Mrs **Richardson (Head Teacher)**

Important Communication Reminder

This is an important reminder that the Office is no longer monitoring the messages on Dojo. If you have sent a message since last week, please note this will not have been looked at. Please contact us via email on office@hillsideprimary.com or call us on 0115 840 1477.

Book Fair



We are excited to have the Book Fair coming back to School from 6th - 12th October.

There will be a variety of books on offer to purchase including brand new titles. The School receives rewards based on the number of sales made which is exciting.!

The Book Fair will be held in the hall at the following times:

6th & 7th Oct - at Parents Evening
8th, 9th and 12th - until 3.45pm

Dates for the Diary

5th Oct - Winter Flu Nasal Spray
6th - 7th Oct - Parents Evening with Tombola
6th - 12th Oct - Book Fair
14th Oct - Year 2 Cafe
19th - 31st Oct - Half Term

Open Evening

Please share the below Open Evening information to anyone you know that may be looking to enroll their children into nursery or primary school - Thank you

Open Evening

Thursday19th November2026

3.30pm - 6.00pm

Weinvite parents and families to look around,meet ourdedicated staffand discover more about life at Hillside Primary and Nursery School.

Alongside Reception - Year 6 aged children, we also have our own Nursery provision, as well as offering wraparound care via our Twilight Club.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/QZ0w4ic1Lw

Parking Reminder

This is a polite reminder to not park on the double yellows outside the School unless you are a Disabled Blue Badge holder. Please also be reminded to be respectful to the surrounding houses when parking. Let's help keep our relationship with our neighbours a happy one.







Swimming Pool

The swimming pool has been a great success once again and we have had some amazing achievements by the children. Well done everyone!

The History Van

Year 5 had a fantastic Anglo-Saxon immersion day delivered by The History Van. The children enjoyed a truly hands-on experience, making Anglo-Saxon ink, creating illuminated letters, playing knuckle-bones, weaving fences and even milking a sheep! They had great fun exploring ornate helmets and heavy shields, battling their foes and learning about the seven Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms and the battles they fought. Experience days like these are such an important part of our curriculum, giving the children the opportunity to step into the day-to-day life and experiences of an Anglo-Saxon. These memorable, hands-on experiences will enrich their enquiry work and inspire their writing, and we can't wait to see the fantastic work they produce!

It's not too late to pay for this visit and thank you to those who already have. These visits are only possible with your contributions.



