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February 2017 – NEWSLETTER

The new school term is well under way now and everyone is working hard. Please help your child with reminders about behaviour, trying their hardest, completing homework and reading every day.

PATHS

PATHS stands for Parents and Teachers of Hillside School. This is our first parent teacher group to help support home school relationships, raise funds and support school events. PATHS have held their first meeting. If you would like to get involved or find out more please call in at the morning drop-in sessions or see Mrs Mellor or any of the parents who are already involved. Many thanks to Alison Wilson, Laura Storer, Banaz Hussen, Danni Jones, Clare Neary, Ayshah Nawaz and Kelly Dean who are the founder members of PATHS.

Staff Changes

We are happy to welcome Miss S Ilyas Class Teacher in Barn Owls and Mr R Myers Nursery Teacher and Foundation Stage Coordinator.

Mrs S Riley will now cover Wolves Class.

We also have a new Parent Governor, Clare Neary, parent of Sophie and Tyler Neary.

We are looking for another Parent Governor if you are interested please contact Mrs Sadler or call in at the morning drop in session.

Homework and Reading Diaries

A great big thank-you to all parents who have so positively supported the use of reading diaries and are completing homework with children. It really does make a big difference to have your support and the children are really enjoying using the reading diaries.

Reading Update

As I am sure you are aware, helping all our pupils to become better readers is our key priority for the year. Staff have had lots of training in the best teaching methods and we have made some changes to our approaches. All children will be reading more and be involved in some whole class comprehension lessons. This will ensure children are better prepared for answering comprehension questions. You may hear your child talking about ERIC (DERIC for EY and KS1) and ERNI. These approaches use the best teaching methods and stand for:

D - Decode

E - Explain

R - Retrieve

I - Infer / Interpret

C - Choice (authors Choice)

And

E - Everyone

R - Reads

N - No

I - Interruptions

(D)ERCI will happen on most days as part of literacy lessons and ERNI takes place after lunch every day for all classes. If you would like to find out more then please have a word with class teachers.

Book swap

From Monday we will be starting a book swap at the morning drop in sessions. If you have children's books that are in good condition that your child has grown out of please bring them along and swap them for a different book. We hope to teach the children about recycling and sharing as well as supporting their love of reading via the book swap sessions. Please see Mrs Mellor or Mrs Heywood for more information.

Christmas Update

Our Winter Fayre was well attended, we raised £740.00 for school funds.

Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Attendance Champions

Last term's winner of the 'Best Attenders' were Pandas with 98.07%. Second place were Tigers with 98.06% and third were Manatees with 97.40%.

Golden Table

The children who get certificates in Friday's Golden Assembly now sit at the 'Golden Table' the following Friday for lunch. Children are really enjoying this and working hard to impress their teachers with their learning attitudes and good behaviour.

Bad Weather

Please make sure your child has warm, waterproof clothes as we do try to get outside whatever the weather. I will always try to keep school open if it is safe to do so but if we do have heavy snow, we will use our texting service to let you know if we have to close. Please make sure your contact numbers are up to date. School closures are posted on the Kirklees website and announced on local radio stations.

Sainsbury's Voucher Scheme

We will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year. Please ask your friends and family to help us save for new playtime toys. The collection box will be in the reception and vouchers can be sent in to your child's class, or dropped off at the main office.

Dairy Dates

Thursday 16th February - School Disco KS2 6:30-8PM (£1 entry)

Thursday 16th February - Break up for Half Term

Friday 17th February - School Closed (Staff Training day)

Monday 27th February - Back to School

Tuesday 28th February - 'Come Dine With Us' 9:15-1:15 Children's Centre

Thursday 2nd March - SATS Maths Adult Workshop 1pm-2:40pm in Children's Centre (Runs all term)

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (details to follow)

Friday 10th March - Coffee Morning 9:15 To run every Friday All Welcome in the Children's Centre

Thursday 9th March - Parents Evening

Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 4th April After School Club Celebration Event 2pm- 3:15

Friday 7th April - Break up for Easter

Monday 24th April - Back to School