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APRIL 2018 – NEWSLETTER

Please remember to check book bags for letters and please ensure we have your correct contact details.

Easter Fair and School Fund

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Easter Fair we had a great turnout and raised a staggering £689.00 for the school fund. We are using some of the monies raised at recent events to subsidise summer trips and reduce the costs to parents. The children benefit greatly from their experiences on trips and we have really tried to use the school fund wisely to keep costs as low as possible. You will be contacted shortly about upcoming trips. Please support us to continue to providing these outstanding summer trip experiences for our pupils.

Attendance Champions

Last term's winner of the 'Best Attenders' were Rhinos Javan 97.82%. Second were Whales with 97.47%. Third were Lemurs with 97.44%. Good attendance is a key factor in supporting pupils to make good progress and we are always aiming for 100% attendance. Please support us by sending your child to school on time every day unless they are genuinely too ill to attend.

Summer Uniform

We have had a few days of warm sun so far this term and hopefully there will be more to come. Children are allowed green checked dresses and black or dark grey SCHOOL shorts as a summer uniform. Please check the length of girl's skirts as many of our girls have really grown over the year and their skirts are getting too short to be appropriate for school. If you are struggling to keep pace with your growing child remember the Uniform Exchange service may be able to help. (Please enquire at the Hub). Leggings may be worn with a skirt, dress for modesty, but are not a substitute for the school trousers and therefore should not be worn on their own.

Black School shoes or trainers (no logos) are still the only shoes allowed during summer months. Sandals and ballet pumps are not appropriate or safe as children are encouraged to run and be active, fit and healthy as much as possible during play and lunch breaks. Please remember 1 pair of plain stud earrings only is allowed at school. Earrings must be removed on PE days for safety.

Sun Safety

If it does look like a hot and sunny day is in store, please apply a long lasting 30+ sun cream to your child before school and provide them with a sun hat. Children will be encouraged to play in more shady areas but, as we do not have a great deal of natural shade at Hillside, please ensure your child is protected. Any parent wishing their child to reapply sun cream during the day will need to provide the cream in a labelled bottle. Children are obviously not allowed to share sun cream nor is school able to provide it.

Tuck Shop

In addition to our usual tuck shop, Year 6 pupils will be raising further school funds to subsidise their summer trip by providing a 'less' healthy tuckshop alternative. They will be selling cakes, buns and biscuits every morning break from Wednesday the 6th June. Items will be priced from 30p to 50p.

Safety before school

Classroom doors open at 8:50. Children should not be unaccompanied on school grounds prior to doors opening. Please do not allow your child to play on the climbing frames before or after school as a nasty accident could easily happen.

Charity Fashion Show

If you fancy yourself as the next Kate Moss or Naomi Campbell, or are just willing to do your bit for charity, then Mrs Mellor would love to hear from you! We are holding a Community Fashion Show on Wednesday July 4th, in support of Newsome LEP. Clothes will be modelled by staff, parents and children and will be available to buy after the event, along with a much wider selection. We are hoping to stage the event both in the afternoon and then again in the evening, where we will open it up to the wider community. Mrs Mellor will also be recruiting children from KS1 and KS2 next half-term.

Parking

Please be aware that both the front and side car parks are for staff only and parents should not drive onto the school grounds unless they have a disabled permit issued by the Head Teacher. Many of you come to and from school by taxi and again, these should not be coming into the car parks. There are limited spaces on Headfield Road, but we recommend that you park on the roads away from school and walk the last bit. Please do not block driveways on Headfield Road, or White Hart Drive as we have received several complaints from local residents. We have had several near misses and need all parents and carers working with us to keep our children safe.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair regularly for any sign of head lice and treat accordingly. This is an on-going problem in all schools and the only way to stop them spreading is to check and treat according to the instructions on the individual product. We advise that long hair is tied up at school.

After School Clubs

We have spaces available on the following clubs:

Monday - Poetry Reciting (KS2), Yoga (KS1), Circus Skills (now open to ALL KS2)

Tuesday - crafts (Yr3/4), Streetdance (KS1), Ukulele (KS2), Singing (Yr 2-6)

Wednesday - Zumba (KS2)

Thursday - Streetdance (KS2), Reading (KS2)

If you would like to put your child's name down please email:

jill.mellor@kirkleeseducation.uk.

If your child has a place on a club and for some reason they cannot attend on certain days please could you let the office staff know.

Uniform Donations

If you have any donations of outgrown uniform please drop off in the Hub or at the School Office.

We can also make requests for good quality second hand Uniform, PE Kits, Shoes, Coats etc. Please just call in at the Hub.

Breakfast Club

The new Breakfast Club system is up and running and seems to be working well. If you were allocated a space and no longer require it please let school know as we have a waiting list.

School Absences and Illness

Reminder that we don't authorise leave/holidays in term time unless it is an exceptional circumstance to the child. We do request that the authority issue fixed penalty fines and non-payment could lead to prosecution.

Illness - please phone school before 9.30am if your child is not attending school as it saves us time contacting you.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd May – School Class Photos and Yr6 Photos

Monday 7th May – May Day Bank Holiday, school closed

Tuesday 8th May – KS1 Year 2 Sats Tuesday - Friday

Monday 14th May – Year 6 SATs (Monday-Thursday)

Monday 28th May – Half term holiday, return to school Monday 4th June

Thursday 14th June – New to Nursery Visits 2-3pm

Thursday 14th June – New Reception Parents Meeting 5-6pm

Tuesday 19th June – Sharks, Pandas and Penguins Trip to Chester Zoo

Thursday 28th June – Open Evening for Reception pupils moving to KS1 5-6pm

Monday 2nd July - Reception and KS1 Sports Day 1:30pm (weather dependent)

Tuesday 3rd July – Manatees and Whales trip to the Yorkshire Coal Mining Museum

Wednesday 4th July – Charity Fashion Show 1:45-3 and later at 6-7:30pm

Thursday 5th July – KS2 Sports Day 1:30pm (weather dependent)

Monday 9th July – Transition Morning at Hillside – Meet your new teacher and class

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th July – Year 6 pupils Transition days to Newsome High School
(More details to follow)

Tuesday 10th July - AfterSchool Clubs Showcase Event 2pm

Thursday 12th July - Wolves, Tigers and Lemurs Trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am

Friday 20th July – Break up for Summer Holiday, return to school Tuesday 4th September

Reception classes and Year 6 trips to be confirmed.

See our school website for a more comprehensive list of events in school – www.hillside-primary.co.uk