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Hillside Values

- Trying our best every day.
- Kindness and honesty always.
- Working as a Hillside Team.
- Using good manners.

Headteacher update

This week in Nursery, the children have been enjoying body songs and exploring their senses. They have been focusing on sight through using instruments, as well as listening carefully to different environmental sounds around them.

In Reception the children have been strengthening their hand muscles with play dough gym in the mornings. The children have also been practising recognising and writing their names. They have continued to learn about their 5 senses. In maths they have been comparing objects.

Another great week for Year 1. This week in English the children have continued to write their autobiographies, focusing on a family member to describe. In maths they have used different resources to support them when working out 1 more, 1 less. In art, the children listened to music and explored using different lines to express what they could hear inspired by the artist Paul Klee. A highlight this week has been during our science lesson when the children got to taste different foods and describe them using their sense of 'taste'! Well done Year 1!

This week, Year 2 have been busy immersing themselves in history and maths! In English, the children have been writing diaries from the perspective of someone who experienced the Great Fire of London. They have focused on using the past tense and their senses to bring their writing to life—describing what they might have seen, heard, and smelled during this dramatic event. In maths, pupils have been practising writing numbers in expanded form (for example, 34 as 30 + 4) to deepen their understanding of place value. They've also been exploring number bonds to 20, using mental maths strategies to quickly recall pairs of numbers that add up to 20.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) information meeting this morning, it lovely to see so many of you attend. Next Friday we have our information meeting for Reception parents at 9am.

School development plan

Today we will send out our parent friendly School Development Plan. The headings used are from the new Ofsted framework which comes into place from November. I will be writing to update you during the course of the year how we are doing in each of these targeted areas. If you have any questions please do contact me via the school office. Alternatively I will be running some drop in coffee mornings for parents/carers during the coming months.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

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Headteacher

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General Information

Reception Parent Meeting

We warmly invite all Reception parents to join us for our Reception Parent information meeting on Friday 26th September at 9:00am.

This is a great opportunity for you to gain a better understanding on how and what your child will be learning this year.

During the morning we will:

- Explore the EYFS curriculum
- Share how we teach in Reception
- Ways you can support your child at home

You will also be able to observe a phonics lesson in the opposite class to your child due to settling. We hope you can join us to learn all about Reception. Please enter through the main office.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

We currently have several cases of sickness and diarrhoea. Please note that if your child is unwell with vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for **48 hours after the last episode** of either.

For further guidance, please refer to the NHS advice on "Should I keep my child off school?":

[Should I keep my child off school](#)

Request for Toys

If you have any toys in good condition such as *pop-up toys*, *press-and-spin toys*, *rain makers*, or *spinning tops* that you no longer need, we would be very grateful to receive them for use in school. Thank you for your support!

Crowding at the Door

When dropping your child off at school, we kindly ask that you drop them at the classroom door and avoid blocking the entrance by standing around.

We understand that mornings can be a busy time, but our priority is ensuring that children can enter their classroom smoothly and safely. Thank you for your cooperation.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone raising donations for Hillside Infant School with #easyfundraising!

Not joined yet? Sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with your favourite brands, they'll donate to us. It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the brands you shop with will donate, not you!

Sign up today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/hillside-infant-school/8izn90/at/ixjes5ko/facebook/>

Autumn Adventures Competition

We're excited to launch our **Autumn Adventures Competition!** On the following pages, you'll find all the details about how your child can take part. It's a wonderful chance for the children to get creative, celebrate the season, and maybe even win a prize!

Foodbank Donations – Week Beginning 29th September

We will be collecting donations for Hillingdon Foodbank during the week commencing Monday 29th September. Please bring any contributions into school from this date. Your support will help families in need within our local community – thank you in advance for your generosity.

HARVEST APPEAL

SUPPORT THOSE FACING HARDSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS HARVEST SEASON.

THE TRUSSELL TRUST'S UK FOODBANK NETWORK DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN 2,994,303 EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS TO PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP BETWEEN APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023. 1 MILLION OF THE PARCELS DISTRIBUTED WERE TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, A 37 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR.

WE KNOW YOU ARE DOING ALL YOU CAN TO SUPPORT PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP. THANK YOU SO MUCH, BUT IT'S SIMPLY NOT RIGHT THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE ESSENTIALS AND HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO TURN TO A FOOD BANK IN THE UK.

SHOPPING LIST

- MILK (LONG LIFE)
- SUGAR
- FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)
- PASTA SAUCES
- TINNED PUDDING
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED RICE PUDDING
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TEA BAGS / INSTANT COFFEE
- CLEANING SUPPLIES
- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- UNOPENED TOILETRIES
- RICE
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRUIT
- TREATS

Hillingdon foodbank

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Email: hillingsdonfoodbank@kingsborough.org.uk
Website: www.hillingdon.foodbank.org
Registered Charity England & Wales: 1148148

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Important Dates

September	Friday 26th	2pm	All about Reception meeting
	Monday 29th		Themed Dining Day Harvest
October	Wednesday 1st		Boogie Music - Nursery and Reception
	Wednesday 1st		Year 1 trip - Northwood high street
	Thursday 2nd		Themed Dining (Census Day)
	Thursday 2nd		Great Fire of London workshop - Year 2
	Friday 3rd	9am	Harvest and Achievement Assembly in School
	Friday 10th	9am	All about Nursery meeting.
	Friday 17th	9am	Reception - Learning to read workshop
	Monday 20th		Themed Dining Day Diwali
	Tuesday 21st	12:30-4pm	Butterflies Nursery Progress meetings for parents and carers
	Wednesday 22nd	3:30-5:30pm	Progress Meetings for parents and carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Wednesday 22nd	12:30-4pm	Frogs Nursery Progress Meetings for parents and carers
	Wednesday 23rd	9:30am	Open Morning
	Thursday 23rd	3:30-7pm	Progress Meetings for Parents and Carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Thursday 23rd	12:30-4pm	Ladybirds Nursery Progress meetings for parents and carers.
	Friday 24th	9am	Gold Class Assembly
	Friday 24th	2.45pm	Reading Together afternoon
Friday 24th	3:15pm	Last day of Half Term	
Half Term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October			

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Achievements

<u>Butterflies:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Yaqoob	Diana	Lana
	Willow	Rafael
<u>Frogs:</u>	Alfie	Ada
Naomi		
<u>Ladybirds</u>		
Ianis	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
	Amarsia	Noah
	Olivia	Iris
	Zaviya	Eduardo
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Rosie	Bilal	Matei
Charles	Danaya	Maia
	Stella	Victoria
<u>Gold awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Platinum awards</u>

Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

As part of our Healthy Eating initiative, we encourage children to celebrate their birthdays in a special, meaningful way by donating a book to their class library.

To support our commitment to being a healthy school, we kindly ask that children do not bring in sweets or cakes for birthdays or other celebrations. Instead, children are invited to bring in a book on their birthday. This book will be donated to the class library, and the teacher will read it to the class on the day of the child's birthday. A special sticker will be placed inside the book to acknowledge the donation and celebrate the child's special day. This is a lovely way to promote a love of reading, support our healthy school values, and create lasting memories.



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

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Autumn Adventures Competition

We are now coming into the season of Autumn and the children will be learning about this season.

We would like to invite all children to become **Autumn Detectives** and get involves in creating a fun Autumn project.

To take part all you need to do is to create Autumn posters, paintings, drawings, 3D models using Autumn treasures (leaves, conkers, pine cones, photos of Autumn or even just the colours of Autumn)

Please bring your projects in by **Monday 20th October.**

For more ideas, please visit: www.woodlandstrust.org.uk

We are looking forward to celebrate this beautiful season as a school.



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HILLSIDE INFANT SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS 2025-2026



THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 9th JANUARY

9.30am-11.00am

Our Open Days will include:

- A tour of the school
- A talk from our Headteacher – Rebecca Fennell

Contact our office for more information or to book your place

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