

HILLSIDE INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term we say a sad farewell to 4 members of staff.

Mrs Gibson

Miss Mackay as she was then when she joined Hillside and started the same day as myself in September 2016. I was recommended to Mrs Gibson by another colleague and little did I know this would be one of the best appointments I have ever made. Mrs Gibson has been a loyal and dedicated member of the Hillside team and has made a significant difference to our school. She is incredibly organised, calm under pressure and also a fun member of staff! The children and staff both have a lot of respect for Mrs Gibson and I would like to especially thank her for running the school during my absence. This was a great reassurance and she did an amazing job. We wish her and her husband the most wonderful time in their next chapter back home in New Zealand and look forward to hearing all about her new adventures. Thank you Mrs Gibson, you are a tough act to follow!

Mrs Rattansi

Mrs Rattansi started at Hillside in 2010 She has also been a very dedicated and loyal member of staff. During recent years she has undertaken the post of class cover and has undertaken this with such diligence and skill. She leaves us to move to Portugal to be with her family and we will miss her very much. We wish her happy times ahead and also look forward to hearing all about her new life in Portugal

Mrs Dunareanu

Mrs Dunareanu started at Hillside in 2020 She has been an integral part of the Nursery team and made our nursery dream team! She is hard working, caring, a great team player and has worked hard to develop our nursery setting. We know her journey from Bedfordshire each day has been a challenge during the last two years and we thank her for her commitment. We wish her well in her next adventure. She will be missed by us all.

Samira

Worked here as both a cleaner and most recently within the after school club. She is a calm and kind and has worked hard within the club. We wish her well within her next role.

To all our year 2 leaves and families moving away. I would like to thank you for your support during your children's time in the infant school. The school community is very special here and I have been grateful for your support and most recently all your well wishes.

I wish you a wonderful summer break. Our last day is Friday 18th July finishing at 1.30pm and no after school club on this day.



We look forward to welcoming the children back on 3rd September 2025.

Kind regards



Mrs Rebecca Fennell
Headteacher

