



Hill View Primary School

Newsletter - May 2015



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Thursday 7th May 2015 - Polling Day - School is Closed to Pupils

Term 5

Hello!

I am delighted to be joining the Staff at Hill View during Mrs Ferens' maternity leave. Since my appointment I have visited the school several times and been very impressed by the atmosphere and especially the warm welcome I have received from children and staff alike. Spending the first two weeks at the beginning of term working alongside Mrs Ferens, has enabled me to start my work here with a very good knowledge of the school. It is a privilege to be entrusted with the job of leading Hill View and continuing the great work Mrs Ferens has done. I look forward to meeting you in the coming months and please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

Mrs Thompson's maternity leave

We are really pleased to announce that Mrs Thompson had a baby boy, Rory, on Thursday 9th April. Both baby and mum are doing well.

Maypole Event - Tuesday 12th May 2015 - 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Some of the children will be maypole dancing (you will be advised separately if your child is involved). We will also have a cake stall, jar tombola and tea light sale. Please can children bring in a jar which will be painted for use as a tealight holder. Also we are asking FS and KS1 to provide a filled jar for us to sell on the jar tombola and for children in KS2 to bring in a cake (homemade or bought - please keep bought cakes in their original packaging). If you wish to purchase your child's painted tealight jar in advance, please return the slip below.

Parent Questionnaire

Your feedback is really important and enables the school to work with you to ensure the best experience for your child. Only by working together can we make sure your sons and daughters enjoy school and develop the skills and knowledge they need to build successful, happy lives.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete one. The winner of the draw was Natalie Shaw. Congratulations!

100% Attendance

Clearly the happy atmosphere in the school has been boosted by the number of children who received their 100% attendance certificate for Terms 3 and 4! A massive 254 were handed out at the end of term 4. Congratulations to you all! There is a direct link between punctuality, good attendance and high levels of achievement at school. We ask parents and carers to work closely with us to ensure that each pupil's punctuality and attendance are the best they can be.

Safeguarding

To improve the safe collection of all children, each family is asked to choose their own 'Password' to be used when somebody else, other than the regular people, is collecting. This is for all children up to the end of year 4. Children will not be allowed to leave the school with someone unknown to the class teacher unless they have the correct password. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return it by Friday 8th May 2015.

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to ensure the school knows who will be picking up their child.

New Assessment for schools.

Since September 2014, expectations for children across the country, in primary school, are now exceptionally more challenging. The old system of levels (2b, 3a etc) is no longer valid. We, at Hill View, have replaced this system with a new 'staged' approach.

In your child's school report this year it is highly likely that they will appear to have 'suddenly' gone backwards. THIS IS AS A RESULT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW, INCREASED EXPECTATION.

To understand this more fully, please come to one of our information sessions on Thursday July 2nd at either 9am or 5pm in the main hall.

Uniform reminder

It is a pleasure to see the children wearing the correct uniform. A uniform instils pride, a sense of identity and supports the ethos of Hill View school. Please can I remind you that all jewellery must be removed for PE and this includes any stud earrings that are worn. This is essential for the safety of your child.

Absence from school.

If your child is absent from school please ensure that you contact the school to let us know BY 8.30AM AT THE LATEST ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE. You can do this by:

- Leaving a message on our 24 hr absence answerphone - 01295 227149
- Phoning the school office - 01295 251205
- Emailing the school absence email absence@hill-view.oxon.sch.uk

Key Dates

Term 5/6 2014-15

- 4th May BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
- 7th May - INSET DAY - school closed to children (Polling Day)
- w/c 11th May - Y6 SATs including Y6 breakfast Mon-Thurs (8am start)
- 12th May - 3.15 Maypole Fund Raising Event
- 14th May - FSR 2015-16 information evening 6pm
- 21st May - School Disco (5.30pm to 6.30pm or 6.45pm to 8.00pm)
- 22nd May - END OF TERM 5
- 1st June - START OF TERM 6
- 4th/5th June - Y6 overnight Camping at Horley

- 10th June - some Y5 children planting in People's Park
- w/c 15th June - Y1/2 phonics testing week
- 19th June - Dad's breakfast at TOAST (Breakfast Club children only)
- 20th June - 10:30am -12:45pm - new to FSR Saturday workshop
- 1st July - 3.30pm - Yr 5/6 performance to parents
- 2nd July - 1.45pm - Yr 5/6 performance to parents
- 2nd July - 9am and 5pm: Parent information sessions on new 'staging' process
- 9th July - Hill View Awards evening (by invite, time to be confirmed)
- 9th July - End of Year School Reports sent home
- 10th July - 2.00pm - Open afternoon (FSR to Yr6)
- Class assembly dates:

22 nd May -	B6 at 10.30am
	C2 at 11.10am
5 th June -	A3 at 10.30am
	C3 at 11.10am
12 th June -	A4 at 10.30am
	D4 at 11.10am
19 th June -	B2 at 10.30am
	D3 at 11.10am
26 th June -	D2 at 11.10am
10 th July -	B5 at 10.30am
	D1 at 11.10am
- 17th July - Yr 6 Leavers assembly for parents at 10.30am
- W/C 15th June - Sports Week - further details to follow
- 13th July - Main school parents evening
- 14th July - New classes announced
- 15th July - Little Acorns Parents 'drop in' to discuss reports (3.30pm-5.30pm)
- 15th and 16th July - transition mornings with new teachers
- 17th July - END OF TERM 6

NB all term and key dates can be found on our school website. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Thomas
Acting Headteacher

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Maypole Event - Tealight Purchase

I would like to purchase my child's tealight and enclose £1.

Child's name: _____

Child's class: _____

Parent name: _____