



# Hill View Primary School

## Newsletter - June 2015

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Absence line 227149



### Term 6

Term 5 has, as ever, been very busy but the staff still managed to arrange a number of wonderful events for the children.

- Maypole Extravaganza

A very big thank you to Mr Davies for preparing the children and organising this event. It was lovely to see so many children participating with such enjoyment. Thank you as parents as well for your support in both watching the children and buying goods on the day. A fantastic amount of £375 was raised.

- Foundation Stage Train trip

The children clearly enjoyed their trip on the train and meeting Driver Dave. They used this first hand experience to produce some amazing shared writing:

On Friday 8th May Reception went to Leamington Spa on the train. First we got on the bus. We were excited. Next we arrived at Banbury Station. We met Driver Dave and Driver Mark who talked to us about using the trains. Then we caught the train from Platform 2. We saw animals and trees out of the window. At Leamington Spa station we learned about staying safe around trains. After lunch we came back to school. Luckily no one got left on the train! Back at school we wrote a thank you letter for Driver Dave. It was a great day.

- Year 3 and 4 Farm visit

Another thoroughly enjoyable day captured in this writing by Millie Freeman:

I went to Adam's Farm and it was great! The day was brilliant; the animals were so cute and bumping on the tractor was so much fun. I now know that a cow eats the same amount of grass as its body weight in just one week. I was surprised the way the sheep were handled and caught by their arms to get sheared. Everything was fascinating and we truly had an amazing day out.

- Year 6 SATs

I am sure this was not the most enjoyable week for the children in Year 6 but the National Attainment Tests that they have to sit are important. The year 6 staff were very proud of them during all of the tests and I would like to congratulate them for the resilience that they showed. Also thanks must go to the many staff who came in early to prepare and serve breakfast to them.

- Website - [www.hillview-school.co.uk](http://www.hillview-school.co.uk)

Our website has lots of information for parents and includes dates of events and term dates. We do update the site regularly. To receive email notification of updated News and Events, parents can subscribe - see the front page on the right hand side after the "Upcoming Events" section.

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at either 9am or 5pm in the main hall.

- Fundraising - Bag2School - Textile Recycling

Bags that can be filled with all those unwanted clothes and textiles (not bric-a-brac) will be sent home in children's Friday folders in the next couple of weeks. Please fill a bag (black sacks can be used if you need more bags) and bring these into school on either Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July or Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (before 9.00am). The school receive a donation (per tonne) for the clothes or textiles that are collected. Please return any unused bags to school so we can return these to the Bag2School organisation for use by another school.

### Key Dates

#### Term 6 2015

- 1<sup>st</sup> June - START OF TERM 6
- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 overnight Camping at Horley
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - some Y5 children planting in People's Park
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June - Y1/2 phonics testing week
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June - Sports week
  - Tues 16<sup>th</sup> is Yr 5-6 - 9.00am to 12.15pm
  - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> is Yr 3-4 - 9.00am to 12.15pm
  - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> is KSI and FS - 10.00am to 12.15pm
  - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> is Little Acorns Nursery - 10.45am or 2.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> June - 8.00am Dad's breakfast at TOAST (Breakfast Club children only)
- 20<sup>th</sup> June New to FSR Saturday workshop
- 15<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July - KSI Walking Trip to Tesco (half day) - further details to follow
- 1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 5 & 6 production 3.30 - ticket only, details to follow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 5 & 6 production 1.45 - ticket only, details to follow
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 9.00am - Bags2School textile collection

• 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 9am and 5pm: Parent information sessions on new 'staging' process

- 9<sup>th</sup> July - Hill View Awards evening (by invite, 6.15pm)
- 9<sup>th</sup> July - Reports sent home
- 10<sup>th</sup> July - Open afternoon (FSR to Year 6) - 1.45pm to 2.50pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> July - Main school parents evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> July - New classes announced
- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Little Acorns Parents 'drop in' afternoon (3.30pm - 5.30pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July - Transition mornings with new teachers
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - morning Bowling Trip for best class attendance (class will be notified on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July)
- 16<sup>th</sup> July - afternoon Disco/Party for House Points winner (children will be notified on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers assembly for parents of Year 6 children at 11.15am
- 17<sup>th</sup> July - END OF TERM 6

• Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Return to School for Pupils

• Class assembly dates:

12 <sup>th</sup> June -	A4 at 10.30am
	D4 at 11.10am
19 <sup>th</sup> June -	B2 at 10.30am
	D3 at 11.10am
26 <sup>th</sup> June -	D2 at 11.10am
10 <sup>th</sup> July -	B5 at 10.30am
	D1 at 11.10am

NB: all term and key dates can be found on our school website.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher

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