



Hillside Herald

Wednesday 6th March 2019



E-COMMUNICATIONS

Please remember to use our website, Twitter and ParentMail to keep up to date and to keep in touch.



www.hillsidecp.net



@hillsidepips



ParentMail



Our spring term calendar is available on the mobile friendly website; dates for the next two weeks are on the reverse of this newsletter. Check out the dates of our Crafty Cafes!

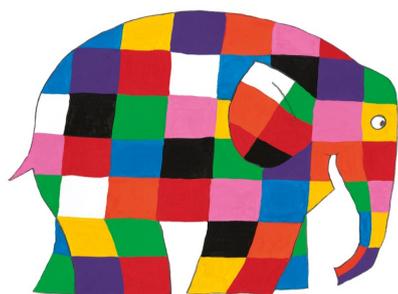
Keeping Safe

Following the letter sent to parents last week, please spend some time checking your child's settings and use of YouTube and online games, particularly battle royale games where children meet other players online. There are some pretty nasty viruses and memes going around which may scare or potentially harm children.

Also, help them to stay safe when using their phone and ensure they report online bullying.

Hillside's Hilmer - Competition

Hilmer needs painting! Children should design one of six patches for Hilmer based on our school values (see website). Please put entries (named of course) in the box by the school entrance by Friday 8th March. You could win a set of paint pens and the chance to paint your entry on Hilmer!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our **Curiosity Café** afternoon on the 14th February 2019. We hope you found interesting making healthy salad, collage pictures, kindness cards, cardboard vehicles, clocks and watching Roman show.

Next **Curiosity Café** is on the 5th April 2019.



STAYING SAFE AWAY FROM HOME

It is great for children to get outside and enjoy playing and spending time with friends away from home, especially as the nights draw out.

Understandably, parents can worry whether this is safe. The NSPCC have produced this guidance which we hope you will find useful: www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/

Please note that we now have a Privacy Notice for Emergency/Next of Kin contacts. If you have nominated a friend or relative to be a named contact on school records, please let them know that the document is available to view on the school website.

UPCOMING DATES

March Homework out this week

- 6th - World Maths Day (Maths Events at Hillside) 1030-4pm GYROS migrant community support
- 7th - Themed Lunch – World Book Day and Pancake Day
Parent Ambassador's Meeting (2pm)
- 8th - Hillside World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character
PTA (Chocolate hamper donations)
- 11th - British Science Week
Parent Reading Workshop. Parents please join us from 9am.
- 15th - Red Nose Day Fundraiser
- 18th - PTA Chocolate Hamper Raffle tickets on sale
- 19th - Science Café – Year 3. Parents please join us from 9am.
- 20th - Year 4 Final Swimming Session
- 22nd - Year 5 Family Assembly (9am)



Severe Weather Arrangements

Parents are politely reminded that children should come to school dressed for the changeable weather. We have a number of children who are not coming to school with a coat. Also, please ensure children bring a tracksuit top or fleece for PE (not school jumper).



Children will do outdoor PE and will be outside for lunch and break time in the cold weather.

Following the high number of school days lost to severe weather across the County in previous years, the Local Authority have reiterated its guidelines to schools. Therefore, please be aware that there is a clear expectation that **schools should make every attempt to open; staff are to make every attempt to reach school and parents should make every effort to ensure their child attends school at all times (including cold, wet and wintery days)**

To help us comply with these guidelines and open the school whenever possible we have reviewed our school's risk assessment. As part of this review:

1. Stock of salt will be regularly maintained.
2. We are planning carefully which priority areas will be cleared for access to the school building.
3. We will be emergency planning for a potentially reduced staff and for a reduced curriculum offer on days where isolated staff cannot reach school.
4. We will carefully consider whether opening school late or/and finishing school early would ensure the school could open.

However, in the unlikely event that weather is too severe in the coming weeks and months or if we have heating failures or flooding we may have to take the decision to close the school.

If this decision has to be made it will be made early in the morning and announced on local radio (Heart [97.1 and 96.4 FM] every 15-30 minutes or BBC Suffolk [103.9] every 20 minutes or online at <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/>

There will also be a clear "We are Closed" on our school website front page (via Twitter) and under the "Parents" tab in "School Closures".

Please DO NOT contact the school, Local Authority, Trust or radio stations directly.