

HILLSIDE AVENUE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Charity Contributions

As previously mentioned, half of the money collected at our Christmas Carol Concert was donated to Oxfam Unwrapped. We can now report that the money was used to buy one goat, two wells and to fund one 'teach a teacher' scheme. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Key Stage 1 Class Numbers

I know a few parents have noted that a couple of our Key Stage 1 classes now breach the infant class size legislation by having one or two more than 30 children. Our admissions are controlled by the Admissions Dept at Norfolk County Council and this situation has arisen because the County Council has requested that we admit these children as an 'exceptional admission', as provided for under chapter 2.63 of the School Admission Code. Please rest assured that this will in no way have a detrimental effect on your children's education.

Calls Home to Parents

Our school telephone system has two outside lines, one of which doubles as the fax line. Occasionally our main line (433453) may be busy, resulting in any calls we make diverting to the second line (701836). Consequently, if we are trying to reach a parent, for example if a child is not feeling well, a missed call may show as 701836. Might we suggest that you make a note of this number or store it in your phone under 'Hillside School' in case this situation should arise, as you will only be able to call the school back on 433453 and not on the fax line 701836.

School Lunches

Our school meals are not prepared on the premises and consequently we have to put our daily order in quite early in the school day. If your child has a medical appointment and is then coming into school later and is intending to order a school lunch, would you please note that you will need to telephone us by 10.00 at the latest to let us know to include them in the meal order for that day.

Appointments to see your Child's Class Teacher

We understand that sometimes parents need to have a quick word with their child's class teacher in the morning. However, as teachers use the time before school to plan and prepare, would you please ask in the school office if it is convenient to speak briefly to the teacher and one of the office staff will locate the teacher on your behalf.

Alteration to School Calendar of Events

Please would you make a note that the date of the school Music Concert has been changed from Thursday 29th March to Wednesday 23rd May, so that it does not interfere with the other musical events some of our children are involved with in March.

Courtesy towards our Neighbours

Despite previous reminders, a few parents are still parking inconsiderately and blocking the drives of some houses in Elizabeth Avenue, at the rear of the school. The residents are within their rights to make a formal complaint to the police and have indicated that they will take this course of action. In addition, the owners of the Indian restaurant at the bottom of School Avenue kindly allow us to use part of their car park at the beginning and end of the school day. However, they have asked that we leave both the staff parking places and the delivery area clear. If you are asked to move please oblige. This is a very generous concession on the part of the restaurant which it would be a shame to lose. Please could we ask you to show consideration to our neighbours by parking safely.

Half Term Events

Dussindale Area Sure Start Children's Centre

Dussindale Children's Centre is organising a free Spring craft and activity session at St William's Way Library over half term. This is on Friday 17th February from 10.30 to 12.00 and is for children aged 8 and under. Places are limited so for more information or to book a place please call the Library on 01603 434123.

Open Youth Venue

You may have read about the Open Youth Venue in Bank Plain, Norwich. The Trust which runs the venue has asked us to let you know about some activities which are running there over the February half term. The following are for ages 7-12 but there are also activities for ages 11-19. Similar activities are planned for the Easter holiday.

Tues 14 th Feb	Junior Climbing
Wed 15 th Feb	iCreate (iPAD workshop)
Thurs 16 th Feb	Junior Climbing
Fri 17 th Feb	Digital Photography

For more information or to make a booking call 01603 763111, e-mail info@open247.org.uk or have a look at their website www.open247.org.uk

Broadland Live

Children aged 8–15 years are invited to 'Off the Wall' on Thursday 16th February from 2.00 to 5.30 at the Garage Arts Centre in Chapel Field North, Norwich. This workshop has been developed by local young people for other young people and is a chance to try dance/drama/beatboxing, followed by the opportunity to show off your new skills and watch SLAM! stars perform. The cost is £5 and parents interested in finding out more about the Garage are welcome to attend. There is a bus from Brundall Memorial Hall at 1.30. To book or for more information call 01603 283379/283382 or visit <http://garageoffthewall.eventbrite.co.uk>

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 20th February.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Gutteridge
Headteacher