



HILLSIDE AVENUE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. Everyone seems to have settled well into their new classes and we have had a very good start to the term.

Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 23 rd September	Year5/6 visit to 'Carrie's War' at the Theatre Royal
Friday 24 th September	We will be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning again and inviting you into school. Class teachers will write to let you know what time to come in. Please note that some year groups will be inviting parents in on Thursday 23 rd September.
Saturday 2 nd October	The photographer will be in school and you will have an opportunity to book a time slot for your family if you wish.
Wednesday 13 th October	Music Day for Y6 pupils at Thorpe St Andrew School. More information to follow soon.
Thursday 14 th October	Parents Evening 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm
Tuesday 19 th October	Parents Evening 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm
Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM. Please note that Hillside School is OPEN on Friday 22nd October even though Dussindale and Thorpe St Andrew schools are closed on that day.
Monday 1 st November – Friday 5 th November	Year 5 children to visit Holt Hall.
Thursday 9 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 2.15 pm
Friday 10 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play 9.15 am
Tuesday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Play 10.00 am
Wednesday 15 th December	Reception Christmas Play 10.00 am
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term. School finishes at 2.30 pm
Monday 20th December to Tuesday 4th January	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Wednesday 5 th January	Children return to school for Spring Term

School Uniform

Lots of you are ordering new uniform for your children at the moment. Could I remind everyone that children should wear either a blue cardigan or blue sweatshirt for school. Fleece are not for wearing in school but can be worn as an extra jacket for outside on the playground or for PE. Please make sure all your child's uniform is named so that we can return any stray items to their owners.

Changes to the School Grounds

The mobiles that were on Key Stage 2 playground have been removed because we no longer need them as classrooms. We hope the space will soon be landscaped with some new seating areas. This should become a nice shady spot for our KS2 children to sit and talk to their friends.

Morning Snack

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each morning in school, as part of the Government's free fruit scheme. This is not available to children in Years 3 to 6. However, we do sell healthy snacks at the Tuck Stop every morning playtime for 10p or 20p. This should start again soon. Alternatively, children may bring their own healthy snack to school. If they bring a healthy morning snack could they please not keep it in their lunchbox but separately, with a name on, ready to put in the class tray. We will leave you to decide on your own healthy option for your child, except we would ask you not to send chocolate biscuits or crisps for morning break. These can still be sent in as part of their packed lunch.

Supermarket Vouchers

We are currently collecting Morrisons vouchers for gardening equipment. Please send any vouchers into school via your child's class teacher.

School Meals

Please send dinner money in on Monday morning for the whole week. The cost is currently £2 per day which can be sent in cash or cheque (payable to Norfolk County Council). Please put all payments in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and class, the amount enclosed and the days a dinner is required for that week clearly written on the front.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Employment Support Allowance, Income-based Job Seekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit and your total household income does not exceed £16,190) or a guaranteed Pension Credit, your child may be eligible for free school meals. If you are not sure, Mrs O'Gallagher will be able to help you and has the claim form you will need to fill in. Even if your child doesn't want to have a school meal on a regular basis, it would be available should they want an occasional meal eg Christmas lunch or special lunches. Being registered for free school meals can help in other ways eg the Government sometimes have special funding opportunities for those in receipt of free school meals.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Richardson
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