



Headteacher's Bulletin

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Headteacher's message:

Over the past two weeks, we've been busy living our guiding values of kindness, respect, and gratitude, while aiming high in all we do.

On Tuesday, the whole school came together for a special remembrance assembly. Children from across the school presented poppies in memory of fallen Helsby soldiers, and we observed a two-minute silence. A heartfelt thank you to Jacky Keating for playing the Last Post and to Rev Michael Mills for leading a short prayer and reminding us that many of these soldiers once attended our school.



On Thursday, a group of Year 3/4 pupils represented Hillside at the local New Age Kurling and Boccia Festival. They showed fantastic energy and enthusiasm! It was lovely to see ex-Hillsider Idris supporting as part of the Helsby High School Sports Leaders team.



Today, Year 4 enriched their Anglo-Saxon studies with a trip to Norton Priory. Thank you to Miss Wilkie, Miss Hughes, and parents Michelle Farmer and Holly Butchers for accompanying the children.



This morning, we welcomed Samantha the Elf from the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, who spoke about the upcoming Festive Santa Run and how families can donate. Please see the attached letter for details. We understand the festive season can be financially challenging, so donations can be as little or as much as families wish. Children will bring home donation envelopes next week.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

As part of our personal development curriculum, Mrs Boudier spoke to all pupils on Monday about the risks of internet scams, especially those linked to gaming. On Thursday, I led an assembly for KS1 to help them understand what bullying is and how to respond.

Important Dates:

- 24/11—YR/1/2/3 Zoo Trip
- 28/11—Friends of Hillside Christmas Fair
- 03/12—Y2 Christmas Journey
- 05/12—Wellbeing Day / Festive Fun Run
- 06/12—Ho Ho Helsby
- 10/12—Christmas Dinner
- 16/12—Xmas Performances (KS1—Afternoon, KS2—Evening)
- 17/12—Xmas Performances (KS2—Afternoon, KS1—Evening)
- 18/12—Visiting Christmas Panto
- 19/12—Carols Around the Tree 1pm (school closes at 2pm)

Governor Vacancy

We are currently seeking enthusiastic and committed individuals to join our Governing Body. We have vacancies for both a **Co-opted Governor** and a **Local Authority Governor**. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone with **experience in buildings, maintenance, or facilities management**, as these skills are invaluable in supporting the strategic development and upkeep of our school environment.

Governors play a vital role in shaping the future of our school, offering support and challenge to ensure the best outcomes for our children. No prior experience in education is necessary—just a willingness to learn, contribute, and work as part of a team.

If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact our School Business Manager, Julie Ellis, at **sbm@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk** or call **01928 722991**.

Parking

Please help us keep everyone safe by parking considerately near school. Avoid stopping on yellow zig-zag lines outside the gates, as these must remain clear for children's safety. If you need to drive, choose legal spaces that do not block driveways or create hazards. We have unfortunately had an incident this week where one of our children was nearly hit by a car reversing into a space across a driveway. We know that most parents are observing these rules. Thank you for supporting a safe and respectful environment for our pupils and neighbours.

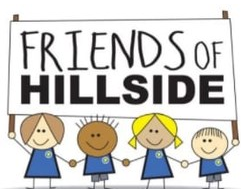
Friends of Hillside:

This coming Friday children are invited to come in in non-uniform and bring in a contribution to the Christmas Fair.

FOH can be contacted on

friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com

[Click here for school lottery!](#)



CHRISTMAS FAIR - FRIDAY 28th November

The countdown to Christmas is on and we're already feeling festive as we prepare for our Christmas Fair!

Time: 5-7pm

Admission: Free! You'll be able to purchase tokens on the door to use as currency on the stalls

NON-UNIFORM DAYS COMING SOON ...

To help stock some of the stalls we will be holding two non-uniform days. Here is what we are asking families to donate if they can:

Date	Key stage 1 children	Key stage 2 children
21/11/25	Sweet jars - fill a jar of any size with individually wrapped sweets (such as moams/haribo/starburst) and ask your child to decorate it with a festive theme	A chocolate treat of some kind for our new chocolate stall
28/11/25	Secret Santa gifts that would be suitable for a special grown up (such as smellies, small gadgets, scarves, scented candles etc). These do not need to be brand new as long as they are in very good condition	A bottle for the bottle tombola – we are happy to receive both alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles but please ensure they are in date.

Reporting and Requesting Absence

Please notify the **school office (not the class teacher)** of any absence before 9:15am each day your child is off. Use the attendance line (option 1) on **01928 722991** or email the office. When reporting illness, include:

- Symptoms
- When they started
- If a doctor's appointment is booked
- Expected return date

Please note that messages like "poorly" or "not well" will prompt the office to call for more details.

Please can we kindly ask that any leave of absences are completed on the absence request form on the link below rather than an email to the office or Mr Khan so the appropriate authorisation can be made and you are aware of the rules regarding school attendance.

Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: **admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk**

or call **01928 722 991**

Website links: [School website](#) [Absence request](#)

[Administering medicine consent](#) [Lunch Menu](#)

[Family Support Information](#) [Full School Diary](#)

[Free School Meals](#)

Link Club

We now have places available in our before and after school provision. If you would like to use this provision or would like further information please email us at: linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk more information can also be found on the [school website](#)



Aiming High In All We Do!!

We are delighted to share some of our recent celebrations including last week's Star Writers (Megan, Max, Lara, Rosie, Alfie and Isla) and Star Mathematicians (Hattie, Izza, Jack, Hasan, Charlie, Mila and Lottie-Mae).



Also this week's Star Readers (Lulu, Freddie, Seth, Emily, Rory and Millie) and Hillsider Award Winners (Eliza, Tessa, Daisy, Neave, Lucy and Oscar).

CELEBRATE!



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