



January / February NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable break! As always, we have lots of news, information and activities to tell you about and I hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of 2020. Please feel free to drop in for a chat in our family room any Friday from 1.30pm until 2.30pm if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

Melanie McCurren
Head Teacher

1 - STAFFING

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Mrs Watson, who joined us in August as a permanent class teacher, has been successful at interview in securing the acting Principal teacher post in our school. We are delighted that she will continue as the P7b class teacher supported by Miss Joss.

2 – Tartan Day Assembly

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I hope you all enjoyed our Tartan Day assembly last Friday, the pupils and teachers thoroughly enjoyed learning about Robert Burns and I am sure you will agree that there was a high standard of talent demonstrating Scottish culture.

3. Medical

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We have been notified of 3 separate cases of threadworms within the school, after seeing advice from the local authority and NHS Scotland, please could we ask you to discuss the importance of handwashing with your child before eating and after using the toilet. For further advice on signs and symptoms please contact <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/stomach-liver-and-gastrointestinal-tract/threadworms>

4. Curriculum

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PE

Following our successful achievement of our Gold Sports award we are currently running additional extra-curricular clubs at lunchtime and after school including football, judo and gymnastics. The children should be wearing Hillview polo shirt and dark shorts at gym. Pupils will be introduced to a variety of newly purchased apparatus during their gymnastic lessons. For safety reasons we would ask the girls to tie their hair back and refrain from wearing jewellery.

Hillview Skills Groups

Across the school our focus for our skills groups will be on developing the young workforce. The aim of this will be to provide high quality practical, skills based learning experiences for all pupils. In addition to this we will be trying to establish links with those in our school community, outside agencies and businesses that support skills development across levels. Pupils will experience projects in digital, design and manufacture and outdoor learning.

If you feel you could support within this area please let us know.

5. Rights Respecting Award

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Hillview Primary School are currently working towards recognition as a "Rights Respecting School". This is an award which is given to schools on behalf of UNICEF.

The 'Rights Respecting School' award (RRSA) will help our pupils to grow into confident, caring and responsible young citizens both in school and within the wider community. By learning about their rights our pupils also learn about the importance of respecting the rights of others.

Hillview Primary School pupils are encouraged to reflect on how their behaviour and actions affect those around them, which allows us to build and maintain a positive and safe learning environment for all, both in the classroom and around the school grounds.



6 – Friends of Hillview

Next Meeting is in Barrhead High School at 7pm on Thursday 6th February.

The Friends of Hillview are always looking for parents to help with events. Even if you can only help out for a single event or for just a few hours, please contact them via Facebook or in person, to volunteer.

7 – Recycling

Clothing Bank

We are planning on starting a recycling scheme for school uniforms and sportswear. We would hope that this would encourage the children to think of the world they live in and consider the importance of minimising waste. Recycling old school uniforms is an ideal way to help the planet and our school community.

We would appreciate any items in good, clean condition which we could add to our clothing bank. The idea would be that with enough stock we would be able to offer anyone who requires a bigger size of uniform the opportunity to pop in and collect one.

Items we would be looking for- school polo shirts, white shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, grey skirts, pinafores, trousers, black school shoes, trainers, PE shorts, school back packs.

All items should be in good, clean condition.

If we have a good enough response to this we will let you know when and where these items will be available to reuse.



12 - INCLEMENT WEATHER

Winter is coming...

If there are snow days this session, please presume that the school will be **open** unless other information is conveyed through Twitter (Hillview and ERC), local radio, or the Friends of Hillview FB page.

If it snows, the janitor will clear paths to the infant door and the reception door. If the snow is very heavy, families are asked to use the top entrance when entering and exiting the school.



13 - FOLLOW US!

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Upcoming Events

Fri 7 th February	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
Mon 10th -Tues 11th February	February Weekend
Wed 12th February	In-service Day– School closed to pupils
Fri 14 th February 9.15 am	Achievement assembly P4-P7 – all welcome
Fri 21 st February	Class assembly P1a/1b – all welcome (P1 pupils please come to school in shirts and ties)
Wed 26 th February	Parents Evening
Thurs 5 th March 9.15 am	World Book Day Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character/ carrying or wearing a character’s accessory and/ or bring a book!
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th March	P7 Residential to Lochgoilhead
Fri 20 th March 9.15am	Class assembly P2 – all welcome (P2 pupils please come to school in shirts and ties)
Fri 27 th March	House reward afternoon
Thurs 2 nd April	Easter service – all welcome (All pupils please come to school in shirts and ties)

Fri 3rd April 2.30pm

2.30pm – Early finish

Crazy Hair Day – for Parent Council Fundraiser - £1 suggested donation