



## November / December NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to have taken over the position of Acting Head Teacher at Hillview Primary and following a recent successful interview, Paula Rhodes has also been appointed Acting Depute Head Teacher until June 2020. Please feel free to drop in for a chat any Friday from 1.30pm until 2.30pm.

Please read on for an update of school news and information.



1 - STAFFING

### ***STAFFING - hello and farewell***

Beth Joss, who joined us in August with a temporary contract, has been successful at interview in securing a permanent post in our school. We are delighted that Miss Joss will be staying in Hillview Primary as she has made a great start in establishing herself with our pupils, parents and staff.

Sadly, Mrs Karen Moody who has been a valued teacher in our school for many years, has decided to retire on Friday, 20th December. We will all miss Mrs Moody's commitment to the pupils and staff of Hillview. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

## **Family Room**

This term we have been using the family room for our Families connect workshops with parents and pupils working closely together with Mrs Campbell and Mrs Esplin. If you have any other ideas or you would like to organise any time for parental use of the family room please contact Mrs Gaught in the office.

Please feel free to use the family room before and after assemblies on a Friday. In addition, it will be available for use on a Friday afternoon during out drop in sessions.

## **Nativity**

This year our nativity is titled "What a Star"

Our Primary 1-3 pupils have been working very hard to ensure that there will be a fantastic performance enjoyed by all. The dates and times of the performances are listed below.



*3 - WHOLE SCHOOL GROUPS*

## **Pupils' Choice/ Working Together**

This is now the 4th year that we have organised 'Whole School Groups' for our pupils. We gathered the views of the children and staff and have made some alterations to how this will be organised this year. Our pupils enjoy working with children from other classes; different age groups; and engage in activities to support their social skills development which support the ideals of our school. Each group has pupils from P1-P7 working in it.

The Whole School Groups will run weekly in term 2 and term 4. This term we have the following groups:

The right to Express their views – Pupil Council / Rights Respecting School

The Right to Play- Lego

The Right to Good Health - Mindfulness

The Right to Learn about our Environment – Eco Committee /Science

The Right to Join Groups and Develop our Talents - Arts and Craft Group/ Sports Group/Music/Drama

The Right to Communicate and Access Information - Digital



#### *6 - PARENT COUNCIL AGM*

#### **Friends of Hillview**

Following a recent AGM, the following people were elected for our parent council:

Chair: Rebecca Murray

Vice Chair: Lauren Smith

Secretary: Amber Silberschatz

Treasurer: Andrew Todd

**Next Meeting is in Barrhead high School at 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### *8 - CHRISTMAS FAYRE*

#### **Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to The Friends of Hillview for organising the event and thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre, once again it was a great success!

You will still able to buy raffle tickets for the hampers with the winners being announced at the Christmas Concert.



*12 - INCLEMENT WEATHER*

### **Winter is coming...**

Last year there were several days when there were significant snow showers. Although the school remained open on most days, there were days when the all schools in East Renfrewshire were closed.

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!*

### **Twitter**

Please follow us on Twitter - **@HillviewERC**



### **Upcoming Events**

Friday 29th November – **P6 Assembly - all welcome**

Tuesday 10th December at 2pm AND Wednesday 11th December at 9.45am **P1-P3 Nativity**

Wednesday 11th December **P7 Party**

Thursday 12th December **P5/6 Party**

Thursday 12th December **at 9.30 Choir singing at Barrhead Health Centre**

Friday 13th December **Christmas Jumper Day – donations for Save the Children**

**Home-made / decorated Christmas jumpers welcome!**

Monday 16th December **P3/P4 Party**

Tuesday 17th December **Christmas Party for P1/P2 and a special visitor!**

Wednesday 18th December **P1-P7 to Panto at Eastwood Theatre, Giffnock**

Thursday 19th December **House Reward Party**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am **Christmas Carol Concert all welcome**

Friday 20th December 2.30pm finish **Last day of school**