

Hillside Pre-School

September 2018 Newsletter

Welcome Back to School!

We hope everyone enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready and raring to start the new term at Hillside. A big **welcome** to all our new children that have started and welcome back to all the children returning!

We have had a busy few weeks settling in our new children, all of whom have done amazingly well building relationships with the staff and their peers. Our **new outdoor equipment** is still arriving and we look forward to getting it set up this term. We will be getting creative next week in preparation for the **Chorleywood Scarecrow Trail**. Hillside's theme this year will be based on a much loved TV Classic which is very popular with our children, however we will keep you in suspense until Friday, 21st September!

Parent Committee Membership

Parents & family members - we need you! As you are aware, Hillside is a not-for-profit school that is run by it's Parent Committee, which liaises directly with the school manager. We are looking for volunteers to join our team and assist with the vital tasks involved in managing our school. The committee meets every 4-6 weeks to discuss relevant governance issues, as well as approve key decisions and plan out future fundraising initiatives. A strong committee is an integral part of ensuring our school's success and the school cannot legally operate without it. Be part of our fun and fantastic team! Below is a sample of some of the roles for which we are currently seeking assistance. Please contact Parent Committee Co-Chairs Kate (kayj12@yahoo.com) or Sarah (sarahbee60@hotmail.com) for more information.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Be part of our dynamic and dedicated Parent Committee and help our Pre-School thrive!

40TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT PLANNING

An Event Coordinator and Team Members are needed to plan our anniversary bash.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Have a knack for Facebook, Twitter & Instagram? This Committee role is for you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues. 2nd & Thurs. 4th Oct., 9am

Parents Coffee Morning

Mon. 29th Oct. - Fri., 2nd Nov.

Half Term

Tues. 13th & Thurs. 15th Nov., 9am

Parents Coffee Morning

Fri. 7th Dec.

Children's Christmas Party

Mon. 10th Dec. - Fri. 14th Dec.

Christmas Jumper/ Fancy Dress Week

Thurs. 13th Dec.

End of Term - close at noon

Mon. 24th Dec. - Fri. 4th Jan. 2019

Christmas Holidays

Mon. 7th Jan. 2019
Term Begins

40th Anniversary

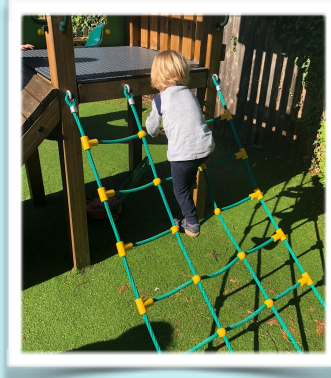
In 2019, Hillside Pre-School will be celebrating its 40th birthday! To celebrate, we will be hosting several key events including a community concert, an anniversary celebration night with live music, and creating some celebratory merchandise to support our fundraising efforts. We're looking for an **event planning team**, including an **Event Coordinator**, to support the committee in ensuring these events are a huge success. Please contact our office (manager@hillsidepreschool.co.uk) or members of the Parents Committee (Kate Butler, kayj12@yahoo.com) to learn more and to sign up to assist!

Why Fundraising Matters

Last year, we raised **£3,100** thanks to the fundraising efforts of our dedicated parents, supporters, staff and the Parents Committee. During the **Pamper Event**, for example, we **raised £1,600**, allowing us to purchase outdoor equipment such as a vegetable garden, new water table, art equipment, and give our playhouse a fresh coat of paint, among other purchases that will enrich our children's learning experience. We appreciate everyone who dedicated their time and talent to make this possible.

Fundraising is vital to our school, as the funding we receive from the government is very limited and our session fees are the lowest in the area. This year, we hope to exceed the prior year's fundraising efforts! We will be publishing information on fundraising opportunities, including how you can assist, in the near future.

Early years education is vital to a child's cognitive and emotional development and builds the foundation for lifelong learning and achievement. For that reason, we are so grateful for the contributions of families and community members in support of our school. Hillside Pre-School is a registered charity, so all donations are fully tax deductible.



Website Redesign

Web Designer and Photographer Needed!

Hillside Pre-School is in the process of updating our online presence and marketing materials. Do you have a talent for web design? Do you have professional photography skills? If so, we need your help! We are looking for an individual who can take professional quality photos for our website and someone who can redesign our site at a reduced cost or no cost.

Contact Us!

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