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Hillside Nursery Newsletter May 2023

Message from Mrs Middler



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone has enjoyed a lovely spring break and are looking forward to the final term of the 2022-2023 session, I can't believe it's May already!

As expected, this term will be another busy one with upcoming **Stay and Play** sessions, a **Coronation Daffodil Tea Party**, **Bikeability**, **Sports Day**, a **Sponsored Event** and **Transitions**, all alongside our usual routines and experiences that are planned for our little learners. You will find dates and more information about these events later on in this newsletter and please look out for invitations and sign up sheets to ensure your place at these highly sought after events!

As always, if you have any questions regarding anything in this newsletter, or any other nursery matter, please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of the nursery team.

We look forward to seeing everyone in setting very soon!

Kind regards

Maryanne Middler

Early Years Senior Practitioner

Primary 1 Transition Information 2023-2024



Preparations are now underway for the pre-school children transitioning on to Primary 1 from August 2023. All parents will receive an email from Mrs Grieve soon, detailing the transition process and an invitation to a short induction meeting and tour of the school on **Thursday 8th June 2023 at 6pm**. As part of our nursery sessions, pre-school children will experience all aspects of Primary 1 through organised visits and activities, in and around the school building and its grounds. The children will also have the opportunity to meet their teacher and explore their new classroom just before the summer holidays.

Alongside this, literacy homework packs will be issued to preschool children on a bi-weekly basis during the month of June. This is a lovely way to introduce the concept of sharing learning between home and school and provides an opportunity for the children to develop a sense of 'responsibility' and 'ownership' of their personally assigned packs.

If you have any questions regarding your child's transition onto Primary 1, please speak to Mrs Grieve (DHT) or Mrs Middler.

Nursery Returner Information 2023-2024



If your child is returning to nursery in August 2023, you will soon receive an email informing you of everything you will need to know for session 23/24. We will also be asking families to reconfirm their child's attendance timings etc so that we can ensure adequate staffing levels are in place to complement the setting requirements for the year. Alongside this, there will be an opportunity for you to attend an Induction meeting for new and returning nursery families on **Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 6pm.**

If you have any questions regarding your child's ELC placement at Hillside Nursery during 2023-2024, please speak to Mrs Middler.

Policy of the Month 'Sun Cream' May 2023

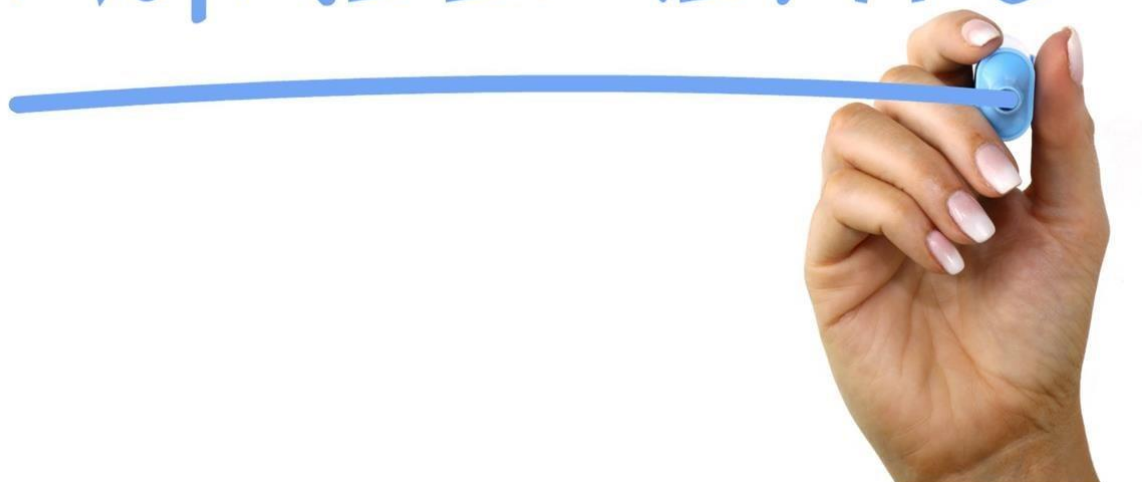


Please read our Sun Cream Policy (posted on the school website). We would be very grateful if you could complete the link below to confirm you have read this policy.

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Question of the Month 'Sun Cream' May 2023

AGREEMENTS



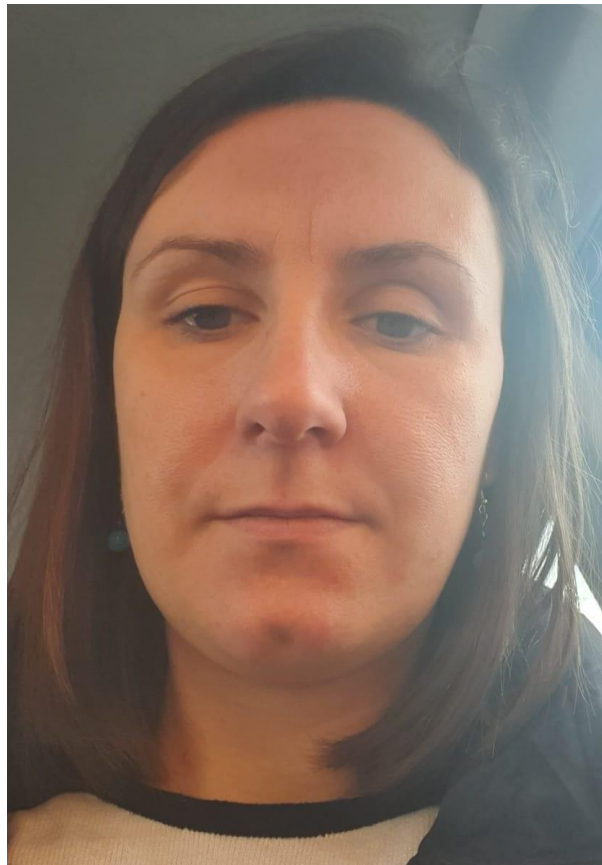
Please use the link below to access our Sun Cream Permissions. Alternatively, you can complete the paper copy of the permission slip which can be found in the nursery cloakroom area.

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Nursery Staffing Update



We are delighted to introduce our newest staff members, Justyna Kornatowska (EYP fixed term), Ogechi Ajah (EYSW), Louise Bridge (EYSW) and Pearl Okoroma (EYSW). We are also looking forward to introducing Kelly Soanes (EYP) in May, as we say goodbye to Paula Sherratt (EYP) who has accepted a new opportunity at another local authority setting. We will continue to keep you updated with news of Miss Sherratt' replacement as well as our current EYLP vacancy updates. We hope to have both vacancies filled very soon.



1 - Justyna Kornatowska - Early Years Practitioner (fixed term until end June 2023)



2 - Kelly Soanes - Early Years Practitioner



3 - Louise Bridge - Early Years Support Worker



4 - Ogechi Ajah - Early Years Support Worker



5 - Pearl Okoroma - Early Years Support Worker

PARTNERSHIP



Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our '**Family Voice to Support Nursery Planning**' incentive this session. We have been able use this feedback to enhance our '**plans for learning**' within setting and will continue to work in partnership with families using similar approaches next session (2023-2024). We are keen to build on parent engagement to support children to progress in their learning and development and look forward to creating positive links between home and nursery to encourage children to flourish, grow and achieve their full potential.

Stay and Play Sessions



We hope you have been enjoying your **Stay and Play** visits this term and we are thrilled to see so many parents and carers taking advantage of this lovely opportunity! We will be releasing session

dates for a **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** soon so please keep an eye out for the sign up sheets in the cloakroom area.

Coronation Daffodil Tea Party Thursday 4th and Friday 5th May 2023





YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Coronation Daffodil Tea Party

Hillside Dinner Hall

Thursday 4th or Friday 5th May 2023

Come and join us in the dinner hall to help celebrate the Kings coronation and have a look at some of the children's daffodil artwork. Various spaces available. Please book a space on the 'signing up' sheet at nursery reception!



Soccer Aid - 15th-19th May 2023



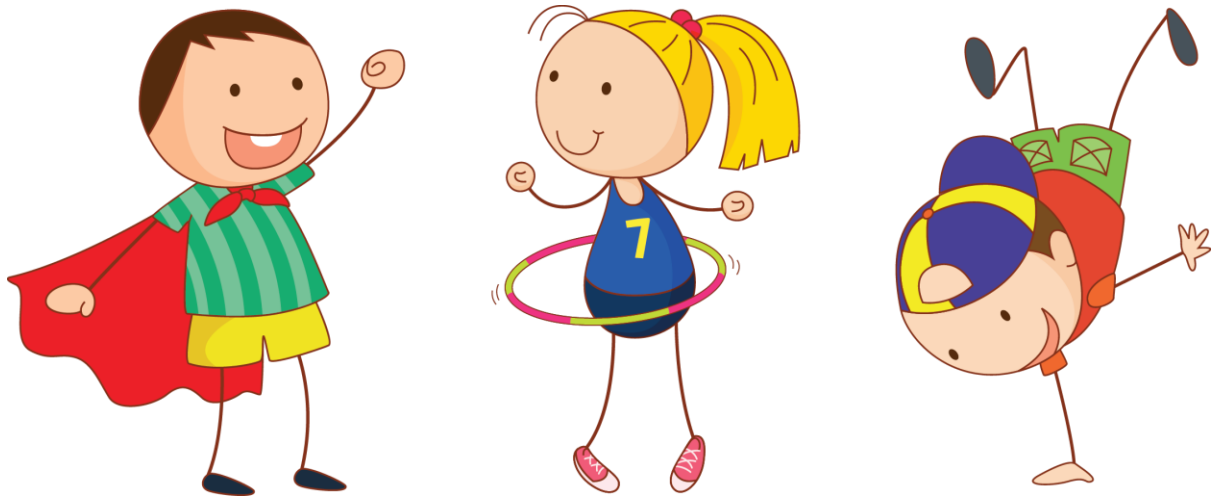
Hillside School and Nursery will be celebrating Unicef's **Soccer Aid** this year from **Monday 15th May-Friday 19th May**. During this week there will be a variety of activities and challenges for our learners to participate in, all of which will highlight The Right to Play (UNCRC).

We would like to invite all children (and staff) to wear sportswear for the entirety of this week should they wish. **We will also be allowing football kits to be worn on the final day of our celebration, Friday 19th May. Shinpads and football boots will not be required at any point in the week.**

As part of Soccer Aid we will be holding an online keepy-up competition. Children can film themselves doing their most keep-ups and upload to our Twitter using @SchoolHillside1 #Socceraid for a chance to win a prize.

The Rights Respecting Steering Group will be collecting donations for Unicef Soccer Aid from classes throughout the week. Suggested donation- **£1**.

Nursery Sports Day Thursday 25th May 2023



We are happy to announce that our nursery sports day will take place **Thursday 25th May 2023**. We will split our children into two groups for the occasion and parents/carers will be invited along to either the morning or the afternoon timeslot. Refreshments will be available for both children and parents. We look forward to seeing you then!

Nursery Visitor - The Critter Keeper



We are delighted to welcome a very special visitor to nursery on **Friday 23rd and Monday 26th June 2023**. This is popular exotic animal workshop and the '**Critter Crew**' will be tailored to suit nursery aged children. Please use the link provided for further information on the visit and The Critter Keeper Experience.

[.The Critter Keeper Experience](#)

1140 Session Timings



Morning Sessions

8am-8.15am (Extended drop off)

8.45am-9am (Core drop off)

11.40am-11.55am (Core collection)

12.30pm-1pm (Extended collection) **LAST COLLECTION 12.45pm**

Afternoon Sessions

1pm-1.15pm (Drop off for all)

3.25pm (Early collection)

3.55pm-4.10pm (Core collection)

5.30-6pm (Extended collection) **LAST COLLECTION 5.45pm**

****We kindly ask for families to stick to the drop off and collection times they have selected to support us to ensure adequate staffing levels are maintained across the day and to vacate the setting before the end of their session to allow a smooth crossover between morning and afternoon cohorts****

Important Dates



Monday 1st May 2023 - May Day (**closed for staff and children**)

Thursday 4th May - Nursery Daffodil Tea Party (AM)

Friday 5th May - Nursery Daffodil Tea Party (AM)

Monday 8th May 2023 - His Majesty King Charles Coronation Holiday (**closed for staff and children**)

Wednesday 10th May 2023 - I-Bike Session (AM)

Friday 12th May 2023 - I-Bike Session (PM)

15th - 19th May 2023 - Soccer Aid (all week)

Thursday 25th May 2023 - Nursery Sports Day (AM & PM)

Thursday 8th June 2023 6pm - Primary One induction Meeting

Tuesday 20th June 2023 6pm - Nursery Induction Meeting

Friday 23rd June 2023 - The Critter Keeper (AM)

Monday 26th June 2023 - The Critter Keeper (AM & PM)

June 2023 - Sponsored Event - **more details to follow**

Friday 7th July 2023 - Last day of term

Monday 10th July - Friday 18th August 2023 - Summer Break (**closed to term time children**)

Monday 21st August 2023 - INSET Day (closed to children)

Tuesday 22nd August 2023 - Term 1 2023/2024 begins

Nursery Contact Details



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