



## Hilltop School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear families, parents and carers

**Thank you** – Just to say a big thank you to parents for their positive comments and congratulations now I am permanent Headteacher of Hilltop school. It was a scary process being interviewed and I did feel challenged by governors and parents in the process. For me it has now been 5 weeks as a head and we are looking to appoint a permanent Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Head ready for September 2017.

I am aware although I have been at the school some time now some of you hardly know me at all and I do want to catch up with anyone who wants to meet me. I have nothing in my diary for the next two Fridays 28<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone would like to see me I will be available all day. If anyone is worried about something and wants me to come and see them at home, just contact me on [hssdburdett@rgfl.org](mailto:hssdburdett@rgfl.org) or phone school. If you want to make an appointment on those days or at any other time just contact me.

**Welcome** – Poppy will be joining us after Easter in Pink class.

**Residentials** – The residentials to Whirlow Farm and Calvert Trust were a great success and I would like to thank all those who made them possible. It is such an important part of 'growing up' and encouraging confidence and independence for our learners.

**Shakespeare Performance** – Yesterday was such a brilliant performance by so many of our older students. It was great to see the confidence and skill of our young people to perform live and on video to make the night such a success. Many thanks to Amanda France who lead and co-ordinated it with Claire from Open Minds Theatre company. Thanks also for the team of people back stage and on stage who helped to make it such a great success.

**Race Night** – Thanks to Chris Hodgkinson for organising such a well attended and fun event. Thanks to all who sponsored a race and turned up to support and have a fun evening. We raised £600 which will go toward after school clubs.

**Easter** – We had a really fun and well organised day with our students having a great range of activities like egg rolling, Easter café, making chocolate eggs, cards and baskets. We also had a raffle which raised £478 which will go toward after school clubs and summer school.

**Coffee morning** – We have an informal parents coffee morning 10am Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April and 10am Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May.

**Holidays** – Hope you have a good Easter break with us all back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We have Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May off for Mayday Bank Holiday.

**Swimming/Hydrotherapy** – If your child has a slot in the pool please can you ensure they have a swimming kit left at school. We will return home to wash once your child has used the pool.

#### **If you are worried about a child**

If the child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999 (in an emergency);

If the child is not in immediate danger then contact Rotherham Children's Social Care Services to report your concerns. Call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01709 336080;

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**Parent Ambassador** – Just a reminder of Vic Harrop’s role to advise and support parents. She helps with meetings in annual reviews, with social workers, health, filling in applications for Disability Living Allowance or other paperwork. She is willing to talk around transitions and anything you are worried about or need advice. You can contact her through school or on her email [hssvharrop@rgfl.org](mailto:hssvharrop@rgfl.org).

**New employees** – Today we have appointed 3 ex-students through WorkFit who will be employed for 3 hours a week from September. They are on an induction/work experience placement till then.

**Research project** – We are working with Sheffield Hallam University on a research project around some of our pupils understanding of spoken language. In the last few days we have sent out a letter to check if you are happy for your child to be involved in the project. It is being lead by David Reynolds and either of us would be happy to discuss it with you. Please be aware no child will ever be left with the researcher on their own and we will support this to be a positive experience for all our children and young people. Again get in touch if you want to talk it through.

### Dates for your diary

May	June
British Values and History Week 2 <sup>nd</sup> May. Panathlon sports event Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> May. Proud assembly Fri May 5 <sup>th</sup> May. Sports Day at English Institute of Sport Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May. Fashion Show Evening Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May Parents Coffee morning Wed 10am 17 <sup>th</sup> . Coffee Morning to remember Anne Marie Ramsden (physiotherapist) 10am Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. Lower school disco Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May. Parent and carers afternoon/evening Upper school Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> May. Upper school disco Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> from 6pm. Parent and carers afternoon/evening Lower school Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May. Proud assembly Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May. Last day before 2 weeks holiday 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Back to school Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> . S Factor Semi Final Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> . Den Day Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> . Science week ‘whodunit’ starts Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> . Proud assembly Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> .
	July
	Summer Fete Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July. Upper school disco Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> from 6pm. S Factor Final at Magna Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Lower school disco Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July. Lower school presentation Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> . Leavers Prom Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> . Upper school presentation Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> . Proud assembly Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> . Last day of school Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July.

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