

News from the Hill



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Quality, Creativity, Consistency, Collaboration

We encourage all members of the Sunnyhill Community **to respect one another**, to know **that everyone has an important part to play** in making the school as good as it can be, to **take responsibility** and be responsible, to **strive for excellence** and **to try one's best** in everything we do.

This is the first newsletter of 2017! So HAPPY NEW YEAR! As always, there's important news and information in this letter- keep it somewhere safe until you get the next one in a few weeks' time!

Turn up, and drop in....

We organised sessions at the start of last term for you to come in and see what kind of lessons your children experience every day - the feedback from this was really very, very positive... so we are going to offer this opportunity again!

On the day of your session you'll be met by senior teachers in the old hall at 9.00 - they will take you to your child's for around 9.15. You'll see what the children are currently working on and have the chance to be able to work with your child for 30- 40 minutes. The session finishes with all of the classes from your child's year group and their parents having a drink and a snack until 10.15- 10.20, when the children go back to class to get ready for break.

The dates for the sessions are:

23/1	24/1	25/1	26/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2
Y2	Y1	R	N	Y6	Y4	Y3	Y5

Please come along... it'd be great to see you!

Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes!

Yes, in the words of the eternal David Bowie, our theme this term is 'Changes'. This is a Science based focus, and our class books reflect this.



How can you get involved? Ask your children what they have been doing in school around the topic. Come along to our Science Fair during the week of 27th March... you'll Brain Cox's of the future demonstrate the science learning that has taken place in class throughout the term.

learning is
NOT
a spectator
sport.
so let's
PLAY!

It's not all about Science though this term ... we are also collaborating with local artists - a group called Dolph. The children will create artwork that reflects something that they are inspired by... it might be a sport, or a person, or a hobby they have... it really is up to them.

And they choose what kind of art they want to have a go at as well... please come along to our exhibition February 9th to see what they have come up with (8.30- 8.55, 3.20- 4.00 in the old hall).



There is no friend as loyal as a book Ernest Hemingway

It's seems ages away, but time will fly before and before we know it will be time for World Book day!! This year it is on March 2nd... start to think about what character from a book your child is going to come to school dressed as... I'm not 100% sure who enjoys this most, the teachers or the children.

Make your laugh matter

March 24th is Red Nose Day which we will be taking full advantage of to have as much fun as possible...in the dark, depressing months of Winter, it's great to have this and so much else to look forward to.



Food, wonderful food, marvellous food, glorious food!



Or not so much at the moment...lots of you have shared in your ideas for how we can make the school as fantastic as it can be, that the children aren't enjoying school lunches very much at the moment.

The children have shared this themselves- 41 of them have bothered to put pen to paper and have shared with our pupil leaders that things really need to improve as far as school dinners are concerned.

We have told our food contractor, ISS, about what parents, pupils and staff think... and they have put together a plan

to really have a great stab at sorting this out.

They are going to:

- **Meet with the pupil leaders on January 24th to hear from them what needs to change.**
- **Make sure that children are getting the right amount to eat so they are full up and are not ravenous at the end of school time.**
- **Make sure that there is choice, that there is always fruit and yoghurt for the children to have.**
- **Make sure that the food is hot throughout the lunch service, and that food (especially chips on the rare occasions they are on the menu) are cooked through!**

Dawn Harvey, the lead for ISS for our school, is really happy to meet with parents as well as meeting with the children... after all, you do pay for the meals! We are going to ask her to come in, hopefully for parents' evenings in March, so that you can tell her if things are improving. Fingers crossed!



Thank you very much....

Thank you for all of your contributions for our next school improvement plan... you really have been very open and shared some brilliant ideas with us. Over the next few weeks all of the ideas that we have will be sorted by the children and staff to form the basis of a draft plan... it really is going to be good!

Watch this space over the rest of this term for more news on this as it develops.