



**Dear Parents/Guardians**

I am delighted to share with you another newsletter which reflects all the exciting things which are going on at Hillside.

Attendance is going from strength to strength and we celebrated with the winning forms for last half term with our, 'We LOVE Your Attendance' breakfast on Valentine's Day.

This was a lovely experience for the pupils in the winning forms and a very well deserved treat.

This has been another excellent week for attendance and I would congratulate all of our pupils and thank you, their families, for your support in this crucial area.

Yesterday was World Book Day and I'm sure you will agree with me that the staff who dressed up, did us proud; I feel I need to give a special mention to Mrs Harper! I look forward to sharing photos of the decorated doors with you in next week's newsletter and, the winning forms. It was my absolute pleasure to give away books to the pupils with the winning raffle tickets. The day proved to be a real celebration of books and reading.

We have been honoured to welcome a number of primary pupils to Hillside on Wednesday afternoon to compete in the UKMT Event. When I called in, they were certainly working hard and the competitive spirit of the pupils was lovely to see. Well done to Springwell Park who were the overall winners.

On Wednesday we also welcomed visitors from CSG Liudger School in Holland. This is a school with whom we have a long association and they bring their students to our school every year. It was lovely to see the pupils talking to each other and learning about each other's school and culture. These international links are something we take extremely seriously and are delighted to nurture year on year.

**Mrs Amanda Ryan**

**Year 7 & 8  
Homework  
Art**



**SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner**

**This week's theme: British Science Week**

**SMSC Focus:**

What role can science play in the development of our understanding of the importance of a diverse planet which celebrates the variety of life on Earth.

**Career of the week**

Career: Marine Biologist

Skills:

- Communicating with people
- Working as part of a team
- Accuracy
- Conducting experiments
- Researching and investigating

**Average Salary:** £43,680

**Useful Subjects:**

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, English, Technology subjects

For more information please see [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)

**Word of the Week**

**'Meticulous'**

Showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.





## We LOVE your Attendance Celebration Breakfast

On Friday 14th February we enjoyed a lovely end to the half term by celebrating the 'Top Ten Attending Forms' for the first half of the Spring Term. The competition was strong as attendance across the school has really improved but the following forms took the lead in their respective year groups.

As a reward and thank you Mrs Ryan invited the forms, along with their Form Tutor, to enjoy a delicious breakfast and to enjoy some 'free time' together as a form. Well done to all those pupils who contributed to their form's success and love was definitely in the air for your attendance. The competition is now on to see who the winners will be for this half term and we look forward to revealing what treat awaits the winners.



**Mrs Cross**

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## Primary UKMT Event

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March we had the pleasure of welcoming budding mathematicians from 5 of our local primary schools: Bedford, Arnot St Marys, Springwell Park, Christ Church and Rice Lane. The LRC was transformed into a 'University Challenge' style arena with refreshments at the ready to keep their brains working! The 4 pupils from each school competed in their teams on a variety of maths problems including a relay and a cross number – it was very tense! A fantastic time was had by all involved and all teams managed to get impressive total scores but Springwell Park came out on top. A big 'Thank You' to Kelly in Year 10 for helping out – especially during the chaos of the relay!



Miss Christian

## CSG Liudger School in Holland visit Hillside

The U.K may well have left the EU but the Europeans are, thankfully, still visiting Hillside. This week saw our annual visit from the CSG Liudger School in Holland. Over twenty pupils and three teachers joined us for a full day of joint activities. Our Year 7 Culture Champions worked with the group and, as they are learning about 'joints and bones' in science, learned how to say 'elbow' and 'knee' in both Dutch and Friesian. The visitors took part in an exciting chemistry lesson (Thank you Mr Henderson) and then spent some time in art with Miss Murphy and food tech. with Ms Martin - the fairy cakes went down very well.



It was an absolute delight to see our pupils completely at ease with our Dutch visitors: working and talking together and finding out about each other's culture. A special thank you goes to Sean McNeill 7DT who met the visitors and played a key role in introducing them to Hillside. He was presented with a special, personalised water bottle as a thank you from the Dutch school.

We are already looking forward to welcoming them back next year.

Mrs Daly

### Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Brian Leung 7SE
- Year 8 — Fiona Zhen 8SAC & Kieran Morrow 8AMR
- Year 9 — Mirna Aljabour 9KL & Samantha Harrington 9RM
- Year 10—Ellie-May McCarthy 10NR & Joseph Zhang 10SW
- Year 11—Molly Dixon 11VSS & Tayla Ditchfield 11SMC



### Here are the TT Rockstars names:

- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Nathan Oyobagie 7SE & Saffron Morris 7SDo
- Year 8— Dylan Wright 8GS, Maria Aleksieva 8NF & Fiona Zhen 8SAC



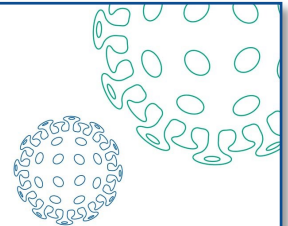
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Public Health England

# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education



## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

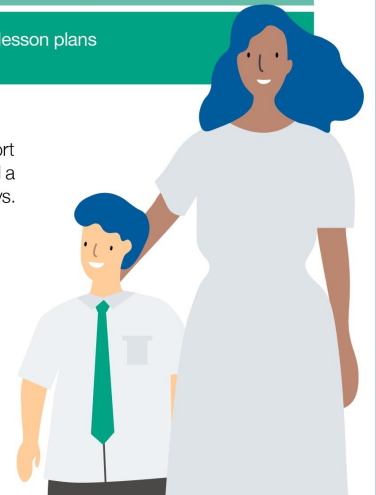
Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19).

Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.



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Mrs Cross

## Thought for the week



## Key Dates 2020

### Year 11 P2S2 Assessment Weeks:

Monday 2nd March 2020 to Friday 13th March 2020

### British Science Week:

Week Commencing 9th March 2020

### BSW Community Event:

Thursday 12th March 2020

### Curriculum Day:

Friday 13th March 2020

### Year 10 Parents' Evening:

Thursday 19th March 2020

### Last day of term:

Friday 3rd April 2020

### Start of Summer Term:

Monday 20th April 2020

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