



HILLSGROVE
PRIMARY SCHOOL
SINCE 1966



We want pupils at Hills Grove to be confident in having the **skills** and **knowledge** they need to thrive in the world beyond school. We want all pupils to share our high **aspirations** for themselves and to develop a **love of learning** for life.

Newsletter 2024: Spring 1 week 2 Friday

Safe guarding– who are we?

We are committed to the safety and happiness of the children at Hills Grove Primary School



Miss Rice

I am here for you anytime you want to talk.

I am the Safeguarding Lead. I will meet with everyone at school to make sure we are all safe.



Ms Fernandes

I can help if you are worried about a family member.



Ms Hilton DSL

Come and find me anytime to talk about anything.

I will listen to any of your problems about home or school.





Ms Laurie

In an emergency call 999. For advice if you're not school call NSPCC 0800 800 500 or Childline 0800 1111



HILLSGROVE SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on

 **Twitter:** @HillsgroveSch
 **Instagram:** hillsgroveprimarysch
 o see what is going on day-to-day in our school.

The Worry Button

Last year we introduced the 'Worry Button' on to Google Classroom. This was a chance for children to share their worries about returning to school. However we have decided to reintroduce this to Google Classroom in case children want to talk to us about something they are worrying about. If we think we can help, your class teacher or one of the teachers above will get in touch...



[View the Worry Button](#)



The Pupil Worry Button (Hillsgrove)

Please tell us your class and your worry. A teacher will get in touch to talk about your response. For younger pupils, parents/carers please type exactly what the children say.

THIS IS A CHANCE FOR SCHOOL TO FIND OUT WHAT CHILDREN ARE WORRIED ABOUT NOT WHAT PARENTS/CARERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT.

The 'Parent' Worry Button

If there is ever a time you need to contact us, either to talk about your child's learning or for any other support, here is a list of people who you can speak with:

Mrs Harrison (Mental Health Lead) wales@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Ms Hilton (SENCO) senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Miss Hilton also runs Parent Contact Sessions every Friday between 10-11 and 1-2. These can be booked by calling the school office.

Ms Laurie (Principal) admin@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Ms Hilton (SENCO and DSL) senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Mrs Fernandes (Assisitant Prinicipal) spain@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Miss Rice (Year 6 Raising Standards Lead)

kenya@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

We are all here to help our wider community so please do get in con-

What's happening at Hillsgrove?



Our new trim trails are in place and ready for the children to explore next week! All children will have an introductory assembly on Monday before they begin to play.



Class assemblies

Monday 22nd January, 2:45—
France

Tuesday 23rd January, 2:45—
Australia

Monday 29th January, 2:45—
Scotland

Tuesday 30th January, 2:45—
India

Monday 5th February, 2:45—
Ireland

Tuesday 6th February, 2:45—
Kenya



Year 2 have been enjoying their library time. Over the holidays, all the children finished their books and so have been excitedly finding more! They shared stories and discussed their opinions.



GIFT AMNESTY

Hillsgrove PTA are collecting for future events

We would be grateful of any items from Christmas
which you may be able to donate.

Did you get two of something? or receive something
not to you taste?

This might include chocolates, sweets, bottles, toys,
smellies etc.(Non perishable please unless they have
long use by dates.)

Anything we could use for future events would
be very much appreciated!

Please put any items in the PTA donation bins at
the main school office.

Thank you very much for your support.

Hillsgrove PTA

Can you help us?

Reception have started an outdoor learning session which we will be doing every week. But not all of the children have appropriate outdoor clothing.

I was hoping we could ask if any parents have any old outdoor clothing that their children have grown out of that they would like to donate to us.

Items such as:

Wellies (sizes around 6 - 11)
Gloves
Hats
Waterproof jackets
Waterproof trousers
All-in-one waterproof suits



Volunteers needed!

We are looking for some volunteers to help with reading with children and maintaining our libraries.

Should you have any time available in the week to do either, please let either Miss Walters or Mrs Fernandes know.



Supporting your child at home with their reading

- 1** Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2** Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3** Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4** Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5** Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6** Read and discuss reading with friends or family

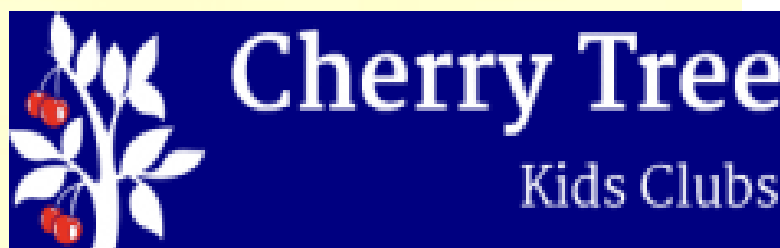


Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7** Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'



Spaces available...

At Hillsgrove, children have access to a breakfast and after school club. The morning sessions start at 7.30 until the children are taken into class (£6 per session) and the after school provision is open until 6pm. (£12 per session).

Cherry Tree Kids Clubs are committed to providing an organised, stimulating, safe environment for children from schools in Bexley Borough during out of school hours. The Club has met Ofsted requirements and has received the Sure Start Investors in Children Quality Assurance kite mark, 'Aiming High 4 Children'.

The staff will encourage a range of activities which will include sports and team games, arts and crafts, cookery, drama and many more. There is an opportunity for children to do their homework and they will have access to encyclopedias, dictionaries and other reference books.

Cherry Tree Kids Clubs will employ an adequate number of staff with a recognised child care qualification and experienced volunteers who have all undertaken recent medical and police checks. All our staff are first aid trained.

If you are interested in accessing this service or require further information please contact Judy Atkinson, Janet Dellavalle or Cathy Farmer on the main office number **0208 303 7344**.

<http://www.cherrytreenursery.com/>

German phrase of the fortnight:

Bitte und Danke
(please and thank you)

Uniform reminder

Children's hair should be neat and tidy.

Long hair should be tied back with hairbands that are blue, black, grey or white. Hairbands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and should not have large flowers and adornments attached. Any beads in hair should also be in the school colours.

Extreme hairstyles such as shaved designs, Mohican or 'rats tails' hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Fashion accessories such as coloured extensions and large colourful hair bows are also not appropriate for school. All long hair must be tied back. Jewellery is not acceptable in school except for small stud earrings (which must be removed for PE by your child). If your child is planning to have their ear(s) pierced, please could this be done at the beginning of the Summer holiday.