



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We are at the end of a busy Michaelmas Term which has seen the children at Hill House School continue to thrive. The opportunities the children have here are excellent, which can only benefit them with the experience they are gaining.

I would like to thank the Year 6 House Captains and prefects for the effort they have made so far this year. They have met visitors, completed tours of the school, sold poppies, supported charities, visited the homeless, been buddies to the younger children and even coming to school on a Saturday to help me with a local Nursery who were visiting and performing their Nativity in the Theatre. Over Christmas I hope they continue to revise for the senior school exam and continue to improve on their academic achievements, as this is what makes them the balanced individuals we strive to produce. Credit must go to them and I thank them all and look forward to working with them again next term.

This term the Harvest Festival, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, The Charity Concert, The Christingle and the Carol Service were performed wonderfully and enjoyed by all, including the children, but they also highlighted the vast number of individual children who excel in this area, they are very talented.

Our Nursery and Reception performance of 'The Angel Express' and Year 1 and 2 'The Inspectors', were a delight to watch, with the colourful costumes and children's enjoyment and confidence being a real highlight. They produced the 'cute factor' as well as remembering all their words superbly – well done to all children and their teachers. I did feel proud at these performances they provide memories that parents should never forget.

Could I respectfully remind all parents that children attending **school events**, such as performances or talks, after school or in the evening must remain in school uniform.

Academically the children have settled quickly into their new year groups and have taken on board the standard of work expected by their new teachers. We have tried to encourage the Year 3 children to settle quickly and handle the increased responsibility given to them, as they move to a different style of learning with increased independence. I also appreciate how hard the Year 6 children are working at the moment and I am sure this will pay dividends in January when they take their senior school examination.

It has given me particular pleasure to see such a variety of faces from Years 3 to 6 representing the school at Hockey and Rugby. I am very pleased most children have had the experience of playing in a school strip and experiencing the etiquette which comes with that honour. The number of fixtures played has remained high and the success against local competition has been very pleasing.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the teachers for their hard work and support this term and sincerely wish all staff, parents and children a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. During this term all the teachers have been formally observed by Mrs Leach or myself. This is part of the process that we, as a school, endure to ensure we keep our standards at the highest level. We continue to be an excellent school.

My thanks go to the Governors and David Holland, our Headmaster as he is wonderfully supportive of what we are achieving at the Junior School and is also a great sounding board.

Just a few reminders to finish, school snacks should be nutritional and not contain any nut products. When providing packed lunches please consider the content as we have so many children with allergies.

Could all parents please fully check PE bags over the Christmas period. We have had some misplaced items that we have been unable to locate and fear they are at the bottom of a bag. If you should find anything that belongs to someone please return it to school.

I look forward to Lent term 2020 when we can carry on with the good work we have started this academic year at Hill House School.

Please all enjoy your break and have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Mr Jonathan D Hall
Head of Junior School