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Happy New Year

We hope you had a restful and rejuvenating Christmas holiday and are as excited as we are to welcome everyone back to Hill View School this week for the start of the Spring Term! We're looking forward to seeing all our learners and kicking off a new term.

The school has been very quiet over the holidays and the staff have been getting ready for the new term and are ready and raring to go. As we prepare for the term ahead, we wanted to take a moment to share a few brief updates and highlights to keep you informed and connected with the Hill View School community before everyone arrives.

Please share these updates with your children to prepare them for their return.

New Staff



Sam will be joining Hill View School as Coker Class teacher



Kate will be joining Hill View School from the 13th January as a TA



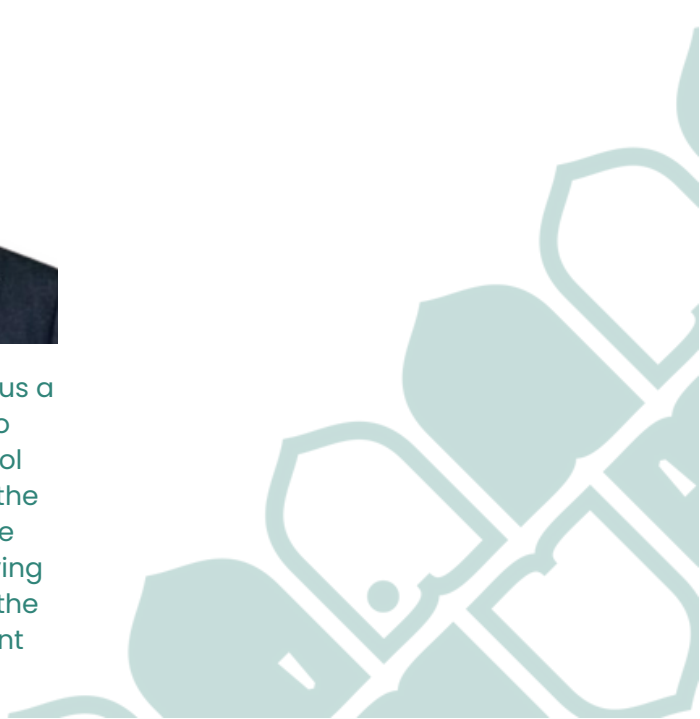
Paige will be joining Hill View School from the 13th January as a TA



Rachel has been at Hill View since October as our receptionist. From January she is now taking on the role of Senior Office Admin.



Kash will be joining us a security guard to monitor our school gates throughout the day. This will save reception staff having to move between the office and the front gate.



A Fresh Look for the New Term at Hill View!

You'll notice a fresh look around the school when you arrive tomorrow, as we've been busy over the holidays enhancing our learning environment! We're thrilled to unveil the first phase of decorations designed to further embed our core values here at Hill View - We stay Safe, We learn more, and We are respectful - throughout the site. You will also see our motto "Be the best you. Build the best us.", celebrated in the new designs.

We hope these visual reminders will inspire and motivate our learners every day to be the best they can be. We're incredibly pleased with how this phase of decorating has brought our Hill View values and motto to life, and we're already looking forward to planning and implementing the next phase to continue transforming our school into an even more engaging and inspiring space for everyone.



Important Update Regarding YouTube Access on School Devices

We want to make you aware of a change to internet access on school devices that will be in place from tomorrow. Due to an ongoing issue with our IT filtering system, learners will temporarily be unable to access YouTube on school-provided devices. We understand that YouTube can be a valuable resource for learning and that some learners may be used to accessing it during the school day. We are working closely with our IT support team to resolve this filtering issue as quickly as possible and restore access. It's important that learners are aware of this change before arriving at school tomorrow, so please do discuss this with your child this evening to help prepare them. We appreciate your understanding and will keep you updated on our progress in resolving this matter. In the meantime, teachers will be providing alternative resources as needed for lessons.



Wrap Up Warm and Embrace the Elements!

As we head into the heart of winter, we're experiencing the typical wet and cold weather that this time of year brings. Our school site, especially with its open layout, can be particularly susceptible to wind and, after periods of rain, mud! With this in mind, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the conditions each day. Warm, waterproof coats, hats, and gloves are essential. We also highly recommend packing spare clothing, including socks and trousers, especially if your child participates in Forest School or Animal Care. We want all our learners to enjoy these valuable outdoor experiences, and having a change of clothes readily available means they can fully participate without worrying about getting wet or muddy. Your cooperation in ensuring learners have the right clothing will help keep them comfortable and ready to learn, whatever the weather!

If you require additional uniform, you can purchase items from South West Schoolwear



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Save the Date: Parents Evening 2025

We are pleased to announce that our upcoming Parents' Evening appointments will be held on **Tuesday, 21st and Thursday, 23rd January**. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and well-being with their teacher.

We will offer a flexible approach, with appointments available either in-person at school or online via TEAMS, both lasting 15 minutes. We understand the varying needs of our families and hope this flexibility will allow everyone to participate. Keep an eye out for further information later this week, which will provide detailed instructions on how to book your preferred appointment slot. We look forward to connecting with you all soon!

