



Headteacher Message

As the temperature drops, I am quickly learning that Ide Hill has its own level of cold—time to invest in a thicker coat, hat, and gloves!

This week, I have been inspired by the determination and perseverance I have seen in our children. One child, who is currently unable to write with their right hand, is learning to write with their left—a true testament to their adaptability and resilience. Our girls' basketball team also demonstrated incredible spirit and teamwork in all their games yesterday, showcasing their skills and support for one another. Our presentation wall continues to fill up with thoughtful work, highlighting how much pride and effort the children are putting into their learning.

On Monday, the whole school attended a remembrance service at the church. It was moving to see our children place poppies at the front of the church and reflect during the beautiful music. We're also delighted with how much the children are enjoying their dance lessons with Cascade, learning new moves and staying active!

Thank you, everyone, for your hard work. Have a wonderful weekend, and remember to wrap up!

Dance Club

Our Key Stage 2 dancers are very much enjoying their Dance Club on a Friday afternoon!

However, at the moment we only have 4 dancers and it is unfortunately not viable to continue either the club or our planned "Love 2 Dance" competition next year unless we have at least 6-8 children participating. We have heard that there may be more children interested in joining the club in January. Can you please let us know if that is the case and we will sign you up!

Early School Opening

We hope that parents are finding the earlier opening time of 8:35 beneficial. Please could we ask for some feedback on this via the form below:
<https://forms.office.com/e/CJLUFaPbz8> Thank you.

Anti Bullying Week

As you will be aware this week we have had anti-bullying week where the focus and the theme has been 'choose respect'. The children had an assembly with Miss Johnson to introduce the topic this week where we talked about what bullying was, what respect means and heard from other children how to show respect to each other. Then the children were challenged to go out into the school and show each other respect not just this week but throughout the year. The children have then had opportunities to

explore the theme in class this week. Saplings did this by reading the story 'The Giraffe that Couldn't Dance' and exploring how we are all different and that is not something to be laughed at. They have been colouring in their own giraffes and making them different to each other. Elms read and explored a book called 'Don't Laugh at Me'. Other classes have been writing pledges, doing circle time, writing respect pledges and exploring scenarios where they needed to choose to act respectfully rather than bully someone.

The week has finally culminated in Odd Socks day which explores the idea of celebrating differences. The children have enjoyed showing each other their socks and there is definitely a colourful array of sock to see!



Pyjama Day

The children have had a brilliant day dressing up in their pyjamas for Children in Need. Thank you for all of your kind donations.



Next Week	
18 th November	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (excluding JAM Coding, Dance Club, SAMA Karate & Showtime Drama)
19 th November	Open morning for 2025 Saplings
19 th November	Parents evening
20 th November	Parents evening
21 st November	Year 5 & 6 Road to Wembley Football Competition









Christmas Fair

Important Dates to remember

- 15 Nov** Unwanted New Gifts - For the secret present room... Stationery sets, gift sets, handbags, makeups, candles etc. **No food or drink please.**
- 22 Nov** Teddy's & Soft Toys - for the teddy Tombola, Teddy adopting, guess the name of the bear etc
- 29 Nov** Chocolate Tombola & Sweetie Tombola, decorated jam jars filled with wrapped sweets, Boxes of chocolates, bars of chocolate. **these must be nut free**
- 6 Dec** Bottle Tombola, Cakes & Bakes for cafe. **Own clothes day in exchange for a bottle.** Cake & Bakes shop brought or homemade **Nut Free** all ingredients listed.
- 7 Dec** Christmas Fair - 11am-2.30pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR
JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, STALLS, GAMES, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE & DELICIOUS TREATS
DECEMBER 7TH 11.30-2.30PM
IDE HILL SCHOOL

<p>Elms</p> 	<p>Carter - For the huge effort you are putting into your handwriting and presentation of your work. Mia - For always doing your best and for sometimes going above and beyond what has been asked. Keep it up!</p>
<p>Beech</p> 	<p>Cora - For always being a kind, helpful and thoughtful friend. Alex - For amazing improvements in his handwriting.</p>
<p>Willows</p> 	<p>Miley H - For her lovely presentation in all of her work and her enthusiasm in all we do. Also for her ability to explain her thinking in a clear and interesting way. William C - For his fantastic attitude towards his team mates when playing netball and his excellent demonstration of skills. But also, for his positive contribution in all we do</p>
<p>Hazel</p> 	<p>William - For his amazing behaviour for learning across the curriculum and for his interesting and thoughtful contributions during our Science learning. Mia - For always doing her best and for producing some lovely sentences using apostrophe for plural possession. Well done!</p>
<p>Ash</p> 	<p>Brody - You have been working with focus and care to include Writers Knowledge in your own Setting Narrative writing. Keep it up, it is going well! Fleur - Your steady approach is really supporting you making progress in Maths. You take your time to work through challenges and are beginning to reason your answers with more confidence too. Great work!</p>
<p>Oaks</p> 	<p>Phoebe - For her amazing Tudor home learning of constructing a model Tudor house! Harvey - For his excellent attitude to learning the method of subtracting mixed fractions</p>

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