



Hillstone News

Dining at Hillstone

Here is a copy of the report that chef has written for governors.

"Breakfast club is always busy with over a thousand children passing through each week. The partnership with Magic Breakfast is working well. We have random selections of fruit juices delivered every week with interesting ingredient combinations but what we have found is that if we frame it in the right way, the children will try them and most often enjoy new tastes and flavours. This is a real feature of the breakfast club and I have been impressed with the children's willingness to embrace new things.

Snack is continuing to be popular with in excess of a thousand snacks being produced each week.

We have increased the daily uptake in school lunches to around 330-350 per day. We continue to consult widely with all the children and parents on the content of our menu so that children feel they have a stake in their school meals provision. We actively encourage the children to try things and give a great deal of time and support to children who are struggling with meal times.

After School club is popular and Mo cooks fantastic hot meals for anything between 20 and 35 children.

We continue the Cooking with Hillstone bag scheme selling between 7 and 12 bags per week. This is to encourage families to cook and eat together to encourage good food habits that will last a life time. Overall I am happy with the progress we have made and I am particularly pleased that we are heading towards a really positive food culture in the school. Children speak in positive terms about the food and there is a sense of pride in the service we deliver.

I know Matthew has a food consultation planned—look out for it on the web site. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Matthew good luck as he has reached the West Midlands finals of school cook of the year.

Parent Pay

I have become frustrated with parent pay because we have found mistakes on numerous occasions. So we have cancelled the contract and will be purchasing a new online payment system called Tucasi. However there will be a gap between 1st December and 22nd December when there will not be a system in place. If you want to pay for something during that period please come into the office.



Sport

The Christmas post box is now open. Please ensure that you have put child's first and last name and class on the front of the envelope. Otherwise our year 6 posties struggle to deliver.



Congratulations to our rugby team who were overall winners in a recent tournament at the Oval. Our sporting teams seem to go from strength to strength. In the schools games competition, we have been area winners for football, athletics and basketball and will go to the school games finals. Coach puts so much effort into training our teams to show them how to improve their skills and work as a team. I'm also hugely impressed by the children themselves who turn up for training every week in whatever weather, determined to work hard and listen to coaching advice.

Children should be active for at least an hour a day. You can be assured that we deliver that for all of our pupils with active lunchtimes, playtimes as well as sporting clubs and PE lessons. I worry sometimes that as they get older they drop off from sporting or activities. Adults should have 150 minutes of moderate activity per week. We are not well served for sports clubs in the East of the city but if you get on to sport Birmingham web site you can look up activities that are available.

<https://www.sportbirmingham.org/activities>



HILLSTONE STARS

Jarian Matthew
 Blake Thomson
 Keycee-Lee Whale
 Evie Sale
 Liyana Humpherson
 Kaisie Bradford
 Karlee yates
 Shay Jai Mills
 Sammi Muatasem
 Grace Pearson
 Lillie-May Malin Hayes

PTA

The PTA are once again organising a winter fair for us. There will be a chance to visit Santa in his grotto, win prizes and raise funds for the school. This will take place on Friday 8th December at 2.30pm. Thank you so much for all the magnificent prizes you donated last week when children took part in non uniform day. We are still collecting donations if there is anything you would like to bring in.

With the money that they have raised through the bonfire, the spooky ball and the winter fair, plus existing funds, the PTA will have raised £10,000 for Hillstone School.

I always need more money to improve building and grounds or to give the children opportunities such as working with artists. However, I wondered if there was anything specifically that you would like this money spent on? Some playground equipment or benches perhaps. Write and let us know.

Attendance and punctuality

Attendance has dropped slightly lately but considering the amount of illness that has been around, it has not been too bad. I do hope we can get rid of all this sickness and diarrhoea over the next couple of weeks. I want everyone well for Christmas.

Punctuality on the other hand has become very bad, with some classes last week having as many as a third of the class missing the start of the school day. Don't forget, if children get more than two late marks, they cannot be considered for the golden adventure.

% Attendance	
RL	94.8
RM	93
1A	96.3
1T	97.0
2N	98.7
2S	92.9
3K	91.6
3P	96.6
4B	97.6
4D	89.8
5B	98.6
5P	97.9
6I	93.0
6W	95.7
Total	95.3

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
PREMIER							
1	1A	4	3	1	0	6	11
2	2N	4	3	0	1	10	10
3	2S	4	2	1	1	6	9
4	RL	4	1	0	3	9	6
5	RM	4	1	0	3	15	6
6	1T	4	1	0	3	17	6
pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	3K	4	3	1	0	13	11
2	6I	4	3	0	1	4	10
3	5B	4	3	0	1	6	10
4	6W	4	2	1	1	16	9
5	3P	4	1	1	2	17	7
6	5P	4	1	1	2	14	7
7	4B	4	1	0	3	17	6
8	4D	4	0	0	4	20	4



Christmas Fair

Friday 8th December

2.30 pm