



# Hillstone News

Welcome back everyone, after the long summer holidays. I hope you all had a great summer break whatever you did. I'd like to thank all of the PTA and other brilliant volunteers, who gave up their time for free, for a week in the summer to run a playscheme. The feedback was tremendous, with up to 85 children attending every day. If you would be prepared to help out in the future, I know they would be most grateful for your help. The PTA also run a variety of community events, such as the Spooky Ball and the bonfire. These events provide much needed funds for our school, as well as help to support community cohesion. Any help you can provide in preparing for these events or on the day would be most appreciated. Our PTA meet in the staff room every Monday afternoon.

I hope you have all received your calendar of dates which you can hang up on the fridge. We'll get the second half of the autumn term out to you in the next couple of weeks, when we have finalised Christmas dates. Do keep an eye on the app as this is where there will be regular updates. It's always a good idea at the start of the year to ensure we have correct contact details for you in case of emergencies and Becky will be sending out a form next week that we would appreciate you all sending back, even if you think your details have not changed; it gives us a chance to double check we have correct numbers on file. On the back of this form are details of all the ways we communicate with you. In this technological age they all involve accessing us via computers and smart phones. If this is an issue for you, do let us know. Signing up to our twitter account will give you access to a daily update and photos of learning at Hillstone; my school app will give you day to day information and calendars; the website contains everything that is on the school app but has more detail and additional information such as policies. There are links on the web site to Tucasi, which is where you can make all payments on line if you wish; we will regularly send out text messages to you to keep you up to date and give you reminders. If you child is in early years (Kindergarten, Nursery or Reception) do make sure you have signed up to Tapestry. You will see your child's learning and an evaluation of how well they are doing in the different areas of learning.

We have a fantastically exciting year ahead of us. We have been chosen to work with the National Theatre and the Birmingham Rep; Coach has increased our sporting offer and is introducing a sport council. The councillors will help organise regular inter-house sporting competitions. As ever, Chef is bursting with new ideas. Log on to the website to see new offers on the dining at Hillstone. Following our success at the recent national awards, we have been nominated for another national award for our dining offer. Chef is also off to a gala dinner in London so we are keeping our fingers crossed.

Remember we want the best for your children. We see our role as working in partnership with you. If you are unhappy about any aspect, come and talk calmly to us. Please don't take to social media posting messages that wind up others or get involved in such threads, don't get into angry group meetings on the playground or display abusive behaviour towards my staff. In the vast majority of cases, there has been a misunderstanding. A face to face conversation in a calm matter can resolve most difficulties. This is always the best route for your children.

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points	pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	2C	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	6B	1	1	0	0	0	3
1	1K	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	5K	1	1	0	0	0	3
3	RM	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	4A	1	1	0	0	0	3
3	RL	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	3B	1	1	0	0	0	3
5	2N	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	5B	1	0	0	1	1	1
5	1L	1	0	0	1	1	1	5	3T	1	0	0	1	1	1
								7	4T	1	0	0	1	3	1
								8	6W	1	0	0	1	5	1

## Hillstone Stars

Kyan Dunbar  
 Denis Delaney  
 Tayah hermon  
 Rachael O'Farrell  
 Scarlett Thornton  
 Ibrahim Hawadle  
 Kyra Platt  
 Amy Leigh Jarvis  
 Ruby Simms  
 Nayah Hall

Great start for attendance and Punctuality. Thanks everyone. It does make such a difference to children's attainment. ★



Use our online payment system to pay for the services that your child might use in school.

This could include dinner fees, after school club fees, kindergarten and nursery fees or any of the vast and various clubs and music lessons that are available.

You can also order uniform and book your child into after school club online.



Stay up-to-date by regularly checking our fabulous school website.

On here you will find all of our school policies, the school calendar to keep your diaries up to date, information regarding the clubs that run throughout the year and information on 'Dining at Hillstone'

You will also find our school newsletters and class curriculum booklets on the website.

# Text Messaging

Most of the communication you will receive from the school will come via group call/text messaging.

You will receive messages regarding clubs, for example if they are due to start and your child has secured a place or if a club is cancelled for the evening.

You will receive information regarding payments and trips, as well as general reminders or notifications.

We will also send you direct links to letters, such as Workshop/Inspire sessions, as well as newsletters and curriculum booklets.



You will find lots of useful information on 'My School App', such as dates for your diary and the latest news events.

You can also use this App to report your child's absence from school if they are unwell.

# Methods of Communication



Tapestry is an online learning journal for children and parents in our Early Years classes. This includes Kindergarten, Nursey and Reception. Your child's teachers will upload pictures and videos of what they have been doing during their days at school and will enhance this further by writing about what they have been doing and learning.

Please remember to  
keep your telephone  
numbers up-to-date!