



Hillstone News

Instagram

Children should be 13 to have an Instagram account. However, I know many of our children have accounts. I often have to intervene when a child has been upset or offended by messages that have been sent out of school time. Some of the language and content (not to mention spelling!) is appalling and I feel sure you would not be happy about your child sending or receiving such messages. Please keep an eye on what your child is doing on social media. We will not let them use such accounts on the school ipads. I feel people are much more inclined these days to send abusive messages when they would not have dreamed of saying such things to someone in person. You may want to talk to your child about good manners and how they interact with others but also unintended consequences of writing abusive messages.

Parking

After a couple of recent confrontations, I feel that people are being much thoughtful about parking. Alan Morton, our caretaker works so hard at keeping your children safe.

I'd particularly like to thank everyone during the recent road closures. The community seems to have coped very well. I believe the road will be closed until Friday.

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	2C	3	3	0	0	1	9
2	1K	3	3	0	0	5	9
3	RA	3	2	1	0	1	8
4	RM	3	0	1	2	7	4
5	1L	3	0	0	3	14	3
6	2N	3	0	0	3	25	3

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	4T	3	3	0	0	5	9
1	4A	3	3	0	0	5	9
3	6W	3	2	1	0	2	8
4	3B	3	1	0	2	7	5
5	3T	3	1	0	2	9	5
6	5B	3	1	0	2	13	5
7	5K	3	0	1	2	8	4
8	6B	3	0	0	3	12	3

Well done Hillstone Girls—Winners of the football



Bike Club

We have two cohorts of year 5 and year 6 children being offered bike training after school. This will help them get cycling proficiency awards as well as keeping them safe. All children must have a bike in a safe condition and a helmet. After a couple of sessions they will be allowed on to the highway, so it is crucial they follow instructions.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR MOBILE CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE WITH THE SCHOOL TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE TEXT MESSAGES THAT WE SEND OUT.

As you may be aware, it is often the case that severe weather occurs over the winter months. Where possible we will always aim to keep the school open, however there may be occasions when the school will need to close if there is heavy snow or other extreme conditions. It is not necessary for all staff to reach school but we do need to have sufficient staff in school to ensure that children are safe. The safety and well-being of our whole community is always our primary concern.

In the event of heavy snowfall, we aim to make a decision at the earliest possible time; this may be the night before if conditions are severe. If the school needs to close, all families will be informed via **text messages, school website, school app and twitter**. It is very important that you keep us updated with any changes of mobile numbers and that you make sure your primary contact phone remains charged and switched on. Occasionally, parents do not receive messages because their phone is turned off or because they have changed their numbers.

It is important that you check our school website for information and updates.

<http://www.hillstone.org.uk>

Please make sure that your children come to school over the winter with warm clothing, including hats and gloves. We will try and take them outside to experience the environment and have fun in the snow if safe to do so.

