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## Attendance %

RL	100
RS	100
1S	93.0
1T	96.2
2K	94.3
2P	96.1
3A	90.0
3C	96.0
4B	94.3
4W	97.3
5B	96.2
5F	99.0
6I	97.0
6N	97.5
Total	95.5

## KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE AT HILLSTONE



Keeping your children safe is a priority for us . Just as important as security and vigilance is teaching children how to keep themselves to be safe. Both year four classes had a fantastic visit to Birmingham's Safeside just before half term. Safeside is an experiential learning centre that provides innovative, interactive and enjoyable learning environments, inspiring visitors to think and act safely.

Year 3 children had an anti-bullying workshop today from a Theatre in Education group. Bullying is not tolerated at Hillstone School and we will always act to deal with such issues if they arise. Sometimes parents and children use the term 'bullying' when actually it is about children falling out. An agreed definition of the term 'bullying' is the use of force, or threat to abuse or intimidate others. This behaviour is often repeated and habitual. Crucially there is an imbalance of power which distinguishes bullying from conflict.

An area that is of increasing concern for me is keeping children safe on line. I am constantly amazed by games and films that our primary children tell me they watch and their access to social media . We have strong firewalls in schools and children are not allowed to have any social media apps on their ipads. It must be hard for parents these days as so many children have access to phones - how can you be sure who is contacting them and what about? Good advice is not to let children have any electronic devices in their bedroom. Children in 5 F are delivering a class assembly all about e safety on Thursday 10th November. You are welcome to come and watch. Mr Carter is also prepared to run workshops or drop in sessions for any parents worried about this issue. Please contact Mr Carter through the office or the web site.

### Remembrance Service

Remembrance Service will be held on Friday 11th November. We will be selling poppies and other items throughout November with money going to the British Legion. You are welcome to attend our remembrance service.



### Parent Questionnaires

It is very important to us that we hear your views about Hillstone School . It is only by working in partnership that we can create the outstanding school that we wish for our children. I have launched two surveys today. One is just for reception pupils , to see how well they have settled into school and can be found by following the link .The other is for all parents to give us an overview and your thoughts about Hillstone . Go to our web site [www.hillstone.org.uk](http://www.hillstone.org.uk) and click on the link on the home page to take part in the survey

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	1S	7	4	2	1	5	17
2	RS	7	4	1	2	6	16
2	RL	7	3	3	1	6	16
4	2K	7	2	3	2	11	14
5	1T	7	1	2	4	10	11
6	2P	7	0	3	4	19	10

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	5F	7	5	1	1	6	18
1	6I	7	5	1	1	6	18
3	4B	7	5	0	2	9	17
4	3C	7	4	0	3	8	15
5	4W	7	3	0	4	14	13
6	6N	7	2	0	5	15	11
7	5B	7	2	0	5	24	11
8	3A	7	0	0	7	25	7

### Hillstone Life skills

We teach personal, social and moral education through Hillstone Life Skills. This was designed in consultation with our pupils and parents asking them what they wanted to learn about. In order to support that teaching we use a number of schemes of work. One of them is based on a lovely book called "No outsiders in our School". This comes from a quote by Bishop Desmond Tutu "Everyone is an insider, there are no outsiders, whatever their beliefs whatever their colour, gender, or sexuality". We want to teach the children that everyone is welcome at Hillstone School—there are no outsiders. You will see displays going up in the corridor which celebrates that diversity; How each of our children is different, how their families may be different but that we are all part of the Hillstone community where everyone is welcome and everyone is treated equally. It is only by teaching such values to the next generation that we can start to eradicate unwanted prejudice and intolerance. As part of this work we will be taking each group to a different place of worship associated with different faiths. Children already learn about different religions as part of their RE lessons and now we have the minibuses we are able to take them to visit places. These will help to dispel myths that can be found in the media and help to create a tolerant society.



Well done everyone on amazing costumes at the Halloween disco.

Thank you to all the parents and grand parents who attended the reception dinosaur exhibition.



### Cooking with Hillstone

Cooking with Hillstone is really taking off and I have heard from Midlands Today that they would like to do a feature on this unique initiative. If you would like to order a cooking with Hillstone box, you must place your order by tomorrow in order to collect your cooking box on Friday. It will be Week 2 of the menus which consists of :

Beef meat balls

Chicken burritos

Shepherds pie with vegetables

### Shakespeare at Hillstone



Autumn always sees the Shakespeare Season for Year 6. The children had a great time visiting Stratford upon Avon this week, they have studied a Midsummer Nights Dream and Macbeth and the drama group will be performing Julius Caesar at the Mac Theatre on the 23rd November. Tickets are available from the office at £6.50