



HILLSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION



Hello,

We wanted to send you this letter to let you know that we are all so excited to meet you next year. We are already busy planning lots of exciting activities for your first weeks in Nursery. We know that you might be feeling a little nervous about starting in Nursery but we will all be here to help you to settle in.

This booklet is full of information about starting school. At the back is a list of activities you could do over the summer holidays.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we can't wait to see you in September. We hope you are ready for a fantastic year!

From all of your Nursery teachers!



Mr Faris



Charlie Bear



Mrs Burns



Mrs Lay



Mrs Eaves

INSPIRE

We inspire children by offering a wide range of opportunities and a stimulating and fun curriculum to enable children to fulfill their full potential.

Nursery Topics

Term	Topic
Autumn 1	Why do you love me so much?
Autumn 2	Why do leaves go crispy?
Spring 1	Once upon a time.
Spring 2	Are eggs alive?
Summer 1	How many colours in the rainbow?
Summer 2	Are we there yet?



Nursery children will begin to learn to say and read letter sounds in November. They will have lots of help from Fred the frog to do this!

CARE

We foster a caring, secure and well-disciplined learning and social environment where there is respect for everyone.

We have personnel, policies and groups in place to ensure there is support available for all children and their families.

- ✧ **Pastoral Care Manager**
- ✧ **Healthy eating**
- ✧ **Time to talk to your teacher**
- ✧ **SENCO**
- ✧ **Behaviour policy**
- ✧ **Before and after school clubs**
- ✧ **PTA**



EDUCATE

We aim to offer the highest standard of education and support to children of all levels, abilities and needs. We truly value the all round development of the child and therefore provide extensive opportunities outside of the everyday classroom experiences.

- ✘ Christmas performance/ carol service
- ✘ Clubs
- ✘ Trips
- ✘ Visitors
- ✘ Living eggs experience.



DINING AT HILLSTONE

We all know the link between a good diet and educational achievement and we aim to not just provide breakfast, break, lunch and after school meals but explain where our food comes from and get the children to connect with how food is produced and enable the children to make good food choices that will last for life.



The whole school is involved in food education and at the heart of it is the kitchen and the dining hall. Pizza, chips and chocolate won't be on the

menu every day so the children may need a little help from us and yourselves to try our menu.

Weekly menus are available on the school website and a short video about meals at Hillstone is on our YouTube channel. [here](#).



GETTING READY FOR NURSERY

Supporting your child to do these things before they start in September will make a real difference to the experience they have when they start school.

- ✘ Make sure they can use the toilet independently.
- ✘ Encourage them to put on and take off their own coat.
- ✘ Prepare them to hang up their coats by themselves.
- ✘ Help them to use a knife and fork to eat
- ✘ Read to your child every day
- ✘ Help them to read their name
- ✘ Talk to them about how much fun they will have in Nursery!



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Once your child is settled in school, you can support them in these few simple ways in order for them to be happy, secure and successful.

- ✧ Punctuality and attendance
- ✧ Reading together at home. Your child will bring home a library book and a picture book each week.
- ✧ Talking to your child about what they are learning.
- ✧ Counting to 10 each day and counting objects at home.
- ✧ Attending workshops



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club offers cereals, toast or fruit, and milk or water. Our Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am and doors will close at 8:30. The cost of Breakfast Club is 40p per child per day.

We also offer an Early Birds breakfast club. This starts at 7:30am and doors will close for this at 8:00am. The cost of the Early Birds Breakfast Club is £3.50 per child per day.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The After School Club can be booked through Scopay, our online payment system. Advanced booking is essential. Please contact the office in an emergency for on the day booking and we will aim to accommodate you. The cost of the club is £9 per child per session from 3:10pm to 6:00pm. During the club children will be able to take part in a range of activities and they will also have a 2 course hot meal before they leave.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Hillstone blue jumper or cardigan

White shirt or Hillstone polo shirt

Grey or black skirt or trousers

White, grey or black socks or tights

Black footwear – sensible school shoes in black only

Sweatshirt (crew neck)

Age 3/4 up to age 13 £9.50



Sweatshirt (cardigan)

Age 3/4 up to age 13 £10.75



Polo shirt (white or royal blue)

Age 3/4 up to age 13 £7.00



School book bag

£5.00



Water bottle

£2.50

For all uniform orders
please click [here](#)





We are delighted to welcome you to your Hillstone Primary School online account. Your account will allow you to check balances for dinner money, trips and clubs and to make payments to the school. You can also use your account for other tasks such as booking sessions for Breakfast Club and After School Club, checking your child's meal history, ordering uniform and printing receipts.

You can use the same account for any children you have at this school, and for children at other schools that also use Tucasi secure scopay.com system.

Please set up your Scopay account in readiness for September.

I already have a scopay.com account for another child:

Log on to your account using your existing username and password. Select the Link Accounts option from the Your Info menu heading and enter the unique online link code to add an account. Your unique online Tucasi link code has been sent to you in the post and looks similar to this '1234567:9abe59794g' - You will need to enter the whole code.

I don't yet have a scopay.com account:

Visit www.scopay.com/hillstonepri and Register as a New User. Follow the instructions on the screen to enter your details and add the unique online Tucasi link code for your child when prompted. **Your unique online Tucasi link code has been sent to you in the post** and looks similar to this '1234567:9abe59794g' - You will need to enter the whole code.

Note: The online link code is for one time use only. It is not needed once the account has been activated.

If you have received more than one account access letter, for siblings at this school, create your account as above for the first child and link the second child using the instructions in the 'I already have a scopay.com account' option above.

If you need help registering your account you will find links to a Quick Reference Guide and a short video tutorial at www.scopay.com/hillstonepri.

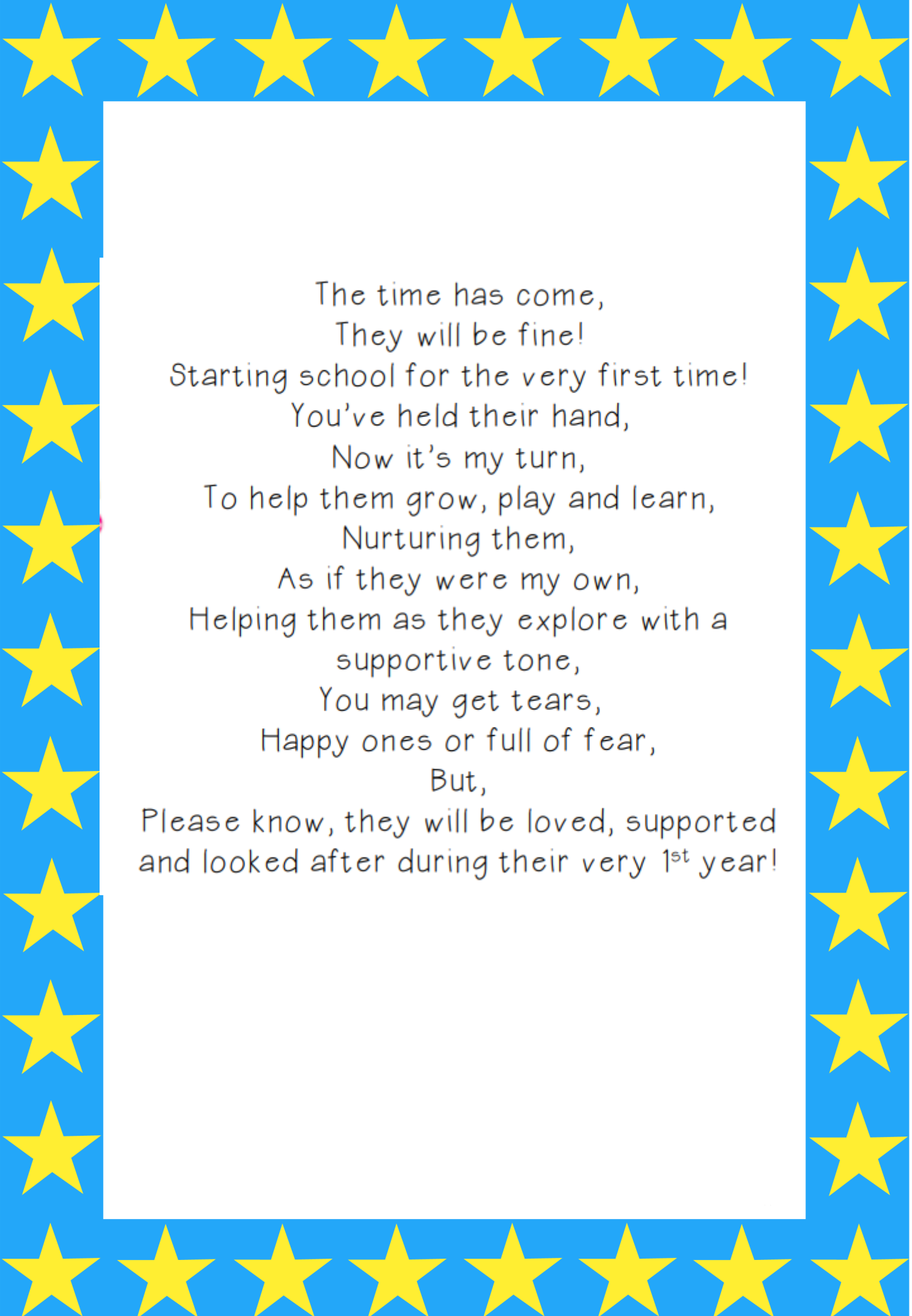
Please contact the school if you require any further assistance.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We've created a list below of things that you can do over the holiday – why not give a few a try!

- Go for a woodland walk
- Build a den
- Go on a picnic with your family
- Bake a cake
- Help with the cooking
- Visit a local park
- Create a puppet show
- Make an indoor or outdoor obstacle course
- Conduct a fun science experiment
- Paint a picture
- Help by tidying or cleaning up
- Have a go playing a musical instrument
- Dance, dance, dance!
- Make some playdough and play with it
- Play hide and seek



The time has come,
They will be fine!
Starting school for the very first time!
You've held their hand,
Now it's my turn,
To help them grow, play and learn,
Nurturing them,
As if they were my own,
Helping them as they explore with a
supportive tone,
You may get tears,
Happy ones or full of fear,
But,
Please know, they will be loved, supported
and looked after during their very 1st year!



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