



Hillstone News

Attendance for the last week was 95.59%.

Home partnership

The most successful outcomes for children happen when parents and school work in partnership. I know you do not want to be spending precious home time nagging children to do homework, but some activities like the Times Tables Rock Stars are fun and children can really find a great love of reading by sharing books with their parents.

If you go on to the website you can find the link for Times Tables Rock Stars. Junior children do enjoy reaching their targets in accelerated reader so do encourage them to read a short section with you and perhaps talk about the book so that they feel more confident in their quizzes. Miss Langford is about to launch a brilliant new library book incentive, which runs alongside the reading rockets. Any child in KS1 who has read to a parent or carer three times in the last week goes into the draw to win a free book.

Do use the home school diaries to ask any questions and to make any comments you wish. It's not just about recording hearing the children read. It's in your child's best interest for us to work together.



Staffing

I am very sad to be losing two valuable members of staff. Tori Hewson, lunchtime supervisor, cleaner and PTA member extraordinaire and Kerry Cartwright our business manager. Both have made invaluable contributions to Hillstone School and will be much missed.

We have some new staff joining us:

Hayley Sherwin, Danielle Evans, Louise Glew and Shelley-Anne Roberts are joining us as lunchtime supervisors.

Kelly Hewson will be joining the breakfast club team.

Emma Priest will be part of a cleaning team.

Theresa Storer will be a kitchen assistant.

You are all very welcome to the Hillstone family.

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our harvest collection. I think it's really important that our children take time to appreciate how lucky they are in comparison to others.

The assemblies will take place in their classrooms on Thursday morning. All food donated will be taken to the local food bank.



Trick or Treat

Thank you to all the children who suggested the idea of a dressing up day on Friday. We would normally have a spooky ball and the children are missing all those usual brilliant Hillstone events.

We acknowledge that not all parents are comfortable with this event so please be assured that there will not be additional activities in curriculum time, although the lunchtime team may be planning extra activities. Children can wear any fancy dress outfit, it does not have to be Halloween themed.



Roof

Our business manager, Kerry, has managed to secure funding from the DFE to have our roof repaired. This is just to give you a heads up that this work will be starting over half term and continuing for a number of months. You will see scaffolding around during this time. All builders have been safeguarding checked and their procedures are in line with Covid Safe regulations.

Social Distancing

It's easy to let rules slip but I would like to remind you that we have parents and staff in our community who are vulnerable or who live with someone who is vulnerable. Many had to shield back in April, through to August. Remember to keep the 2 metre distance when you are dropping off and picking up children from school.





HILLSTONE STARS

Lily Lloyd

Darcey McBride

Gienna Glenn

Mudasir Hottak

Rhianne Sharpe

Alexander Cocks

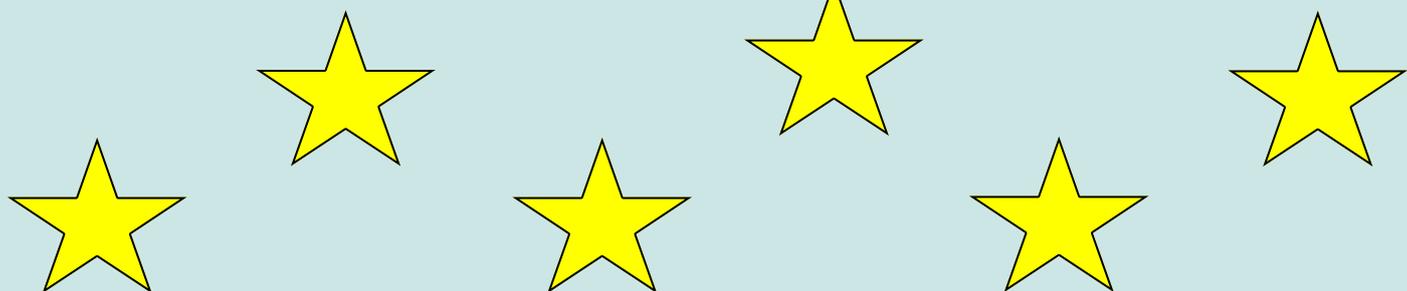
Frankie John Dickerson-Doyle

Riley Flynn

Millie Duncan

Alysia Robb

Josh Flynn



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DUDLEY 107