



# Hillstone News

Attendance for the last week was 95.08%. Thank you so much for your support and commitment to Hillstone this last term.

I hope you all have a great half term holiday. The weather looks reasonable so I would encourage you all to get outside and have some fun days out in the wilds. We know how much children just love climbing hills, being in woods, playing in streams, building dens. Theme parks are expensive places and all very well occasionally but I promise you, children will have just as much fun creating their own games and adventures outside.

Here are a few local ideas:

Elmdon Park  
Sutton Park  
Lickey Hills  
Walsall Arboretum  
Clent Hills  
Yorkswood

A bit further afield, at Kidderminster, I recently discovered the Habberley Trail. This is set in stunning countryside and as you walk round, there are fun activities to do with the children. (Even my grown up children couldn't resist!). This trail is reasonably priced at £8 per ticket.

<https://habberleytrail.co.uk>

One of the teachers also recommended Treasure trails to me. These cost £10 to download a trail and they take you on a pirate/spy/murder mystery adventure in many different parts of the country.

<https://www.treasuretrails.co.uk>

Whatever you choose to do, please be careful and safe. We have been incredibly fortunate so far, but I know that the virus is prevalent in the area. Please continue to follow the rules: don't mix with other households indoors, stick to the rule of 6 and use hand gel, face masks and social distancing so that we can carry on after half term without having to close any bubbles.

## Virtual School

Although this is in place in case children have to self-isolate, it can be used at any time. You might want to dip in to it at half term. Not only are there lessons for you to access from the Oak academy, but there are also well being pages and ideas from coach and chef will be coming soon.

## Re-use and recycle

It is very useful for all children throughout the school to have an art/DT apron. The most effective are large old shirts. Miss Norton is going to ask everyone to bring an old shirt in and they can decorate it their own unique way if they want and that will become their art shirt – which is stored in their lockers.

At the other end of the spectrum, we always appreciate donations of items of clothing your child has grown out of it. They are really useful in case of accidents.

Reception would also make great use of donations of baby dolls and dolls clothes.

## Harvest Festival

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

Reception class read this lovely story called "No Money Day" about a little girl and her mom who are grateful to the kind people who donate food to the foodbank.

Mr Morton will be driving all your donations to the Kingfisher Food bank next week.



## Hillstone—All-weather School

We just love getting all our children outside in all weathers. My father used to say "there's no such thing as bad weather—just the wrong clothes." We know how good it is for their mental health and how much fun they can have. Please make sure they bring a coat to school every day (even if you drop them off in a car) as it is getting cold now. The office are selling Hillstone scarves with safety reflective strips on them and Hillstone woolly hats. They can also order Hillstone fleeces if requested.

We like taking the children into the woods for forest school activities and there is nothing the younger children like better than splashing in muddy puddles—we would be very grateful for donations of wellies in all sizes so that we can ensure children can keep their feet dry and still have fun.

Mr Farr is taking the lead on this super new initiative. He will send out a



sign up form on the 2nd November and the first session will be the following week.

## Breakfast

We work in close collaboration with Magic Breakfast, which allows us to buy food items at highly subsidised prices. In term time we are able to provide free breakfasts for our community. As you know, this term we have had to limit breakfast club places to working parents (I want to do our bit to help keep the economy going). We have managed to increase this with a clever use of staff and space to increase our limit to 72—I hope this meets all our working parents needs. In addition, Amazon have been providing free delivery of magic breakfast to any of our families who wanted it and 80 deliveries are being made each fortnight. Thank you to Amazon for this generous offer. The deliveries will be stopping after Christmas.

## Clubs

Clubs will be starting after half term. Children will remain in their bubble.

Coach	Multi-sports	Y6	Mondays
Coach	Multi-sports	Y5	Tuesdays
Coach	Multi-sports	Y4	Wednesdays
Coach	Multi-sports	Y3	Thursdays
Mr Bennett	Mindfulness	Y3	Thursday lunchtimes
Ms Langford	Jewellery making	Y2	Monday lunchtimes
Unite	Street Dance	Y1	Thursdays
Kits Academy	Trampolining	Y6	Fridays
Ms Hodgkinson	Cake decorating	Y4	Thursdays
Ms White	Christmas craft/ sewing club	Rec	Tuesday lunchtimes

## Music

Mr Farr has already started his guitar lessons but remaining music lessons will start again after half term

Violins	Mondays
Keyboards	Tuesdays
Cello	Tuesdays
Guitars	Tuesdays
Clarinet Y4 whole class	Tuesdays
Steel drums	Wednesdays
Trumpets Y4 whole class	Thursday



## October Half Term Challenge 2020



<b>Pumpkin Carving!</b> Ask an adult to help you draw a face or picture onto a pumpkin and carve it out. See how it looks with a light or candle inside!	<b>Shake it up!</b> See how many words you can make with the letters from: <b>TRICK OR TREAT</b>	<b>Get Decorating!</b> Make some Halloween decorations using materials found in the house! See what you can do with items that would have gone in the bin!	<b>Explore outside!</b> Go exploring outside on an Autumnal walk – make a note of things you find or see that are unique to Autumn.
	<b>Get Drawing!</b> Draw a picture of what you can see outside. Try to include the Autumnal colours and leaves!	<b>Film Fun!</b> Watch a Halloween themed film and write a review of it. What happened in the film? What did you think? Would you recommend it? Send it to a friend.	<b>Get Experimenting!</b> Choose and complete a science experiment from <a href="https://www.sciencefun.org/kidzone/experiments/">https://www.sciencefun.org/kidzone/experiments/</a>



Collect extra Children's University credits during your half term break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email [contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk)

## Library Initiative

Miss Langford has designed a great new incentive to encourage children in Reception, years 1 and 2 to bring in their library books and swap for a new one. Each time they change their book on their given day they will get a stamp on their chart. If they collect 10 stamps they get stickers, 20 stamps will be rewarded with a bookmark and children who have swapped their library book and received 30 stamps will have earned a book.



All of these clubs are accredited for the Children's University. Children will have a passport which is kept in school and when they have completed a club, the teachers will give them a code which can be registered by logging on to Children's University from our web site. <https://www.hillstone.org.uk/children/clubs.html>. Teachers will have given the children their own log in. You can earn additional 'hours' by participating in the half term challenge. If you bring in evidence that you participated in the half term challenge, teachers will give children a code to add to their account.



## Halloween

I was so delighted that some of the children asked if we could have a dress-up day on the last day of term. The children deserved it. They have been working so hard and the overwhelming majority of them have been behaving so well under difficult circumstances. The atmosphere this morning was terrific. I was amazed by the number of carved pumpkins at such short notice. Have a look on Twitter, where you will find some of the amazing costumes.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents that have responded to Mr King's parents evening form regarding questions that you would like to ask your child's class teacher. You will receive your child's report on Friday 6th November. If you require any further information once you have received your child's report, please contact the office so that an appointment can be arranged.



Today we are saying goodbye to Torri and wishing her the best of luck in her new ventures! You will be missed by all!



# HILLSTONE STARS

*Malachi Walton*

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*Logan Kirk*

*Lacey Sherwin*

*Jensen Mackay*

*Skye Burkett*

*Mason Bowen*

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*Jenson Lay*

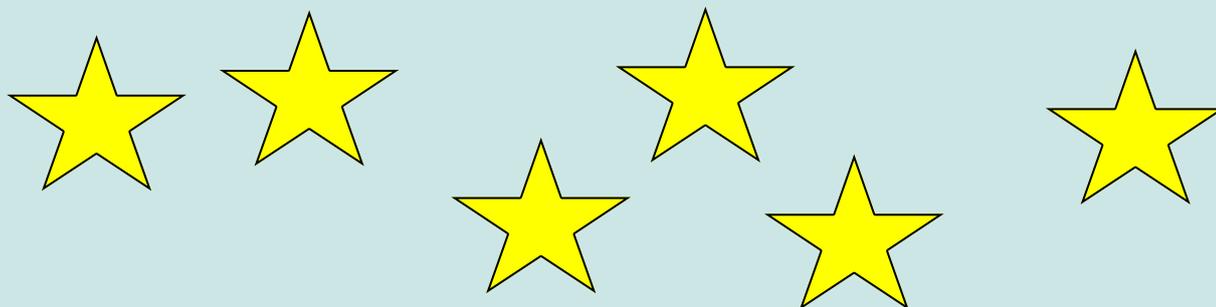
*Ethan Sturch*

*Demi Lanchester*

*Ibrahim Hawadse*

*Harry Kerman*

*Ibrahim Ali*



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