



Hillstone News

Attendance for the last week was 96%. This is an amazing figure. I want to thank all of those who are complying with Covid safe guidance. It's an anxious time for everyone. To date we have not had one child or member of staff who has tested positive for Covid 19.

Sport and fitness at Hillstone

I don't know what you have all been saying to Coach but following the announcement last week, Coach is now not taking up the offer to work for Sport Birmingham, but is staying with us. Hooray!

Three of our year 5 boys got through to the finals of the district trials, which is a terrific achievement and huge congratulations go to Zacchaeus Thomas-Preece who has made it in to the District Team. Saltley District have a very high standard and outstanding track record. I hope they are able to play games soon and continue their winning streak from last year.

The fit families initiative has been put on hold at the moment whilst we work out how to manage this safely with Covid restrictions. Meanwhile, we have places for 6 adults on a walking group which will be starting in November. Look out for further details.

Individual Photos

The photographer is in school next Friday to take individual photos. Kate and Becky have been busy devising a brilliant solution to allow you to be able to have sibling photos taken together, without having children crossing bubbles. When we have sent these out to you please book your slot and follow the instructions to the letter so that we can have it running smoothly on the day.

Behaviour

In the last week we have had lots of instances of play fighting. This inevitably leads to a child getting hurt. When they go home to parents upset, they do not always give a full picture of the events that led up to an incident. Children are not allowed to play fight at school or indulge in any of these rough behaviours for this reason. Please support us by reiterating this message.

Children also indulge in games and pranks that they have seen on-line, which also invariably leads to someone being hurt. Please be aware of what children are watching and being influenced by.

Finally, the language children can sometimes use to communicate with others, out of school on mobile phones, shocks me and I don't think they realise that their use of language and some of the messages they send to each other causes minor fallings out to escalate.

We find children do not want to be in these situations and are always relieved when we sort out the problem for them. Join with us in helping children understand how to act on social media responsibly and realise the consequences of emulating violent and age inappropriate content.

Car Free Streets



A reminder that this scheme is being introduced for the benefit of your children and begins next week on Monday 28th September. Please do not get abusive or angry with us. The idea is to keep your child safe, whilst reducing pollution around school and encouraging a healthier lifestyle. Believe me, I know how busy you can be and how frustrating it can be not to be able to just park nearby where you are going. Walking with your child will be the best solution, if you have time. It's a great time to chat to them. If children are bringing bikes in I would suggest you bring a lock and lock them in the bike sheds to ensure they are completely safe. If you have to drive, allow an additional 5 minutes to park further away and walk to Hillstone.