



HILLVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a super first week back! Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring our Hillview pupils have arrived back to school looking smart in their uniforms and are punctual every day. Our P6 and P7 pupils are great role models and are wearing shirts and ties daily. Our new P1s have settled very well and are enjoying time with the P6 buddies. We would also like to welcome all of our new families and pupils who have joined our school, with new Hillview pupils joining us at every stage this August.

As always, we have lots of news, information and activities to tell you about and I hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of 2019-2020.

Kind regards,

Jannette Black

Head Teacher

SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRS

The school roof is currently being replaced. This work started in July but the completion date has been delayed due to wet weather during the holiday and additional repair needs being discovered once the work had commenced. We are expecting the work to take another four weeks before final completion.

INFANT PLAYGROUND

Due to the roof repairs, the roof access, scaffolding, works container and skips are located in the infant playground. This has meant that the P1 and P2 classes have had to be relocated to the main playground during break times. We have put a contingency plan in place and the P1 and P2 pupils are now playing safely with their buddies at the bottom end of the main playground. We are fortunate that we have such a large outdoor space to accommodate all pupils.

P1 PLAY AND STAY PROGRAMME

A reminder to all P1 parents that Play and Stay sessions have been organised in the P1 classes for the next four Fridays, starting tomorrow, **FRIDAY 23rd AUGUST**. Please come along from **1.45pm-2.50pm**, parents are requested to come to the main hall for a short presentation before joining the P1 classes.

The Stay and Play sessions will continue **until FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER**, with the later time of 2.15pm-2.50pm after the introductory session.

P1 PARENT AND PUPIL LUNCH

We hope that all of our P1 pupils will have one parent, carer or family member come and join us for our annual P1 Parent and Pupil lunch on **MONDAY 26th AUGUST at 11.40am-12.30pm**. This is your opportunity to come along and sample the food in our dining hall. Please come to the reception to collect your child, choose a drink from the selection and then choose your seat in the dining hall! Adult meals cost £2.00 and can be paid in cash on the day.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSION

At the start of the year we always like to invite our parents and carers into school to meet the new members of staff who will be working with your children. This year our session is on **WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER from 6.00pm to 7.00pm**. Each teacher will deliver a short presentation with a Q&A session for approximately 30 minutes (repeated twice). We hope that all of our families can join us.

FRIENDS OF HILLVIEW - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Friends of Hillview, our parent council, are holding their Annual General Meeting in our dining hall on **THURSDAY 29th AUGUST 2019 at 7pm in the Hillview dining room**. We hope that many of our parents and carers, new and current, will be able to come along. The Friends of Hillview are planning to continue to organise various activities and fun events for our pupils. However, they do rely on parent helpers to come along and support these events. Please consider coming to the AGM. Many hands make light work - please become a volunteer!

Please join the Friends of Hillview Primary School Facebook Page - a great way to share information and get answers to your questions, from other parents and carers.

STAFFING

Welcome to the new staff who have joined us this session – Miss McGregor (P1), Miss Zeitlin (P1 Thursdays and NCCT cover), Mr Stevenson (P4) and Mrs Watson (P7b), Ms Joss (Support) and Mrs McLaughlin (Office Mon-Wed). Welcome back to Mr Mitchell who is working with P5 due to Mrs Moody's absence.

We are also saying a temporary goodbye and good luck to Mrs Melville PT who has a secondment at Crookfur Primary and Miss Knox, our office manager who has a secondment to the council offices, starting next Monday. Mrs Gaught will take over the office manager role which she covered during Miss Knox's maternity leave

BIG CATS READING SCHEME

We have invested in a new reading scheme this session from P1 to P7. This is a fantastic new resource for our school which incorporates fiction, non-fiction, classic stories, plays and poetry. We have invested thousands of pounds in this to help raise attainment in reading throughout the school.

I would appreciate if all parents ensure that these brand new books are taken care of at home and that all books are returned to school daily. We have full sets of every book at every level and we want to maintain this for the benefit of all our pupils.

Pupils are beginning to look at the new resources in class but will not be sent home until at least Week 3. Please be reassured that reading activities have already been taking place this week.

AUTHOR VISIT

Once again, Mrs Canning and Waterstones Book Shop have collaborated to enable Hillview to host another author visits. Jeff Norton will be coming to our school on **THURSDAY 28th AUGUST** to talk to our P3-P7 pupils about his book, 'Dino Knights.'

HOME ARRANGEMENTS

Please notify the school office if there are any changes to the usual home arrangements for your child. For example, if they are no longer going on the bus; if they are going to a friend's house/ home with another child's parent; if they are going home with an older sibling who is also a Hillview pupil. This will help with the smooth and speedy exit for our pupils at the end of the day.

GDPR – ANNUAL DATA CHECKS

Many of you will be aware of the data protection regulations which came into effect in last year. Our annual data protection information is being sent out next week. Please **return all paperwork by FRIDAY 6th SEPTEMBER**. Gather information for photo consent takes a lot of time to collate so this year we are looking for parents to give their consent for a two year period – covering session 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 (P1-P6 only).

CAR PARKS

We have 2 car parks in Hillview - one for staff and one for parents and visitors. Can I remind everyone of the importance of keeping our pupils safe. No pupils should walk through the staff car park.

Only parents/carers with disabled badges should access the parking bays in the staff car park, if they are coming into the school. Everyone else should access the parent car park.

Please keep the bus access and bus bay clear in the morning and afternoon and avoid parking on the no-access chevrons at the top bend of the parent car park.

We appreciate your cooperation with this as pupil safety is paramount.

TWITTER

Please follow us on Twitter - **@HillviewERC**

We post many updates throughout the year on Twitter. Please follow us...

Let's get to 650 followers – currently at 616!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the dates highlighted in this newsletter. A full list of events/ dates / times will follow shortly

