**August 2023**





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| Hillington Highlights |

**TERM 1**

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to school to all our children, staff and families. I hope that all our children are very well rested and had a lovely break and are now ready for the school year ahead. We are planning a busy year and will be in contact with families using our on-line and social media communication channels – Groupcall e-mail / Xpressions app, Hillington Primary school website and Twitter feed sharing events and achievements. Our school QR code will help you to access these.At the end of last session 2022-2023, we reflected on our main successes for the year and from this made plans for next session in our Standards and Quality Report (attached).

**In 2023-2024 we plan to improve:**

Family Learning opportunities

Outdoor Learning opportunities

Attainment in literacy and numeracy

We are also creating a cooking room and Science Technology Engineering Maths (STEM) room for classes to use. Our school receive £70,200 PEF budget to close the poverty related attainment gap and we are using this for staffing to free our DHT for targeted intervention support groups and also to continue with our Daily Reading teacher programme to support struggling readers.

**Meet the Teacher:** We are holding our meet the teacher event on Tuesday 12th September 3.10-4pm to give parents an opportunity to come in to school and visit your child’s class to see the classroom and to meet the teacher informally.

**Parent Council** Our Parent Council are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September 2024 where the Parent Council share an annual report of last year’s actions and budget. Members will be voted on to the Parent Council at the AGM and following this event, meetings arranged regularly throughout the year to liaise with the school on behalf of the Parent Forum and plan additional events for the children

**Staffing Update:** We have advertised our vacancy for our DHT post (lower school)



Hillington Primary

Annual Calendar 2023-2024

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| **2023** | **Term 1** |
| 14th and 15th August 2023 | INSET 1 & 2 teachers return |
| 16th August 2023 | Pupils return |
| 11th September 2023 | Rag Bag Pick Up |
| 12th September 2023 | Meet the Teacher (3.10-4) |
| \*tbc September 2023 | Parent Council AGM |
| 20th September 2023 | TEMPEST Photography for individual and sibling photographs  (In addition class photographs will be taken on 22nd January 2024) |
| 22nd - 25th September 2023 | September Weekend Holiday |
| 9th-12th October 2023 | P7 Residential Trip- Ardentinny Outdoor Centre |
| **13th October 2023** | **INSET 3** |
| 2023 | Term 2 |
| 16th -20th October 2023 | October Week Holiday |
| 23rd October 2023 | School returns |
| \*tbc October 2023 | Parent Council Halloween Disco |
| 3rd November 2023 | Teddy Bears Picnic for new entrants 1.45-2.45 |
| 8th – 21st November 2023 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 14th November 2023 | FLU vaccinations for pupils |
| 16th November 2023 | Parent’s Night (5.30-7.30) |
| 21st November 2023 | Parent’s Night (3.30-5.30) |
| \*tbc 17th November 2023 | EAL Interpreter Parents Day (9-3) |
| 22nd December 2023 | School closes 2.30pm Christmas & New Year Holiday |
| **2024** | **Term 3** |
| 8th January 2024 | School returns |
| 12th - 13th February 2024 | February mid-term break holiday |
| 14th February 2024 | INSET 4 |
| 7th March 2024 | World Book Day |
| March 2024 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 12th March 2024 | Parent’s Nights (5.30-7.30) |
| 21st March 2024 | Parent’s Nights (3.30-5.30) |
| March 2024 | Determined to Dance show |
| March 2024 | Parent Council Spring Disco |
| 28th March 2024 | School closes 2.30pm Spring Holiday (Easter) |
| 29th - 1st April 2024 | Good Friday / Easter Monday Holiday |
| **2024** | **Term 4** |
| 1st April - 12th April 2024 | Spring Holiday (Easter) |
| 2nd May 2024 | INSET 5 |
| 6th May 2024 | May Holiday |
| 3rd May 2024 | New entrant First Induction Day 1.45-2.30 |
| 24th May - 27th May 2024 | May Weekend Holiday |
|  | P7 Go Yellow Walk |
| \*tbc 14th June 2024 | Leavers assembly P7 parents/pupils 9.30-10 then refreshments afterwards |
| 18th June 2024 | Sport’s Day for pupils/parent’s welcome am |
| 19th June 2024 | Leavers Dance |
| 20th June 2024 | Alternative sports day if wet |
| 21st June 2024 | Fun Day for pupils |
| 24th June 2024 | Moving up day and new entrant Second Induction Day 2: 1.30-2.30 |
| 25th June 2024 | Talent Show for pupils am |
| 26th June 2024 | School closes 1pm (Summer Holidays) End of Term Service \*tbc |
| 15-16th August 2024 | Teachers return INSET 1 &2 |
| 17th August 2024 | Pupils return |

*If you have any queries please contact the school office, DHT Mr Ramsay or HT Miss Gillies on 0141 882 2144*