



Newsletter

May 2025

STAFFING

Staffing Update

Mrs Brownlie has joined us this term, 3 days per week, and is covering non-class contact time for some teachers. Welcome!

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have had to Hilltop. The children, staff and families have helped me to settle in well and learn everything that there is to know about Hilltop.

PARENT SURVEY

Many thanks for your support in completing our Parent Feedback Questionnaire. We asked you about a variety of different topics that help us to better understand life and learning at Hilltop. Over the coming months, we will work together to secure some important improvements. I will provide updates in each newsletter so that you know how your views are contributing to the work of the school.



SPORTS AWARD

It's Gold!

This term, we were very proud to be awarded a Sports Scotland Gold Award for the sustained effort and commitment to Sports development by our pupils, staff and wider community. We will be hanging our new flag prominently in our hall. Thank you to Mr McIvor, Vikki (Active Schools Co-ordinator) and the Sports Leaders for all your efforts.



NEWS

New P1 Transition

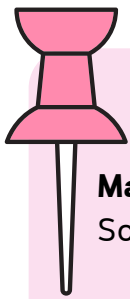
This term, our new Primary 1 children for next session have started their formal transition visits. Mrs Sidlo has been visiting them in their nurseries and getting to know them and their families, ready for next session. We can't wait to have them with us in August!

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

Communication Strategy

Your feedback told us that we need to get better at communicating with you about a host of different matters. This new-look newsletter is the first step on the journey to a streamlined communication process that works for everyone. Our Parent Council have been consulted on the development of a communication strategy to support improved two-way communication. This strategy will be implemented from August 2025 and displayed on our website.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

School Fayre - 31st @ 10 am

June

P3/P4 Trip to Five Sisters Zoo - 5th

Parent Council - 4th @ 6.30 pm

P5/P6 Trip to Five Sisters Zoo - 10th

Summer Disco - 12th

Sports Day - 13th

Meet the Teacher - Parents - 23th @ 3.15 pm

School closes for summer - 25th @ 1pm

P7 events are in separate communication from the P7 staff.



MEET THE TEACHER

We know that moving to a new class and new teacher after the holidays can be daunting for children and parents. This year, we are planning to hold a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon for parents and carers on Monday 23rd June at 3.15 pm. Children will have met their new teacher the previous week. Please note, that not all staff will be in post at the time of this event, if this is the case for your child's class, you will be notified in advance and will have an opportunity to meet them early in the new term.

LEARNING

This term the Senior Leadership team are visiting classes to learn more about the learning experiences across the school. We are really enjoying learning alongside the children. This helps us to review our approaches to learning and teaching so that we can plan for the future. We have plans for pupil focus groups next month to find out even more about learning at Hilltop.



STAY IN TOUCH

- If you need to contact us for any reason, please do so via the school office. If your child is going to be absent, please contact us before 9.15 am to allow accurate morning registration.
- enquiries-at-hilltop@northlan.gov.uk
- or 01236 632240

SCHOOL APP

Next session, we are launching a brand new school app. This app will be the place to find out information about what's going on in school. The aim is to have a 'one-stop-shop' for all information, from events to learning that is taking place in class. Over the course of this term, more information will be shared with you about how to access and use the app before our launch in August. In the meantime, a demo version of the app is available with limited functionality. Please note that we will NOT have genuine Hilltop information on there until August - it does not contain current Hilltop events.



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