



LISKEARD HILLFORT PRIMARY SCHOOL | 15th October 2021

Dear Families

I hope that you are well as the weeks slip by. It only seems a few moments ago that, last Friday, we were welcoming Mayor Cassidy to the school to award "Star of the Week" certificates! He also helped us to launch our Student Council elections!

This week has passed with a Local Governing Body meeting, both challenging and supporting me in my role as Headteacher. It has passed with a successful review of SEND practice in the school by our Director of Education from our central Trust team, and it has passed with discussions about our next site/estate projects here at Hillfort. There's some more work about to go on over half term including an Early Years reading area and wall art into the Home Room!



Dates For Your Diary

20th – 21st : Parents Evening Phone Calls
21st : Year 2 School Trip to Seaton
21st : Nasal Flu Vaccinations
25th – 29th : October Half Term
31st – Halloween
1st November : INSET Day (School Closed)
2nd November : First day of term
4th November : Diwali



Health & Wellbeing

Children love having parents who are playful, fun, interested and curious about them. Children enjoy feeling important and special and really benefit from having some individual time with parents.

Please visit the [Hillfort Newsletter](#) online to see a list of creative activities that you can use with your child to support their emotional development at home. Play releases lots of feel good chemicals that help us feel calm, steady and connected. If possible, look to do these activities for as much as 20 minutes or more each day.



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Keeping Children Safe - Covid

As I'm sure parents are aware, covid has finally made it into Hillfort. Once in, it can spread all too quickly. We have confirmed cases in several year groups, and a couple of staff colleagues with it. We have increased our protocols around this, and reserve the right to add more as time goes on. I would suggest that it might be wise to test your children using lateral flow devices on a regular basis as actually some of the cases that have been confirmed are asymptomatic. That is to say, some of the confirmed cases had no symptoms at all! Please be assured that we will continue to review the current situation on a daily basis.



Keeping Children Safe – Sexual Abuse

Parents and carers have an incredibly important role to play in supporting children to stay safe. Some of the topics, however, can be deeply unpleasant and upsetting. It seems so early to be discussing such awful issues with young children and it can be difficult to know which words to use. The NSPCC have a range of resources, and in this letter I'd want to highlight the "Pants rule" that helps keep children safer from sexual abuse. Please do take a moment to click on the following hyperlink:

[Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)



Keeping Children Safe – Online Abuse

As more children have access to technology (e.g.) Playstation Live, mobile phones) and love using that technology for both work and pleasure, sadly there are more ways for unpleasant people to access our children. Again, it can be difficult for families to know what to do for the best to help keep children safe. I'd like to point out that the www.thinkuknow.co.uk website is excellent. It's part of CEOP, the government national crime agency. There are really helpful pages for parents that can be found at [Parents homepage \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://Parents homepage (thinkuknow.co.uk)).



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a parent vacancy on our Local Governing Body. This is an important role which helps represent the views of parents at our local governing team. The role involves half termly meetings, plus visits to school to see what's going on, what's going well and what can be taken further.

If you are interested, by all means email me at tcCook@hillfort.org.uk and I can talk you through the role and link you in with our Chair of Governors who can offer some words too!



We Love Reading at Hillfort

Let's have a think about something slightly more positive! At Hillfort, we love reading. We've invested a LOT in new books – from our vending machine to new books for the corridors. As families, I know that you will want to help your child read at home, so we've just posted some new advice that can help. This can be found at [Learning to Read – Liskeard Hillfort Primary School](#). We will be publishing a further guide for our developing readers soon, but in the meantime do have a look at the Booktrust website who have some great ideas. These can be found at [BookTrust: Getting children reading | BookTrust](#).

Also, keep your eyes peeled for the new book wallets in KS2 that are coming home every time to keep the reading books clean, protected and valued! We are also issuing to children additional book bags lower down the school. This will ensure that everyone has a way to take home their books with real pride!

Year 3 families – alert! We're extending our 'Bedtime Books' scheme into Year 3. Children will be coming home with a "Storytime" magazine that has lots of traditional tales from across the world. Happy reading!!



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Hillfort Woods Volunteer

The improvements to the Hillfort Woods area is progressing well, with the recent installation of the new planters and sensory garden. Work has now started on improving the boggy garden around the bridge area, with one side nearing completion.

We are now looking for volunteers to help with digging out the other side of the boggy garden to have that ready for planting as well. Please contact the school if you can help and spare a few hours on a Saturday morning.



Hillfort Vacancy

Liskeard Hillfort Primary School is looking to appoint full-time and part-time (term-time) caring, enthusiastic and skilled Progress and Engagement Guides / Lunchtime Supervisors to join its friendly and supportive team as soon as possible.

If you would like to apply or find out more, please follow the link below:

<https://www.tpacademytrust.org/liskeard-hillfort-primary-school-progress-engagement-guide-and-lunchtime-supervisor/>



School Lunches Online

After half term, school lunches will need to be booked online via Parentpay by parents/carers. Please ensure you have your activation letter for Parentpay and this has been activated by Friday 22nd October. You will need to book your child's lunch in advance or ensure your child brings a packed lunch to school. If your child is in KS1 or Free School Meals, booking is still required. Menu choices will be at point of booking for your child to choose their lunch for the week. Please note, if you have any debt outstanding on your lunch account, this will need to be paid when booking for the first time.



Parking Permits

The Westbourne car parking permits have finally arrived at school! They are available to come and pick up from the office. These are issued as one per family on a first come first served basis. Please note these are valid from half term.



Sickness

Please can we remind parents/carers that if your child has been sick or diarrhea, then we require them to stay home for 48 hours from the last occurrence. If your child is ill, please can you leave a message on the school answerphone before 9am.



Walking Bus

We still have spaces available on the Walking Bus. Why not avoid the traffic and drop your child off with Mrs Truscott and her daily helpers!

Should you wish to join us, please contact the office to be added to the list.



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Flu Jabs

Kernow Health will be visiting the school on Thursday 21st October, so please make sure you have submitted your consent form for your child's annual nasal flu vaccination by midday Thursday 19th October. Please make sure you enter the full unique school reference code: EE140838

www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

The vaccination is free and will be available for all year groups.



Jenga Donations

Mrs Best has a request! If anyone has any Jenga games or blocks that they no longer use, we would love the donation to be able to use for speech and language games in lesson. Please bring any donations to the office.



Tempest Photos

You should have now received your child(ren)'s individual and sibling photographs from Tempest.

Please ensure you have your form returned to the office by Wednesday 20th October.



Year 6 Admissions

If your child is in Year 6, please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary school is 31st October 2021! Click on the image on the right to find out more information and apply.



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is
31 October 2021

Transfer to secondary school

September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



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What's Been Happening at Hillfort?

Find out what exciting things have been happening since the last Hillfort newsletter!

- We had Mayor Cassidy visit the school last Friday – Simon Cassidy joined our assembly to talk to children about his duties within Liskeard, to show off his mayoral robes, to hand out the Star of the Week certificates and to launch our Student Council elections!

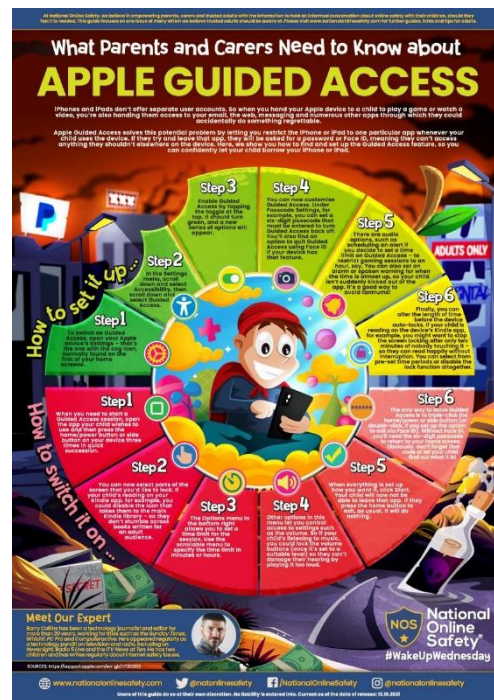
Year 2

2MC's poem for National Poetry Day last Thursday!

**"At Liskeard Hillfort Primary School,
It doesn't have a swimming pool.
Falmouth Class gets everything done,
And then we have a lot of fun!"**

**Sometimes we do a lot of maths,
And occasionally some other tasks.
On Mondays we do Geography,
On Friday we have PSHE.**

**On Tuesdays we enjoy PE,
With the funny Mr B.
Sometimes we like to read a book,
Especially with Dr Cook."**



Year 1

You may remember your child entering the Howdens Drawing competition earlier this month. All children were asked to draw a picture of their favourite day during their summer holidays.

We are delighted to announce that Harry D came in 2nd place with his picture 'scillonian 3'.

Well done Harry!



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Stars of the Week

YEAR 1

Leonardo F ☆ For his fantastic work in Science

Isla A ☆ For her fantastic attitude for learning, always listening and ready to learn

Lucas S ☆ For being an excellent role model for the whole class

Logan D ☆ For being an excellent role model for the whole class

YEAR 2

Sophie J ☆ For showing excellent learning behaviour

George O'R J ☆ For working hard in Maths

Abigail P ☆ For her fantastic work in Maths

Iyla C ☆ For her excellent work in Maths

YEAR 3

Mia C ☆ For her amazing Maths skills and presentation

Lily W ☆ For great determination and courage with her Maths

Merryn H ☆ For being an amazing young lady who we will miss very much

Shaun P.S ☆ For his consistent high quality work and excellent behaviour

YEAR 4

Harrison L ☆ He has shown a brilliant attitude to his learning all week

Lacey M ☆ A superb attitude to all areas of her learning

YEAR 5

Phoebe H ☆ For using ambitious language in her writing

Brooke W ☆ For her resilience in Reading

Katelin W ☆ For her excellent progress in Reading

April M ☆ For significant progress in her Reading

YEAR 6

Daisy W ☆ For her excellent work on decimals in Maths and for being so helpful in class

Jennifer H ☆ For showing kindness to others and maturity

Evie Y ☆ For always trying her best and for always being a superb role model

Poppy F ☆ For showing resilience with her writing



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FREE ENTRY!
(DONATIONS WELCOME)

HALLOWEEN AT LISKEARD & DISTRICT MUSEUM

COME AND GET CREATIVE WITH KIDS SPOOKY CRAFTS* AND A MUSEUM TRAIL

27TH - 29TH OCTOBER
10AM - 4PM
(CLOSED 12:30-1PM)

*COVID-SAFE CRAFT SESSIONS LIMITED TO 4 CHILDREN EVERY 45 MINUTES

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Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

CRICKET CAMPS IN CORNWALL

WHERE?
CORNWALL (INDOOR) CRICKET CENTRE

WHO?
MIXED & GIRLS ONLY CAMPS
CAMPERS FOR 5-15 YEAR OLDS

WHY?
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THE KIDS ENTERTAINED AND TO IMPROVE THEIR CRICKET SKILLS AND MATCH PLAY

WHAT?
SOFTBALL - EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
HARDBALL - BRING OWN FULL PROTECTIVE GEAR

GRAY-NICOLLS

WIN ONE OF TWO GRAY-NICOLLS BATS BY SIMPLY ATTENDING CORNWALL CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMPS BETWEEN NOW AND SUMMER 2022. YOU'LL BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED FOR EACH TIME YOU PARTICIPATE. DRAW TO BE MADE AUGUST 2022

ALL PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE 20% OFF GRAY-NICOLLS ONLINE SHOP & CORNWALL CRICKET CERTIFICATE

★ BOOK HERE ★
[HTTPS://CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK/JUNIOR-CRICKET/HOLIDAY-CAMPS.HTML](https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/holiday-camps.html)
OR JUST SEARCH CORNWALL CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMP

£15 PER CHILD PER DAY

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Help us get **FREE** gardening equipment for our school

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FRIDAY OCT 29TH SUNDAY NOV 28TH

CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE

GLOW IN THE DARK CRICKET

U13 GIRLS 5-7PM WOMEN 7-9PM

£3 Per Person

SIGN UP NOW

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GIRLS OPEN SESSIONS

WINTER CRICKET SESSIONS FOR GIRLS AGES 8-18

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE

HARDBALL SESSIONS £10 PER PERSON

SOFTBALL SESSIONS £7.50 PER PERSON

SIGN UP NOW!

STARTING SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER

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