



Dear Families

I hope that you're well. I don't know about anyone else, but to me it seems to have turned a lot more autumnal in the last few days... before you know it Christmas cards will be in the shops! Hopefully, it will have stayed dry for the Year 3 trip!

A rainy weekend lies ahead, so whatever you get up to – enjoy it and have a safe weekend!



Upcoming Events

1st – 31st : [The Big Draw Festival](#)
4th : [World Animal Day](#)
4th – 10th : [World Space Week](#)
5th : World Teachers' Day
7th : [National Poetry Day](#)
10th : [World Mental Health Day](#)
25th – 29th : October Half Term



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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Parental Survey

By clicking [here](#), you can complete a survey based on the first 4 weeks back at school. These are mainly the normal Ofsted questions, but I have included one on the extended school day too. We'll cut responses off on Friday 8th October. Please do take a moment to look through and offer thoughts as it's always useful to gauge the feelings of the people who know our Hillfort children the best in this world!



Parents' Evenings

The early parental evenings where we offer thoughts about how children have settled into their new classes is coming up! To avoid risk of Covid infection by inviting parents into school, we will be moving to a digital system. We're mindful that some parents don't have very easy access to the internet, so we want to trial using telephone appointments. Appointments will be for ten minutes each. They will run from 4pm – 7pm on Wednesday 20th or Thursday 21st October. There will be sign-up sheets available to book from Wednesday next week.



Online Safety

We will be offering ongoing updates via newsletters and Facebook posts, but I'd invite parents to take a few moments to learn how you can keep your children safe online. From Playstation live to Whatsapp, it can be quite hard to know what to do for the best. Can I suggest that folk go to [NSPCC guidance](#) to start with. There will be more over the coming weeks, but as I don't want to overwhelm folk, I'll just offer this one hyperlink for now. Take a look!



Lateness

Whilst attendance so far has been excellent, we're seeing more families arrive late than we'd normally expect to see. Every minute late is lost learning time, and makes it potentially quite awkward socially going into class. You know what it's like when you walk into a pub on your own and everyone turns around to look at you – it can be like that for children when they arrive into class. School starts at 8:55am, so please do make every effort to leave in plenty of time! And for all of those families who are already doing this – THANK YOU!



Arts Academy

Arts Academy is in the pipeline! An announcement is coming soon, but if your child is in Key Stage 2, get ready for an interesting collaboration with the Early Eneger Centre (theatre school) and the Junk Food Project. More coming soon when I can announce exact details!



Parking

Please, be respectful to our neighbours who live locally. And please be respectful to the safety of our children – if you're one of the adults who parks outside the school just because the traffic warden isn't there – just don't do it. The traffic signage and Hillfort banners aren't there for a laugh. Careless parking is putting children's lives at greater risk and that is no way a cool thing to do. Take your time to park sensibly and walk up. It's the decent thing to do, even on those rainy days when it's all been a nightmare outside of the school gate. We would rather see you 5 minutes late (at the end of the day!) and in a calm state than harassed and frustrated. And clearly a huge THANK YOU to all of the 99% of drivers who are on board with this already.



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What's Been Happening at Hillfort?

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

- Hillfort were joined by M&M Theatrical Productions, who provided a great showing of Treasure Island for Year 1-6!
- Hillfort Sports Academy has had a fantastic start to the term with brand new football goals placed onto the field
- Some of our very own Year 6's who play for St Cleer & Liskeard's Under 11's had the opportunity to have a coaching session with Argyle and play on the pitch at half time for Tuesday evening's match.

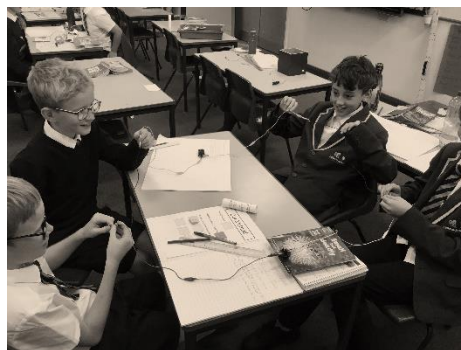
Year 4

Year 4 had a lovely day last Wednesday when they travelled to Truro. They visited the Royal Cornwall Museum where they took part in a Roman workshop, and had a tour of Truro Cathedral where some pupils had fun dressing up as leaders of the church!



Year 6

Year 6 did a fun experiment this week, investigating how they can change the brightness of light bulbs.



Year 3

Year 3 are off on their school trip to Kents Cavern today! We hope they had a fantastic time and will make sure to give a full report in the next Hillfort Newsletter.



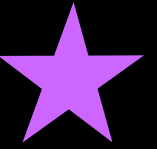
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Stars of the Week



YEAR 1

Hector H ☆ for his fantastic work in maths

Jayden N ☆ for being a really good friend and role model

Chloe P ☆ for her fantastic work in maths

YEAR 2

Kai K ☆ for his fantastic writing

Jake-Jayden F.E ☆ for being a kind and considerate member of the class

River E ☆ for working hard, being kind and helping others

YEAR 4

Ivy H ☆ for always being ready to learn and prepared for her lessons

Sinead S ☆ for being kind, helpful and always working hard

YEAR 5

Will C ☆ for his excellent attitude in all areas

Tyler C ☆ for his excellent attitude in all areas

Cason P ☆ for his excellent writing in English

YEAR 6

Jacob H ☆ for his fantastic attitude towards all of his learning, especially his reading

Jacob He ☆ for being a fantastic role model and showing kindness to his peers



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Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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

Transfer to secondary school September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

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We are operating a virtual Open Evening
this year and would like to invite you to:

Virtual Open Evening (on Teams) 29th September - 6-7pm

Talk and Q&A with Head Teacher Alex Lingard



Open Mornings - Tours of the school
27th September to 15th October

Please contact us for booking details
See our website for our Open Evening Video

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Cornwall Music Education Hub



If you have a LOVE and TALENT for singing, join us for a taster session and audition at one of our rehearsals. We sing many different styles of music and work with professional vocal mentors. The choirs have performed at many venues across the country and we will be returning to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in November 2021.



You can audition for the following choirs:

Cornwall Boys and Cornwall Girls
(Y4-Y7/8)

Cornwall County Youth Choir
(Y7/8 depending on voice maturity - Y13)



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