



LISKEARD HILLFORT PRIMARY SCHOOL | 8th April 2022



Upcoming Events

11th – 22nd Apr : Easter Holidays
15th Apr : Good Friday
18th Apr : Easter Monday
2nd May : Early May Bank Holiday
5th May : 3:45pm : Year 3 Residential Information Meeting
9th – 12th May : Year 6 SATs Week
16th – 20th May : Year 3 Residential Week
24th – 26th May : Year 6 Residential

RESIDENTIAL REMINDER

Please can you ensure all payments are up to date for your child's residential.

[Hillfort Calendar](#)

Check out the [North Cornwall Rocks](#) website for a range of activities happening over the Easter Holidays in your local area.



School Clubs After Easter

Mondays

- Yoga & Mindfulness Colouring (KS1/KS2) Break Time
- Football with Mr Glass (Year 5 & 6) 3:45-4:45
- Theatre with the Early Energy Centre (KS2) 3:45-4:45

Tuesdays

- Yoga & Mindfulness Colouring (KS1/KS2) Break Time
- Rugby with Exeter Chiefs (KS2) 3:45-4:45
- Steel Pans with Selina Jolly (Year 5 & 6) 3:45-4:45
- Bike Club with Dr Cook (Year 5 & 6) 3:45-4:45
- Arts & Crafts Workshops (Parents & Children) 3:50-5:20

Wednesdays

- Yoga & Mindfulness Colouring (KS1/KS2) Break Time
- Running Club with Miss Harris & Mrs Gale (KS2) Lunch Time
- Football with Plymouth Argyle (Year 3 & 4) 3:45-4:45
- Steel Pans with Selina Jolly (Year 3) 3:45-4:45

Thursdays

- Football with Plymouth Argyle (Year 5 & 6) 3:45-4:45
- Arts & Crafts with Miss Harrington (Year 3 & 4) 3:45-4:45

Fridays

- Judo with Eva Minarikova (KS2) 3:45-4:45

[School Club Days & Times](#)



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Dear Families

I hope that you are well and looking forward to an Easter break.

It was lovely to see so many parents over the last few evenings – with nervous expressions on the way in and beaming smiles on the way out. Thank you for coming! Our initial analysis of the questionnaires that folk were kind enough to fill in is very positive indeed... I'll work them all out over the Easter break and report the actual percentages back to you soon.

Over the Easter break, can I invite parents to keep children's reading going as much as possible. The re-opening of Liskeard Library is still on a distant horizon (albeit at least it's on a horizon) – do feel free to use our "Book Shop, Swap Shop" in our front reception. 10p or a swap of a book isn't bad!

Huge congratulations to the Easter competition winners – see later in this newsletter. Mrs Cotterill has organised all of this, and with every child taking home something (and 6 with a book token plus Easter Egg), its proved quite the success again. Thanks Mrs Cotterill!

Elsewhere, I'm delighted, and a little bit staggered, at how many children have requested to do the judo after school club – as it stands we have 79 children who have put down for 30 places. Eeek! Fortunately, I've been able to persuade Sensei Eva to run a second session, so we will have judo on Thursday and Friday after school. This takes our capacity to 60 children, so there will still be disappointed children. Those who have missed out this time will have guaranteed places in September.

As we amend our post-pandemic arrangements, all year 2 parents/carers will need to be aware that children will be released on the 'rear playground'. This will save the children having to walk through the school at the end of the day and being released from a busy area. By all means, come onto the rear playground via the path that runs alongside my office/bin sheds/kitchen pathway.

After Easter, we go to our online ordering system. Naturally, we hope that the technology all runs smoothly...but in my experience, there's normally some teething issue or other. Please bear with us as we get up to speed – the savings in lost learning time and the opportunity for parents to have choice over meal selection should make the initial pain worthwhile. I hope!

Please be aware that the Hillfort site will be busy over the break as a number of jobs are getting completed: installation of a wet room; minor building repairs; tree lopping, and a pop-up NHS clinic for two days. If you wish your child to have a covid vaccination (ages 5-11) then the NHS team will be open for that. We're open to any parent from any school – essentially Hillfort is simply acting as a venue. If this is helpful, great. If not, then great too!

Also, please be aware that there will be some significant roadworks over the Easter holiday on Old Road. We're certainly pleased that they are over Easter. We're also pleased that the traffic calming measures will help to ensure road safety for all in Old Road – that should make a positive difference and we're grateful to both the Council and councillors. But, you may wish to be aware that the road will be a busy place, perhaps best avoided for a couple of weeks.



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We welcome back Mrs Tandy from maternity absence after the break. Mrs Tandy has been back in for “Keeping in Touch” days and it’s like she’s never been away. We’ve missed you Mrs Tandy – welcome back! On the other hand, we said goodbye to Mr Last yesterday, with a few tears shed by staff and children. He leaves us for an amazing opportunity in the education team at The Eden Project and we wish him all the luck in the world. Actually, we hope it all goes wrong and he comes back to us – but it’s not nice to say that.

So as we turn to a holiday, I just wanted to say that with significant staff and student absence, this term has been quite a demanding one. That said, both children and adults alike have shown significant resilience and got on with life. And very often with a smile! I’m really proud of them. Everyone deserves a break and then the Summer term awaits!

Happy Easter!

Kind regards,

Tim Cook



Say Hello!

We had a couple of names thrown in the mix after last week’s competition and will be happy to welcome Nutmeg and Cinnamon to Hillfort after Easter!



Football Day Out

At school by 9am on a Saturday, can only mean one thing....a school trip to Home Park to watch Plymouth Argyle.

The children were all looking smart in their Sports Academy kit; we set off by coach.

Upon arriving at Home Park we were met by our guide for the day Scottie. He got the children all awake by teaching them an easy chant. We had a tour of the stadium, which included the home and away changing rooms and sitting in the dug outs. We were even lucky enough to meet a player, James Bolton.

We then headed over to Goals where the children were split into 4 teams to have a mini tournament. Then off to the Argyle shop to spend pocket money, once all the money was spent we had a pit stop for lunch and then made our way into the ground.

The children all enjoyed the match and some of our Year 4’s were even responsible for an oggie oggie chant. What a great match to watch with a win for Argyle.



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Easter Egg Competition

We are amazed at the number of entries we had for Mrs Cotterill's Easter Egg competition – and so much creativity!

Well done to all who took part and received a prize, and a big congratulations to our winners:

KS1 WINNERS:

Oaklen B

Mea Hartnell

Leo Elliott

KS2 WINNERS:

Lily Worledge

Ziva Corrigan

Tommy Miller



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REMINDER: ParentPay

School lunches will be bookable online after Easter. Therefore, if you don't have an active ParentPay account, please contact the office for an activation letter. Even if your child is in KS1 or qualifies for Pupil Premium Free School Meals these will still need to be booked online. Please see attached to this email – a guide to ordering your child's school lunches online. If you have any outstanding debt on your ParentPay, this will need to be paid on your first booking to allow you to order.



Attendance

At Liskeard Hillfort Primary School we have high expectations around attendance. Good school attendance is essential for pupils to make good progress. Please can we therefore remind parents to arrange any medical appointments out of school hours where at all possible, although we understand this isn't always easy.

Please note that holidays in term time will not be authorised (except in exceptional circumstances) If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

Thank you for your support of our attendance policy.



Arts & Crafts Workshops

We now have more exciting Arts & Crafts Workshops coming to Hillfort for both children and parents/carers, including Watercolour Painting and Printmaking!

To book your places please fill in the following form:

<https://forms.gle/LSfi2pCjWpyd1jEGA>



Red Nose Day Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money for Red Nose Day!

We raised a great £265, which will help make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world.



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Update from Wellbeing and Public Health

We are conscious that in the absence of further guidance that is still awaited for schools, and as the end of term approaches, you may wish to communicate with parent's new expectations on managing Covid.

Covid has now fallen in line with other high consequence infectious diseases transmitted by the airborne route such as Influenza, RSV, or other novel respiratory viruses, or acute respiratory infections and as such, your management of this infection will now mirror that of any other ARI. If you were considering communicating to parents at the end of term, or ahead of the start of the summer term, we have outlined some key points that you are welcome to use to help explain the new stance on living with covid.

Please consider communicating the following to parents:

As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID-19), there are actions we can all take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others. These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infections, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people. There are simple things you can do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things you can choose to do are:

- Get vaccinated
- Wash your hands frequently throughout the day
- Wear a face mask in crowded or poorly ventilated areas, or when mixing with people you do not normally mix with
- Remember to keep your distance as much as possible when socialising with people who you do not normally mix with
- Good ventilation is really important
- Mix outside as much as possible
- Catch it, bin it, kill it – use a tissue when sneezing and place it in the bin

Face coverings and face masks can help reduce the chance of you spreading infection to others, especially in crowded and enclosed spaces, and may protect you from becoming infected by some respiratory viruses.

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, you are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days



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Stars of the Week

YEAR R

☆ Arlo B ☆

☆ Rosie F ☆

YEAR 1

☆ Jowan R ☆

☆ Ariana F ☆

YEAR 2

☆ Sofia B ☆

☆ Leo H ☆

YEAR 3

☆ Daisy B-S ☆

☆ Lola S-C ☆

YEAR 4

☆ Xander E ☆

☆ Kyla C ☆

YEAR 5

☆ Tate S ☆

☆ Andrew D ☆

YEAR 6

☆ Jaydon B ☆

☆ Oliver W ☆



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EASTER EGG HUNT

10AM - 12PM | **17 APRIL** | **£2 PER ENTRY**

SNACKS • DRINKS • EGG HUNT • FUN
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 BUDE FOOTBALL CLUB 12th | 19th
 SALTMILL 3G, SALTASH 12th
 HATHERLEIGH SCHOOL 13th | 20th
 CALLYWITH COLLEGE 14th | 21st
 DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB 19th
 ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL 22nd
 ST TEATH FOOTBALL CLUB 22nd
 HOLSWORTHY YOUTH FC 22nd

9.30am - 3.30pm
 Boys & girls of all abilities
 aged 5-15

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EASTER Family Fun Day

Thursday 14th April
10am - 1pm

Activities for all the family:
 Easter Trail • Craft Table • Biscuit Decorating
 Preloved Uniform Stall • Foodbank
 and Lots More

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN WITH US!

Liskeard School and Community College