



'Teamwork makes the dream work, together we grow!'

October 2018

What a quick term! Thanks to the many parents/carers who came along to chat about their child's progress with the teachers. Time seems to be flying in and the holidays are upon us again. The term has been a very busy and positive one and we are all looking forward to Term 2 with all the celebrations of Halloween, Guy Fawkes and Christmas. Please ensure you sign up to the school and ELC blog as this is the main communication between school and home.

Ms Banks ☺

Staffing Update

Ms Grainger has been appointed Acting Principal Teacher. Miss Grainger will have a remit of Early Years and support ELC within this role. Mrs Hollingdale joins the Hilton team full time and is the P1 teacher replacing Miss James.

Values – a reminder



Our values, Respect, Caring, Fun, Honesty and Teamwork, which were chosen by the whole school community last session, are being embedded across the school and ELC and are forming an important part of school life. Please take some time and chat about what these values mean to you and your child/ren.

Annual Updates

An annual update form was issued to all children. It is crucial that these forms come back to school. Thank you.

Change of Telephone Number/Address

It is crucial that you let us know if you change your telephone number, either home or mobile. Thank you.

Kitchen Refurbishment

As you will know there has been a delay in the new kitchen but we have now organised hot meals from Monday 29th October. A temporary menu was sent home and emailed this week. Please contact the school if you require another copy.

Tempest Photos

Family photos will be taken on the afternoon of Tuesday 30th October, school individual photos on Wednesday 31st October and ELC individual photos on Thursday 1st November.

This year, the photographer will only be able to take family photos of children who are currently enrolled in the school and ELC. If you have not already returned the form then please do so ASAP.

Fancy Dress Parties

Hilton Primary Parents and Friends are organising Fancy dress Discos on Thursday 1st November. Entry is £2

ELC – 5pm – 5.45pm

P1-3 6pm – 7pm

P4-7 7.15pm -8.15pm

All proceeds will go towards J Rock.

Sporting Achievements

Well done to the Shinty Team, the P4/P5 Milton Athletic Football Team and all the children who represented Hilton Primary School in the Cross Country Championships. Every player/runner should be very proud of themselves.

Garden Volunteers

As you know, we have extensive garden/orchard areas at Hilton Primary and ELC. Staff and children do their best to maintain these special areas however some help is needed please! We are asking for enthusiastic volunteers, who could give an hour or two of their time on Friday 9th November, to help us. Gardening experience is not necessary and it would be lovely to get as many parents/carers, grandparents and other family members involved. A cup of tea and a biscuit or two will be your reward. There will be various timeslots on this day and further information will be sent out the first week back after the holidays.

Breakfast Boogie

Breakfast Boogie will start again on Friday 2nd November. Breakfast Boogie is on every Friday, 8.30am – 9.15am. Children can come along to Breakfast Club in The Hive and/or have a dance in the hall. Please come in through the Aird Avenue entrance.

School Breakfast Club

A reminder we have a school Breakfast Club which is open from 8.30am – 9.15am. There is toast, cereal, milk and water available at no cost. Children should come in the school entrance on Aird Ave. Please ensure that a child does not come before 8.30am. P1/P2

children should be brought into the school by an adult, signed in at the club and these children will be taken to class at 9.15am. After their breakfast, P3-7 children will be out in the playground until school starts.

Children in Need

Children and staff are encouraged to wear Something Bright (Pupil Council decision) and bring £1 to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 16th November.

Christmas Show Date

The Christmas Shows will take place on Tuesday 11th December, 6.30pm and Wednesday 12th December, 1.30pm. Further information will be issued in due course. Tickets will be allocated 2 per family and proceeds from the tickets will be used to buy much needed PE equipment.

Dates for parties, Christmas lunch, etc will be issued next term.

Nut free Snacks/Lunches

We have a couple of children with severe nut allergies. Please can I remind you that snacks and packed lunches should not contain items with nuts (this includes Nutella). Thank you for your co-operation.

ELC

Autumn is in the air and it is hard to believe that the first term is finished. The children have all settled well into the routines of ELC and have had a variety of learning experiences both indoors and outdoors. The outdoor provision has proved very popular so please can you ensure that your child has outdoor shoes and a waterproof jacket as they can choose to access outdoors daily in all weathers. In term 2 tooth brushing will start for every child supervised by EYPs.

And finally

The Christmas holidays will begin on Friday 21st December after school/ELC close at the usual time. We reopen on Monday 7th January 2019.

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