



# Hillside Primary School and Nursery

## “Achieving Greatness Together”



Friday 12th January, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!



The new term has started really positively with new clubs, new knowledge and news skills already being developed. We certainly aim for every child to ‘Know more, do more and remember more’ here at Hillside Primary. Thank you for adhering to our uniform and PE kit policy, the children continue to look very smart. We have also welcomed a return of Mrs Gant (LSA in Year 1) Mrs Ros-Sanchez( Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and Mr Elseidy (Ipswich Football Foundation). Mrs Ludden is now our SENCO and can be contacted via [sendforparents@hillsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:sendforparents@hillsideprimary.co.uk)

Following suggestions from parents and the children, we have launched a new club timetable with extra curricular clubs rising from 5 at the beginning of the year to 18 clubs. Thank you for all your support. I hope the children enjoy the varied range of activities on offer! We have also extended PE to 2 days per week, to support our approach to healthy and fitness.

I’m looking forward to a fantastic term! Don’t forget, ‘Every day matters!’

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

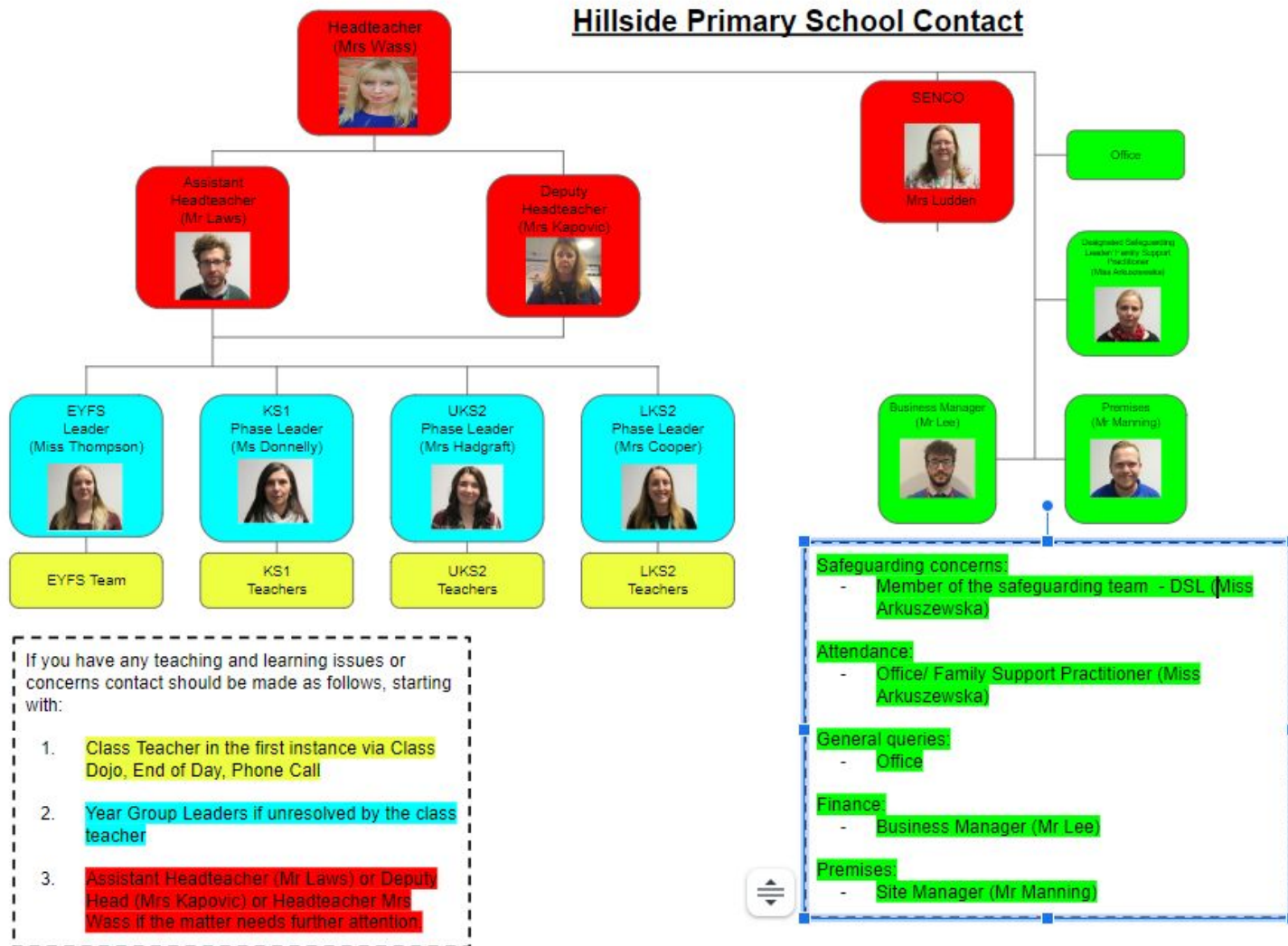
Best wishes,

Mrs Wass





## Hillside Primary School Contact



If you have any teaching and learning issues or concerns contact should be made as follows, starting with:

1. Class Teacher in the first instance via Class Dojo, End of Day, Phone Call
2. Year Group Leaders if unresolved by the class teacher
3. Assistant Headteacher (Mr Laws) or Deputy Head (Mrs Kapovic) or Headteacher Mrs Wass if the matter needs further attention



# Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

## Supporting your child

If your child is eligible for free school meals, your child's school will receive funding, known as Pupil Premium funding, of £1,455 each year for every child who is eligible for free school meals. This funding is used to support your child in school; the school decides how this funding is best spent.

All children in Key Stage 1 (Reception Year, Year 1, and Year 2) are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of family financial circumstances. However, Universal Infant Free School Meals does not provide the school with Pupil Premium funding unlike income related free school meals.

If you believe your child may be eligible for income related free school meals, we urge you to apply now. If your child proves to be eligible for free school meals, your child's school will receive the extra £1,455 funding each year. Receiving free school meals saves a family approximately £440 each year.

The government has agreed that all children receiving income related free school meals will have their eligibility protected until the roll out of Universal Credit is complete, which is currently March 2025. Thereafter, they will receive free school meals until the end of the school phase they are in at that time (primary or secondary). This means that eligible children starting in Reception Year or Year 3 in September 2023 will continue to receive free school meals until they finish Year 6, despite any changes to your financial circumstances. Further information is available at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).

## Could your child be eligible?

If you think your child may be eligible, please visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) to view the criteria and to make an application. It only takes a few minutes, and you will receive an instant response. If you have any questions or are having trouble completing the online form, please email your contact details to [freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@suffolk.gov.uk) or ring us on 01473 260989 for assistance.

**Don't miss out – apply now!**

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



## Author of the Month

### Dav Pilkey



Dav Pilkey is the best-selling author and illustrator of the wildly popular *Captain Underpants* and *Dog Man* graphic novel series, as well as many picture books, including *Dog Breath* and *The Hallo-Wiener*. He won a Caldecott Honor for his picture book *The Paperboy*. Pilkey has spoken out publicly about his own struggles growing up with ADHD and dyslexia, and how drawing, telling stories, and creating original comic books channelled his creativity and gave him confidence.

## Census Day Menu

THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Builder Burger

Vegan Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans

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Chips

Baked Beans

Sweetcorn

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Chocolate Iced Cookie

Fresh Fruit Salad



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### Diary Dates

Week beginning 15th January - Year 2, 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops

Monday 22nd January - Visit from PC Hallatt

Thursday 25th January - Year 6 SATS Meeting @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 16th February - Last day of the half term

Monday 26th February - Return to school

Thursday 28th January - Last day of the term

**More dates to follow!**

Hillside School Dates 2023-2024

September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023
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■ Staff training days - school closed  
■ School holiday closures  
■ Bank Holidays



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**Spring Term PE days - full PE kit is required!**

Reception - Tuesdays

Year 1- Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 2 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 3 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 4 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Year 5 - Thursdays and Fridays

Year 6 - Wednesdays and Fridays

## Weekly attendance

We want every single one of our children to be an Attendance Hero:

Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time

**Overall attendance is 91.7% %. Target 96%.**

*Every day counts!*

**Yr 6 Osprey 96.7%** Yr 2 Robin 96.6% \_ Yr 4 Kingfisher 94.3% , Yr  
5 Seal 93.8 %,  
Yr 1 Squirrel 92.8 %, Yr R Ladybird 92.8%  
Yr 2 Wren 92.5 %, Yr 5 Dolphin 91.1 %, Yr 4 Puffin 91.6 %,  
Yr 3 Deer 90.5 %,  
Yr 3 Fox 89.8 %, Yr R Butterfly 89.4 %, Yr 6 Kestrel 88.3 %,  
Yr 3 Badger 87.3 %  
, Yr 1 hedgehog 86.7 %

***Well done Ospreys 96.7% !!!!***





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### Snacks

Breaktime snacks should be a healthy choice of fruit, breakfast bar or similar. Please avoid chocolate, crisps or biscuits.

### Nuts - reminder

Please do not include peanut butter, cereal/ nut bars or chocolate bars containing nuts. Any food to contain nuts will be kept back for the parent to collect at the end of the day

### Parent Council

On Tuesday, we held our Parent Council Meeting. We are continuing to address the objectives towards the Parent Partnership Award. For more information and our minutes from our meetings, please click here:

<https://hillsideprimary.co.uk/parents/leading-parent-partnership-award>

If you would like to join our Parent Council, please contact [office@hillsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@hillsideprimary.co.uk)





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## **Maths class awards**

Well done to:

Kestrels, Dolphins, Kingfishers and Badgers.

Individual winners are: Neale, Mikolaj, Lyllian and Jahkai,

## **Weekly Award Winners**

Well done to:

Shaban, Henrique, Esmae, Diego, Jessica, Luana, Phillip, Tau, Harleigh Jade, India-Jai, Berachah, Renato, Emilia, Leo, Elias, Patrick, Rosa, Darcey, Andrei, Phoebe, Narin, Matei, Kuba, Liya, Willow, Martin, Sara, Winter, Aleksandra, Mario, Skyla, Bianca, Rafael, Dakota-May, Imogen, Jackson, David S, Teegain, Davidking, Zhiwar, Luciana, Jewel, Cristina, Leo, Freya