



**Hillside Primary School and Nursery**  
**“Achieving Greatness Together”**



Friday 17th May, 2024

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Our core values are: We are Kind, We are Safe and We are Brave. Today, I am going to focus on, ‘We are Brave’.*

*This week, our year 6 children completed their SATs assessments. Our children displayed great resilience throughout the week. We are proud of their enthusiasm and determination. Whatever the results may be, we know they have given their best and their fantastic learning behaviours will continue in their next phase of education at secondary school. Thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers for all their ongoing support. We had great attendance at our daily team breakfast which certainly helped to best prepare the children.*

*I would also like to thank our Year 6 team of staff led by Mrs Hadgraft for all their hard work, commitment and support for the year group. Well done team Year 6! I hope everyone enjoyed their celebrations at Bourne park today.*

**Continuing to work in partnership with Parents**



*Please check our information on pages 2 and 3. We are continuing to plan lots of events for you to attend to enable the best support for you and your child, Next Thursday, we have the launch of our new writing course( details are on page 4).*

*Thank you for all your support. Together we really will achieve more! Best wishes,  
Mrs Wass*

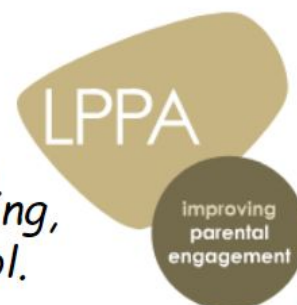




At Hillside Primary School, we are using the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) to help strengthen our school's partnership with parents. LPPA is a national award that will provide us with a valuable school improvement tool and also give us recognition for our commitment to working with parents.

The LPPA will help us achieve these long-term benefits:

- *contribute to improved pupil attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress,*
- *increase parent participation and involvement,*
- *enhance parents' support in their children's learning,*
- *improve communication between home and school.*



## Y6 - Y7 Transition coffee morning

26th June at 8.45am

At Hillside Primary School

With key staff from Hillside and  
Stoke High School.



## Hillside Primary School Tea & Coffee Afternoon



Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of June at  
2.30pm  
In the Library



Involving yourself in your child's education is an exciting challenge, with excellent benefits for your child, for you, for the school and for the local community.

Research has identified that, at age 7, a parent's influence on a child's learning is six times that of their school and even at 11 years old, it is 29% greater. Increased involvement can raise achievement by at least 18%. No involvement means low or no qualifications at 16.



 **We need you!**

### Join our Local Governing Body (LGB)

We're looking for Governors to join the LGB at Hillside Primary School.

A Governor can be someone who is a parent, carer or family member of a child at our school.

Someone who is not currently connected to the school who brings expertise, possibly from a sector outside of education, can also join the LGB as a Governor.

If you have a passion for supporting education and an interest in representing the local community, get in touch today!

This is a volunteer role, with a commitment to attend LGB meetings at the school.

In return, we offer all the training and ongoing support you need. Plus it's an opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of local children... and it's a great addition to your CV!

Email:  
[karen.jarvis@activelearningtrust.org](mailto:karen.jarvis@activelearningtrust.org)  
to find out more!

 [hillsideprimary.co.uk](http://hillsideprimary.co.uk)





# STEP AHEAD IN ENGLISH - SUPPORT YOUR CHILD COURSE



Do you want to know more about how English is taught in school and how to support your children?

Would you like to improve your own skills and perhaps go on to take a recognised qualification?

Come and join our free and friendly group and use the opportunity to meet other parents!

A tutor from Realise Futures Family Learning is coming into Hillside Primary School to run a free 7-session course for parents/carers of Primary age children on **Thursday mornings from 09.00 to 11.30 am** starting on **23rd May 2024**.

Don't worry if you need to arrive late or leave early for a session, perhaps to drop or pick up a younger child - the tutor, Bernadette, is flexible and understands how busy lives can be!

If you would like to join this popular course, please email [office@hillsideprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@hillsideprimary.co.uk)

**REALISE  
FUTURES**



## ***Success really does start with attendance!***

**We want every single one of our children to be an**



**Attendance Hero:**

**Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time**



**Overall attendance is 92.2% Target 96%**

***Every day counts!***

**Yr6 Osprey 98.6%**, Yr3 Deer 98.2%, Yr6 Kestrel 96.4%, Yr5 Seal 95.9%, YrR Ladybird 95.8%, Yr4 Kingfisher 95.7%, Yr2 Robin 95.7%, Yr4 Puffin 94.2%, Yr5 Dolphin 93.5%, YrR Butterfly 91.4%, Yr3 Fox 90.9%, Yr1 Squirrel 89.7%, Yr3 Badger 88.8%, Yr2 Wren 84.7%, Yr1 Hedgehog 84.1%

***Well done Osprey 98.6%!***

*Attendance is always an area in which we are looking to improve. We would appreciate your support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time and that they return to school as quickly as possible after illness.*

*If your child is not well enough to attend school please report this by phoning the Office on 01473 601402 option 1 from 7.30am. We MUST receive this information by 8.45am.*

***Please support us in reducing the number of school days lost. A day off school means a day where learning is lost.***



## Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st May - Year 6 start swimming

Thursday 23rd May - Choir performing at Ipswich Corn Exchange

24th May - Last day of the half term. Non school uniform: Blue, White or Ipswich Football Shirt

3rd June - Back to school

Thursday 23rd June - Year 6 Crucial Crew visit

Friday 24th June - Year 2 visit

Wednesday 19th June - Class photographs

Wednesday 26th June - Year 6 to 7 transition coffee event for parents

Wednesday 10th July - Year 6 residential

Friday 12th July - Hillside School Fair 3.30pm to 6pm

Friday 19th July - Last day of the term

*More dates for the summer term coming soon!*  
Wednesday 4th September - Children return to school

Hillside School Dates 2024-2025

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## Maths class awards

Well done to:

Fox, Kestrel, Puffin Seal

Individual winners are: Tommy, Ruben, Rafael, Grace



## Weekly Award Winners

Well done to:



Asli, Eva, Antoni, Diego, Eduard, Zuzanna, Alfie, Onyx, Ana, Alparslan, India, Zara, Aubrey, Adam, India, Avraam, Elias, Emilia, Erika, Catherine, Rosa, Isabela, Jahkai, Billy, Estera, Flourish, Abigail, Liya, Willow, Ava, Leonard, Fareedah, Isaac, Stefan, Aminah, Enohm Natalia, Alan, Jackson, Wanda, Vasile, Inioluwa, Skyla, Bryan, David, Nikola, Riley, Skye, Willow, Hajarat, Leo, Emily.

***It's great to be gold!***