



Hillside Primary School and Nursery

“Achieving Greatness Together”

Friday 27th September, 2024



‘Achieving Greatness Together’

Dear Parents and Carers, It is of the utmost importance that every member of the school community feels valued and respected.

Our behaviour policy outlines our focus on:

Providing a consistent approach to behaviour management based on nurturing principles and restorative practices.

Encouraging and value strong and healthy relationships in the school community

Giving staff the tools to enable them to support and equip children with strategies to manage their behaviour and build positive relationships with others

Ensuring that all learners are treated fairly, shown respect and to promote good relationships

Helping learners take control over their behaviour and be responsible for the consequences of it.

This week to support our rewards system, Mr Laws introduced a Dojo reward shop. Please refer to page 2

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes, Mrs Wass





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Going above and beyond at Hillside Primary School!

Positive Postcards



Starting this week, adults in the school will be sending out positive postcards to celebrate those pupils who have gone above and beyond. Please keep an eye out at home to see if your child has received one of these amazing rewards!



In addition, we will also be opening a Dojo shop. Pupils will be able to use their hard-earned Dojo points to buy prizes and golden time passes. The only decision the children need to make is whether they will save up or spend them now!



Success really does start with attendance

We support first!

We want every single one of our children to be an

Attendance Hero:



Here
Everyday
Ready
On time

Target 96%



Every day counts!

3B 97.33%, 6C 97.14%, 5C2 95.17%, 4T 94.55%, 1D 94.09%, R2
94.09%, 1A 94%, 5C1 94%, 2M 93%, 6H 90%, 4C 89.47%, 3R
88.21%, 4G 86.36%, R1 82.42%, 2D 82.33%

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.



Hillside Primary School

Tea & Coffee

Morning



Wednesday, 2nd of October at 8.30am

In the Lower Hall.

Everyone Welcome





Out of this world menu

Space Week 2024
Thursday October 3rd
Nebula Nuggets
(Chicken or vegetable)
Served with
Wonderous Wedges (jacket wedges)
&
'Shooting Stars'
(pea & sweetcorn medley)
Cheese Baguette also available
For Dessert
'Cosmic' Chocolate Brownie

World Space Week

Join us 3rd October



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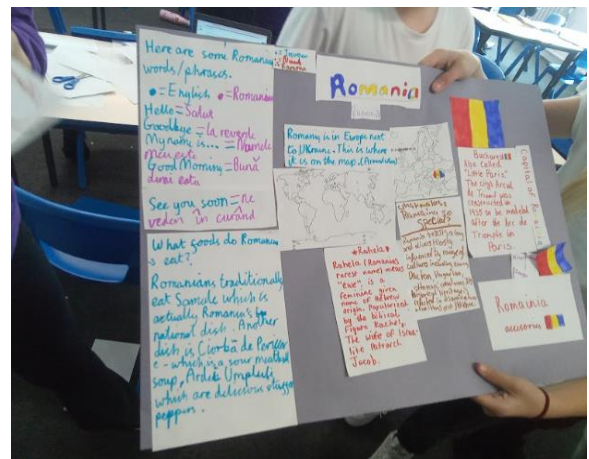
European Day of languages

Yesterday, we had a fantastic day, celebrating European Day of Languages!

As part of this day, the children learnt all the different kinds of European languages that we speak here at Hillside.

In the afternoon, we had the opportunity to use our Romanian speakers to improve our knowledge of Romania. We made Romanian our choice of focus as we have such a large community here at school.

The children thoroughly enjoyed it, with lots of information learnt about Romania.





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In our commitment to develop children’s critical literacy skills, we have teamed up with Picture News to support their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what’s happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place within it.

By having regular conversations about the news, you can share a range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

Some significant news stories can be frightening, and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events.

For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be images they find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important for children to grow up as global citizens and it is also important to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc. as well as local news closer to home.



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Here are some quick tips:

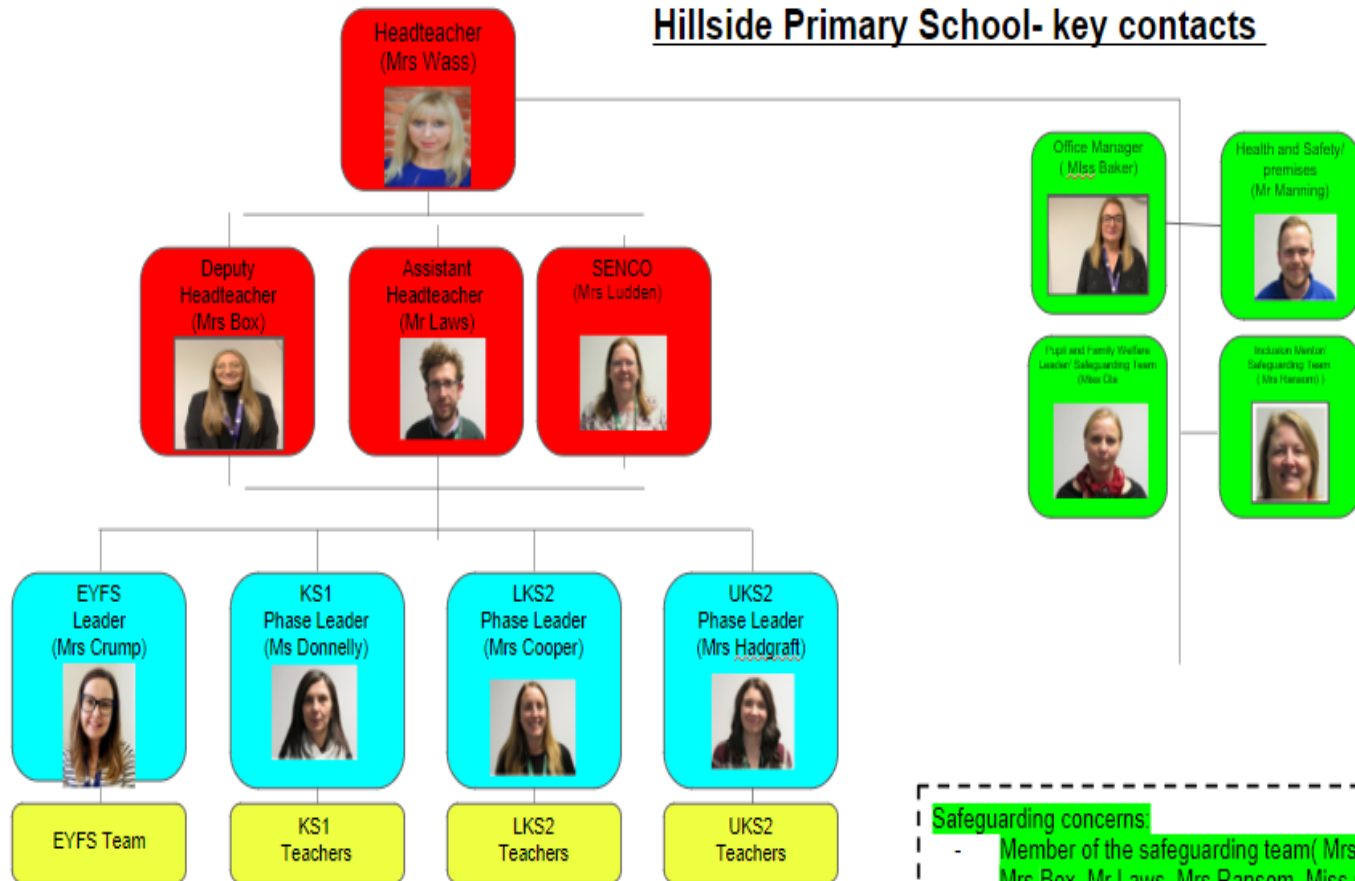
- *Initiate discussions about the news using the Picture News resources. Ask them what they discussed in Picture News this week!*
- *Read and watch some news stories together from different sources.*
- *Find out what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.*
- *Listen to what your child says and value their opinions.*
- *Explain simply and in a way that makes sense to them.*
- *Promote a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child’s default setting.*
- *Help your child to spot fake news and how to fact-check.*
- *Develop a news habit by accessing the news regularly.*
- *Defuse bad news and offer reassurance.*
- *Protect your child from distressing and disturbing news.*
- *Monitor your child’s exposure to the news.*

Discussing the news of the day doesn’t have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or when preparing a meal. The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together, we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are ‘news savvy’, articulate and confident citizens.



Hillside Primary School- key contacts



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. Phase Group Leaders if unresolved by the class teacher
1. Assistant Headteacher (Mr Laws) or Deputy Head (Mrs Box) or Headteacher (Mrs Wass) if the matter needs further attention.

Safeguarding concerns

- Member of the safeguarding team(Mrs Wass, Mrs Box, Mr Laws, Mrs Ransom, Miss Ola)

Attendance

- Office/ Pupil and Family Welfare Leader (Miss Ola)

General queries

- Office team member

Finance

- Office Manager (Mrs Baker)


Premises

- Site Manager (Mr Manning)



WHOA MUSICIZM

FREE MUSIC LESSONS TAUGHT BY A QUALIFIED MUSIC TEACHER!
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN
TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT
OPEN TO YEARS 6 TO 11
LIMITED SPACES
4PM - 6PM ON FRIDAYS IN TERM TIME
ST MARY STOKE CHURCH HALL
BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW: STMARYSTOKE@GMAIL.COM



Time & Space

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15

What's Included:

- Craft Activity
- Christian Story
- Optional Prayer
- Song



ALL WELCOME - FREE OF CHARGE

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Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**

Great, count me in



Apply for a secondary school place 2025/2026

All details can be found here:

[Apply for a secondary school place 2025/2026 - Suffolk County Council](#)

We would like you to encourage all parents/carers (except those with a child who has an EHC plan, as above) to make their applications online for a school place in the normal year of entry at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions from 12 September 2024 and by the closing date of **Thursday 31 October 2024**.

Health and Safety reminders

Our playground apparatus should not be used before and after school.

Hooped earrings are not permitted to be worn at school as they are a safety risk. If a child's earring gets caught, this could cause a serious injury to their ear. Please change to a stud-style earring.

Thank you for supporting our safeguarding measures!



Funding to best support your child

Universal infant free school meals

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.

If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To find out if you are eligible for free school meals, please visit <https://suffolkone.capitaone.cloud/CitizenPortal/en>

Please note, if your child is already registered and eligible there is no need to re-apply.

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office.





Diary Dates for Autumn 1

Monday 30th September – Kindness challenges launched

Monday 30th September- Parent Council meeting at 2.30pm

Week Beginning 7th October – 4T Learning Conversations (more details to follow)

10th October – World Mental Health Day ' Wear Yellow' (more details to follow)

22nd October and 24th October – Learning Conversations (more details to follow)

Friday 25th October – Last day of the half term

Hillside School Dates 2024-2025

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■ Staff training days – school closed
■ School holiday closures
■ Bank Holidays