



Hillside Herald

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E-COMMUNICATIONS

Please remember to use our website, Twitter and ParentMail to keep up to date and to keep in touch.



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ParentMail



Our autumn term calendar is available on the mobile friendly website and is also sent with this newsletter. Check out dates for our parent shares and those all important Christmas performances.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Donations to FIND

Thank you for your donations to our Harvest Festival on Friday, food parcels can now be created by the charity FIND.

We will be collecting donations until the end of the week so please feel free to send non-perishable food items to school until then.

STOKE HIGH SCHOOL PASS CARDS

Stoke High School students should now have their RED pass cards. Students will not be permitted access to the site without one. Please help us limit numbers of people on the playground at the end of the day by ensuring students only come on site to collect siblings and not to meet up with parents. Thank you.

Who should I talk to if?.....We are often asked this question by parents and, of course, the first person to talk to if you need support, help, advice or information is your child's teacher. If you need to talk to someone beyond your child's teacher, please speak to your child's Year Leader of Learning. Each year group (Nursery, Reception to Year 6) has a senior teacher who fulfils this role. Please refer to the notice board on the playground to see who is your child's Year Leader of

NEW SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINES

Year 6 to High School in 2019. You will need to complete preferences and applications to High Schools by **WEDNESDAY 31st OCTOBER**.

Primary School Places. You will need to apply for a primary school place for your child by **TUESDAY 15th JANUARY** if they are due to start school (Reception) in September 2019. You must complete this application if your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015.

For more important information, visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/

PUPIL UNIFORM POLICY

This week's headline - Don't forget there are clear warnings and sanctions for not adhering to School Uniform rules this term. This includes PE kit. Kit should be: YELLOW t-shirt, black shorts, black plimsolls or trainers. A tracksuit may be worn in colder weather. PE will never be cancelled due to bad weather.

Full policy on the website.

Well done to Mrs North, who helps the Rotakids organise fundraising events, for having her efforts recognised by the Rotarians at their



annual awards event in August. Check out our school award in the trophy cabinet if you can.

Our School Priorities this year Each year we review our successes and areas we wish to improve.

I am pleased to say that our school continues to improve - teachers are becoming increasingly skilled, children are becoming better learners and attaining better outcomes in the basic skills (maths, reading and writing) and all areas of the curriculum.

This year we will be working hard to make progress in the following areas:

- * Continue to improve outcomes in the basic skills of maths, reading and writing.

Children will be learning from new mathematics materials called POWER MATHS. We will emphasise our passion for reading at Hillside. Celebrating reading in Accelerated Reader, Bug Club and library events. We will give children the opportunity to develop their speech and language (oracy) which will also help their writing.

- * Further develop the wider curriculum. Building on the success of sport and music, we plan to extend the wider science and arts curriculum; aiming to achieve the Arts Mark by the end of the year.

UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

27th Yr6 SATS Parents' Information Sessions (3.30pm and 7pm)

28th Hillside Languages Festival

OCTOBER

3rd/4th Grandparents' Lunch

(Reception/KS1 – Wednesday and KS2 – Thursday)

10th Full Local Governing Board Meeting

11th Reception Phonics Share to Parents

W.b. 15th PTA Halloween Disco tickets on sale



Congratulations to:

- *Mr and Mrs Elaine Cain (Year 5 teacher) who had a baby boy this week. His name is Reuben.

- *Anna in Year 2 who starred in a Disney commercial earlier this week. No pictures as yet - you'll have to wait until Christmas.

- * Miss Clarke (Year 4 teacher) who has been awarded 'Most Outstanding Student 2017-18' for her teacher training course last year. It is wonderful to have her as a teacher on our staff teaching your children.

COUNTY LINES - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

What are County Lines? 'County Lines' and the supply of drugs is effectively a gang of at least three people who have established a drug market in a rural town, with origins to an urban city location. For example for Suffolk, it is likely to be a gang from London moving into local towns, predominantly Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and Lowestoft, to transport/sell class A drugs (specifically crack cocaine and heroin). It's a national trend and all forces within the East are aware and are tackling the issue. Mobile phones are frequently used to facilitate the drug deals and these are professional and experienced gangs.

More information is attached to this newsletter.