



The Liskeard Hillfort Primary School  
**Newsletter**  
for pupils, staff and parents

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

I'd like to welcome all the record number of children to Liskeard Hillfort, as well as their parents and carers back to school after the long Summer break. I would especially like to welcome the children who are new to the school – either in Reception or children who have transferred. We all hope that you have a happy and rewarding time here at the school. Children - you all look incredibly smart as you start your school year!

We also welcome our new school meal provider – Caterlink. As one contract came to an end, we had the opportunity to see if we could improve the standard on offer. Early taste tests are really positive – we hope that you agree that what is on offer will be of a higher quality.

It's been quite a busy break here at school. I'm sure you will see the ongoing improvements to the site, both inside and outside of the school – although the rain has slowed the painting work down a little! There are more changes to come too, such as our Community Allotment (supported by Tesco) and a Community Café. More to come on that in coming weeks!

Over the next few weeks we will also be informing parents and carers about various aspects of our curriculum delivery. There will be new packages that parents will be able to access at home that will help to deliver Maths, Reading and E-Safety. Today, we have introduced our digital reward system, Class Dojo. You will be able to track how your children are doing in school as they receive reward points. This replaces the 'Smiley' system. Soon, class blogs will appear and you will be able to contact teachers via the programme too. We hope that you find it useful. Instructions have gone home with your child today. (If you experience any problems, please let us know.)

Finally, many thanks to all car drivers for your patience with the roadworks. I know many of you have chosen to walk in (despite the weather) to ease the traffic. Where cars are needed, I'm grateful for the patience in the traffic queue...we do have young children crossing, so calm driving is appreciated!

Have a lovely weekend and if you have any issues, please do not hesitate to contact me on [cook@liskeardhillfortprimary.org.uk](mailto:cook@liskeardhillfortprimary.org.uk).

Dr Tim Cook, Principal

**Child Protection and Safeguarding:** Please note that our designated Child Protection Officer is Mrs Greenaway and our deputy Child Protection Officer is Miss Morrison. If parents or staff have any concerns about children they will report information to Mrs Greenaway or Miss Morrison and they will decide if any action needs to be taken by the school. We take all issues seriously.

**School Uniform:** Thank you for helping us maintain high standards of appearance and providing the correct uniform for your child. Please make sure that all uniform is labelled so that it can be returned to the rightful owner.

Can we remind parents that black cardigans for girls can only be worn with the school summer dresses. Cardigans are not part of the uniform with shirts and ties. Both girls and boys have the option of wearing a knitted black v-neck jumper under their blazer for added warmth. Crew-neck black sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform at Hillfort. If your child is not in the correct uniform they may be asked to wear uniform from our pre-loved box.

Please can we remind parents that if your child has long hair, this must be tied back for health and safety reasons. If your child has their ears pierced they can wear small studs only whilst in school, which must be taken out for PE or taped over.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform.

**Some Attendance Reminders:**

Please be reminded that the school gate opens at 8.45am and closes at 8.55am. Children must be in school on-time and be ready for learning. If children are late they should be accompanied by a parent or carer to the school office where they will be signed in. The reason for lateness (and number of minutes) will be recorded on the pupil's file. Attendance and lateness is closely monitored by the school and Education Welfare Officer. If your child is poorly, parents/carers should telephone the school office before 9.00am on each day the child is not fit for school. The school office is open from 8.00am but there is an answerphone facility available should you call before office opening times. If you need to take your child out of school during the day for a medical appointment, please notify the school in advance if possible. We also require a copy of medical

appointment letters if possible. **Non-emergency dental and medical appointments should be arranged out of school hours.**

**Government School Attendance Regulations:** Term-time holidays – a reminder to parents that family holidays should be booked out of term-time in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulation 2006. Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please note that if you take your child out of school without permission you are committing an offence.

**Thank you to all families for supporting our school in maintaining good attendance. Every minute of learning counts.**

**Arrangements for the start and end of the school day** – At the end of term, parents of children in current Years 1-6 were sent a letter from the school regarding the collection arrangements for the start and end of the day. Parents of children new to the school were sent these as part of their welcome pack. If you have already done so, please ensure you complete and return the form detailing who can collect your child at the end of the day. Thank you.



**Asthma inhalers:** If your child has asthma and needs an inhaler please ensure you complete a new 'Administering of Medicine' form (available from the School Office or school website). Please hand in the inhaler clearly labelled together with the completed form to the office.

**Other medicines:** If your child requires medicine, where possible this should be given outside of school hours. If medicine needs to be administered in school, parents should complete the form as above and given to the school office together with the medicine. **Please note we are only permitted to administer medicine prescribed by a doctor and we do so on a voluntary basis.** The school does not take responsibility for missed doses.



**Swimming:** Class 4CH will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and will be enjoying this activity for the rest of this half-term on Wednesday mornings. Class 4SM will have swimming lessons from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.



**Break Time Snacks:** Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are provided with a free piece of fruit or vegetable every morning through a Government - funded scheme. Children in Reception also receive free milk. Key Stage 2 children may bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables) to have at morning break. Please ensure that your child has water only in a named drinks bottle, and not juice or squash. Drinks

bottles are available to buy from the School Office for £1.50. (Replacement tops can be purchased for 30p.)

**Car parking:** Parking on the school site is very limited. Please be vigilant and be aware of our pupil and parent pedestrians in the car park. If you cannot park on the school site please be considerate of nearby residents.



**No Dogs on Site:** A reminder to all parents that no dogs are allowed on the school site including the car park. We ask dog owners to be extra considerate when waiting outside of the school grounds with their pet/s as we have small pupils and younger siblings using the pavement who may find dogs scary. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Reception Admissions for 2018:** If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2018. The application deadline is **23:59 on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.** Further application details are [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) or telephone 0300 1234 101

**Secondary School Admissions for September 2018:** If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for a place in Year 7 in a secondary school for September 2018. The application deadline is **23:59 on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.** Further application details as above.

## Diary Dates

### September

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>		After- school clubs commence
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>		4CH swimming lessons commence
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Year 6 Delaware meeting for parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	6VM Assembly

### October

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	2SW Assembly
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	5ML Assembly
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	3RK Assembly

### November

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>		4SM swimming lessons commence
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	4CH Assembly
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	6JF Assembly
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.45pm	5HB Assembly

