



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

20th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A great week at Liskeard Hillfort Primary this week!

Congratulations to the children as they have worked so hard this half-term – especially those who have completed most/all of the optional homework. Well done – I look forward to the milkshakes and muffins after the break. We are super proud of all of you.

After half-term, during the first week back (starting Tuesday 31st October), teachers would like to take the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how your child has settled into the new year. We very much look forward to welcoming you all into school on Parents Evenings!

There are many strengths to our school and we like to celebrate our successes. We have a happy, collaborative staff team. We see that children are happy in their classes, whilst friendships and playtimes are mostly very positive. Children engage in learning and have great attitudes. This is a great school to be part of.

Moving forward, we wish to keep improving in certain areas. In particular, these include:

- improving the teaching and learning of Maths, including embedding of the Mastery Approach;
- improving achievement in writing, reading and spellings;
- continuing to embed our governors and middle leaders as a strong part of the school.

During the year we will share with you how we are making progress with these areas.

Over the last week, I am delighted to see how the EYFS area has benefited from the installation of a new writing area and the final installation of the sensory room. We are also very grateful to the PTA for their running of the Halloween Disco!

Looking back over the term, we are especially pleased at how our new Maths resources have been used by the children whilst the various trips are fast becoming a Hillfort tradition! I've been delighted to welcome the Early Energy Centre to the school after school, alongside Samba Kernow and the Karate club

as we become a real community hub. Finally, we look forward to welcoming a coach of dance enthusiasts back from Falmouth University as part of a sponsored Children's University trip.

When we get back, I will be writing to you with details of new strategies to improve Reading including (a) a new package called Accelerated Reader (b) details of another £5000 of funding for our school library. If you include the £7000 of books from last year, (taking us up to approximately £12000) that's a lot of books over the last 18 months or so! We also have our eyes on the installation of a poly-tunnel to support our outside learning.

Thank you for your support over this half term -the children have settled well and are making progress. And finally, do enjoy time with your child over half term. Have a lovely half-term!

Kind regards

Dr Tim Cook

Year 6 Delaware Residential: Yet again the Year 6 residential at Delaware was a success. Despite the weather, the children enjoyed canoeing, rock climbing, archery, moorland walks, mountain biking and a campfire in the evenings. All the children returned to school in fantastic spirits if not a little tired!



Gooseberry Parent 'Tips' of the week



Searching and web browsing online is a skill. Responsible and safer searching can help reduce inappropriate browsing and results.

- Choose a web browser and take time to secure and manage the settings.
- Securing what can be searched for and managing the results can help reduce the risk of inappropriate searching and content.
- Signing up to an account can help you further manage, secure and lock the web browser security settings.

Parents' Evenings: Please note - Our Parents' Evenings for all children will be held on Wednesday 1st November, 3.30pm - 6.30pm and Thursday 2nd November, 4.00pm - 7.00pm.

Appointment sign-up sheets are available in the main reception area.

Attendance: Each week the class with the highest attendance gets to look after CJ Bear from Commando Joe. We aim to achieve greater than 96% each week which is the national and county attendance target.



Class Attendance: 02/10/2017 -08/10/2017

Rockets	97.69%	Stars	96.67%
1ET	93.04%	1BH	99.17%
2SW	97.86%	2NB	95.77%
3BK	98.4%	3DW	95.65%
4SM	93.45%	4CH	95.17%
5ML	93%	5HB	98.46%
6VM	94.44%	6JF	93.93%

Well done to class 1BH, 3BK and 5HB who were the winners of the KS1 and KS2 Attendance Cups for this week respectively.

Class Attendance: 11/10/2017 -15/10/2017

Rockets	97.69%	Stars	99.26%
1ET	86.96%	1BH	97.5%
2SW	98.57%	2NB	98.46%
3BK	99.2%	3DW	100%
4SM	97.5%	4CH	98.21%
5ML	97.24%	5HB	98.85%
6VM	100%	6JF	94.44%

Well done to classes RVH, 3DW and 6VM who were the winners of the KS1 and KS2 Attendance Cups for this week respectively.

Parking:

As many parents and carers are aware, parking is often something of a concern here at school - especially around 'home time'. There is an article in this week's Cornish Times, for example, which I have contributed some thoughts to.

In addition, please be aware that a consultation has just opened at the council. This is for a change to the parking regulations outside of school. A direct quote from the planning application is below:

Traffic issues such as obstructive parking, congestion and road safety outside of schools has been highlighted by Council Members and local communities as an increasing concern. School Keep Clear markings are currently only advisory. However, if formalised, they help to improve the safety of pedestrians, particularly children, travelling to and from school; create clear sightlines for passing motorists and also help to enable the free flow of traffic in the vicinity of schools thereby avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road. These works will be undertaken during 2017/2018. In addition, it is proposed to implement new restrictions on waiting in the vicinity of the following schools: Gunnislake, Harrowbarrow, Landulph, Menheniot, Brunel, St Stephens, Torpoint, Trenode and Hillfort Primary School, Liskeard.

In addition, I will be requesting a pelican crossing to be installed immediately to the left of the school where our school crossing patrol used to be. Any public support in this matter will be very gratefully appreciated.

https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_id=1752&status=2&criteria=1

Many thanks for your time in this matter,

Tim Cook, Principal

Class Assemblies: After half-term we shall be changing the format of the class assemblies. Parents and carers will be invited into the classroom to see children's learning in action as well as a mini performance. Diary dates below. We look forward to seeing you.





Child Flu Immunisation Programme:

Kernow Health CIC will be delivering the new immunisation service in schools from October onwards. The reason for

this way of immunisation is that we have the poorest up-take in flu immunisations, so this is the efficient way to get the whole population protected.

About the Programme

Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 (boys and girls) will receive a nasal spray flu vaccination.

The Kernow Health CIC nurses are all experienced Practice nurses from local GP surgeries. They are all used to delivering vaccines.

The date of their visit will be **Monday 28th November**.

Consent process

Parents should have received a consent form and further information already, which needs to be handed into reception.

Children in KS2 who are required to have the flu immunisation, should contact their GP in the usual way.

Diary Dates



November

Monday 30 th October		INSET days – school closed to children
Wednesday 1 st	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd	4.00pm –7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd		Tempest photographers in to class 4CH individual photos
Wednesday 8 th	2.45pm	4CH Class assembly – all parents welcome
Wednesday 15 th	2.45pm	6JF Class assembly – all parents welcome
Wednesday 22 nd	2.45pm	5HB Class assembly – all parents welcome
Tuesday 28 th		Flu immunisation programme for Reception and Years 1-4

December

Friday 8 th	3.30pm-6.00pm	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 20 th	1.30pm	Break up for Christmas Break



A big thank you from the PTA to all the children and staff who attended the Halloween Disco yesterday. The costumes were fantastic and it was great to see all the children thoroughly enjoying themselves. We made a profit of £458.

Our next event will be the Christmas Fayre on **Friday 8th December, 3.30pm – 6.00pm**. To book a table for £5, please contact the school office.



Community News:

OUR NEW GROUP 'ALPHA' FOR 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS
STARTS THURS 2ND Nov 3.45 – 4.30PM
MORE INFO/ BOOK YOUR PLACE CALL 07899 953091

CARADON YOUTH DANCE

THURSDAYS
LISKEARD HILLFORT PRIMARY
OLD ROAD, PL14 6HZ

WWW.EARLYENERGY.CO.UK/ENSEMBLES

CARADON YOUTH STREET DANCE WORKSHOP

Monday 23rd October 2:30 – 4pm
Liskeard Hillfort Primary School
BOOK YOUR PLACE 07899 953091
www.earlyenergy.co.uk

THE EARLY ENERGY CENTRE





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