



EDUCATION RESOURCES
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St.Hilary's Primary and Nursery Class - Head Teacher Mrs. M.Reid

Phone: 01355 232066
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Dear Parent,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely summer break. The children have settled in brilliantly to their new classes and are looking fantastic in school uniform. Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring your child wears the appropriate school uniform. Please remember to ensure all items of school clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new P1 pupils and parents as well as our new pupils throughout the school; Sonny and Allan in P2, Layton in P3, Elizabeth and Falon in P6 and Toni in P7. We are delighted that you have joined us! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new member of staff Miss Dolan.

Health Promoting School

Parents are reminded that St. Hilary's is a health promoting school. As such, I would ask for your support in ensuring that every effort is made to provide your child with a healthy snack. Children are also encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school each day to have during class time.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has resumed and begins at 8:15am every morning.

Medical Information and Medication

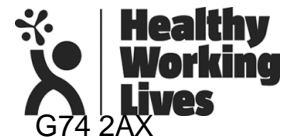
Annual data checks will be sent home over the next few days. Please check that all the details are correct and return to school promptly. If your child requires any medication in school, please note that the appropriate paperwork must be completed at the school office. Any prescription medications must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Allergy Alert!

Parents are reminded that we have pupils in the school with a nut allergy. Please ensure that children do not bring peanuts or any form of nut product to school. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.



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Absence Reporting

Procedures for absence reporting are as follows:

1. Parents must telephone the school office by 9:30am on your child's first day of absence and if possible, indicate how long the absence is likely to last.
2. Telephone the school office after 3/4 days to update the school if the absence is continuing.
3. Give your child a written note on their return to school.

If you fail to report an absence the school will contact you to enquire about the absence. In the event we are unable to contact you, or an emergency contact, the Attendance Officer will be informed.

Time Keeping

Please note that the nursery day begins at 8:45am and school at 8:55am. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives on time.

If you are running late to collect your child at the end of the day, if possible, please contact the school office. Any child who has not been collected from the yard at 3pm will be taken to the school office.

Please note that nursery **finishes at 4:10pm** and children should be out of the building for this time. Parents are asked to be at the nursery at 4pm to help their child change shoes and put on coats for going home.

PE

The PE kit consists of red polo-shirt and black shorts. Children are also required to wear soft indoor shoes during lessons. Children will not be permitted to take part in PE lessons bare foot. Jewellery is not permitted during PE lessons and must be removed for safety reasons. Every child is entitled to 2 hours of physical activity in school a week. We achieve this through our PE lessons as well as classes taking part in the 1K a day/ Mile a day challenge.

Golden Time

The children are very excited about the introduction of Golden Time in the school. Golden Time is a whole school, promoting positive behaviour strategy. Golden time rewards children for effort and positive behaviour by allowing them to opt into a 'Master Class' style activity on a Friday afternoon.

Each member of teaching staff, as well as a selection of support staff, will lead a Golden Time Activity. A child begins the week with their full allocation of Golden Time (35mins). If a child is being disruptive or has not followed the school's code of conduct, then Golden Time can be lost. In general terms Golden Time can be deducted for 5- 10 minute intervals. The length of Golden Time lost is at the discretion of the class teacher or Senior Management Team.

The children will always be given the opportunity to earn some, or all, of their Golden Time back.

If by a Friday afternoon the pupil has lost 15 minutes or more Golden Time they must report to Mrs Reid for time out where the reason for loss of Golden Time will be discussed and an appropriate activity completed.

If a child loses more than 15 minutes Golden Time, their parents will be informed.

Our Achievement Tree

Children will be given a leaf to record their achievements on. This will then be added to our

Achievement Tree on display in the foyer. Given the talent and successes of our pupils our tree will quickly be blooming! If you have a photograph/certificate etc you would be happy to display alongside the achievement tree these are very welcome.

Pupil of the Week

We are making a change this term to how we recognise achievements and attainment within the class. Each week the teacher will be asked to nominate a Pupil of the Week. The Pupil of the Week will receive a certificate at assembly on a Monday. The certificate will detail why the child is Pupil of the Week. Pupils can earn the certificate by being successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors. Please look out for the display in the foyer.

School Library and Sensory Room

We have created a new school library area and over the course of the term are hoping to create a sensory/relaxation room to be used by all pupils. We intend to furnish these areas with cushions/ beanbags etc to make it a relaxed and welcoming area for the children. If you have any second hand furnishings that are still in a good condition we would be delighted to accept donations.

Fundraising Read-a-thon

We are having a sponsored readathon over the September weekend to raise funds for reading resources and items for our sensory room. Each child is asked to get sponsorship at 1p per page. More details to follow nearer the time.

Board Games

We are looking for donations of board games that are in good condition that can be used during Breakfast Club and Golden Time.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th September.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will resume week beginning the 29th August. This year we will have football, badminton, clubercise, dance, netball, film club, athletics and drawing on offer. Letters with details will be distributed to the appropriate classes next week.

Volunteers

As a school we rely heavily on parent and wider family volunteers to allow us to run clubs and be able to attend trips and events out with the school. Many thanks to all the parents who completed the parental involvement questionnaire last term. These details have been collated. If you are available to help in the school on a voluntary basis please inform the school office.

Security Reminder

Please note that under no circumstances should parents permit other adults into the school building or approach teachers in the classroom during or after school. All visitor must report to the school office.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Harris Kerr P6, who made the papers this summer thanks to his heroic actions and participation in the discovery and rescue of a badly injured man while on holiday. Well done Harris, you truly are a 'Hilary's Hero' and we are proud of you!

Thank you

On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you most sincerely for the very kind gifts we received at the end of term. It really is not necessary but we do appreciate your kindness and overwhelming generosity!

Important dates for your diary

Please see attached sheet for dates for your diary.

I am looking forward to the year ahead. Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Reid
Head Teacher

Holidays 2016-2017	
23 rd September	Holiday
26 th September	Holiday
14 th October	School closes at 3pm
24 th October	School re-opens
21 st November	In-service day- school closed to pupils
22 nd December	School closes at 2:30pm
9 th January	School re-opens
13 th February	Holiday
14 th February	Holiday
15 th February	In-service day- school closed to pupils
31 st March	School closes at 2:30pm
Tuesday 18 th April	School re-opens
1 st May	Holiday
4 th May	In-service day- school closed to pupils
26 th May	Holiday
29 th May	Holiday
27 th May	School closes at 1pm

Other Important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 31 st August	Mass of Welcome 2pm
Thursday 1 st September	M and M Theatre Company £1
Wednesday 7 th September	Parent Council AGM 7pm
14 TH and 15 TH September	School Photographs
Friday 28 th October	Interim Report issued
Monday 31 st October	Halloween disco –to be confirmed
Tuesday 1st November	PARENTS EVENING 3pm- 8 pm
Thursday 1 st December	St Andrews and St Brides Information Evening
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Fair –to be confirmed
Monday 19 th December	Nursery Nativity 11am / 2pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas disco –to be confirmed
Wednesday 21 st December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 22 nd December	Carol concert – 1.15pm
Friday 13 th January 2017	Feast of St Hilary
Wednesday 25 th January	Burns Day celebration
Monday 22 nd May	St Andrews and St Brides Parent Workshop

Tuesday 23 rd May	P7 Induction St Andrews and St Brides – to be confirmed
Wednesday 24 th May	P7 Induction St Andrews and St Brides – to be confirmed
Thursday 25 th May	Report Card issued
Thursday 1st June	Parents Evening 3pm – 8pm
Thursday 15 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 21 st June	Leavers Mass