

# Hillesley

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Good news! We have a full complement of staff, and thankfully all are now well. After our rather rocky start to the school year we are now back on track and normal duties will resume.

Mrs King and Miss Suggitt have asked me to pass on their thanks for all the well wishes for their recovery from illness. There are a lot of sniffles and coughs in school at the moment but this is relatively normal at this time of year. The flu immunisations were delivered by a very friendly nurse team and all the children seemed happy enough. There were even laughs about tickled noses. We do need to continue to be covid-vigilant of course and keep up the cautious approach to any illnesses. All school staff will continue to test at least twice weekly. Thank you to those parents who have kept their children away from school when they have been unwell and thank you for using LF testing to check any illnesses have not been covid. I think this will continue to be a very important part of keeping the school virus free over the coming autumn and winter months.

I would also like to thank the staff who had to cover roles and additional work that they would not normally be expected to do. They have worked super hard to keep the school running for the children during this time of staff illness and self-isolation.

You will receive the curriculum information for this term along with this letter and you will see we are beginning to plan activities that we were unable to deliver last year. Our Year 6 have already had great fun at the Cluster South Cerney outdoor and water sports day. It was a rather wet day as it rained as well as the activities being water based! Thanks to Mr Whitbread and Mrs Preece for accompanying the children and for getting rather damp!

The first swimming session went well last week and we look forward to the weekly visits to Dursley Pool.

After some deliberation taking into account covid infection rates going up in schools, the local schools sports' association have decided to wait until after half term before arranging any inter-school events. This includes the cross country races at KLB.

We have also welcomed our new sports coaches, Mr Evans and Mr James. They have made a super start with PE and the children seem to be enjoying these lessons. Next week they will be running a Sports Club after school, 3.15 to 4.15pm for KS2. There will be a separate letter about this so please look out for it and return the permission slips. There is a small charge for this club and children will be signed up for the whole term.

Homework – is now available on Google classroom. The children have their logins so can now begin to access the homework provided.

Could I remind all parents to please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading record book to school daily. If you have any school books at home from the summer period, please can you return these as soon as possible. The small supply of bookbags for KSI we had left in the office has now gone, but the bookbags are available on our uniform supplier's website [www.monkhouse.com](http://www.monkhouse.com)

Another reminder is for the children to have a rain coat with them as the weather is so unpredictable and changeable throughout the day at this time of year. Waterproof coats are very important on Thursdays (PE and Forest Schools) and Fridays (swimming).

We are in the process of organising school trips and visits to the allotment for KS2. Please watch out for more information in the near future.

The FOHS have held their first meeting and they have lots planned. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rachel Preece as she steps down from her role of Chair. Rachel has done a wonderful job over several years and has helped the school enormously through fund-raising.

The Breakfast Club is up and running and the children attending seem to be enjoying eating their breakfast at school. Miss Suggitt and Miss Scudamore are running this breakfast provision every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. If you would like to sign your child up for Breakfast Club please complete the [Registration Form](#), then book the sessions you require and pay via ParentPay.

KSI parents will also see an item on ParentPay for Forest School donations – each year we ask parents to make a contribution towards the resources required to run Forest School and your support with this is much appreciated.

Towards the end of last term, two new Foundation Governors were appointed – Louise Williams, who is also a parent, and Mairi Frith, who lives in the village. We welcome them to their new roles on the Governing Body. We have one remaining Foundation Governor vacancy, and at the start of term 3 we will have another Parent Governor vacancy – look out for a letter about this in December. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please contact [clerk@hillesley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@hillesley.gloucs.sch.uk)

Here we are at the end of week 2 and we are at last full steam ahead!

Regards,

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