

Hillesley

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

This term seems to be going so fast but that's probably because it is such a busy one! Thanks to all those parents and supporters who attended District Sports. It was a great evening with many emotions from excitement to nervous tears but it was a good experience for all concerned. Well done to all the competitors and thanks go to the FOHS who organised a very well-received refreshments station.

The Year5/6 pupils along with myself and Mrs England, had a very exciting and super busy time at Kilve Court for the residential, outdoors and adventure trip. Not only did the children have a chance to take part in many activities such as archery, low ropes, climbing wall, pond and stream dipping, team-building games and a strenuous walk up the Quantocks to build dens and enjoy the wonderful views across the Severn Estuary, but they also had the experience of having to organise themselves and get along with others from other schools. It is almost a "right-of passage" experience and good preparation for transition to secondary school when independence and self-reliance skills become even more important. It was also my very last residential trip and although I had hardly any sleep and averaged 27,000 steps a day, it was a super last time for me as the children were so well-behaved and we all had laughs and fun too. It is a very worthwhile experience and I am sure these trips will continue for future year5/6 pupils.

I am sorry that there was no Forest Schools for Class 1 this week but as Hannah is organising Forest Schools activities at the Nibley Festival this coming weekend, she had to go and set up there. Maybe some of you will see her there if you are attending this weekend.

On Monday July 4th Class 1 will be attending the postponed Multi-Skills event at KLB. Class 1 parents please remember that you are dropping the children off at KLB between 9.15 and 9.25 for a 9.30 start. Mrs King, Mrs England and Miss Suggitt will be there to meet the children. The event is run by Sharron Bates, KLB and there will be KLB students who are Sports Leaders, helping out. It is usually a super event and a chance for the younger children to experience going to KLB! Sharron Bates will bring most of the children back, along with Mrs King, in a KLB minibus and I will also be available to drive a few others back as we can't quite fit everyone in the minibus! The children need to be in their PE kits and have water bottles, warm/weather appropriate top layer and sun hat. Please don't worry about Book Bags on Monday.

The children will be back in time for lunch.

Hillesley School's Sports' Day is also happening very soon – Tuesday 12th July 1.30pm at the playing field. All welcome.

Then on Thursday 14th July we will be holding our final Celebration Worship of this school year. If your child has any awards etc from outside school activities please bring them in, in a named bag/envelope by latest Wednesday 13th July.

Our Leavers' Service will take place at St Giles at 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th July and once the service is over you can take your child home or join in any FOHS celebrations at the playing field.

We have, this week, welcomed Miss Sargeson back after her maternity leave. She will be working mainly in Class 1 in September.

Mr Whitbread has also returned to school after a short absence due to bereavement. I am sure you all join with me to pass on our sincere condolences to Mr Whitbread and his family.

The remaining two and a half weeks for the children will be jam-packed with some lessons as usual but also lots of other things going on! I will also be continuing to work on a smooth hand-over with the incoming Head Teacher, Mrs Chandler, who you will get to meet properly in September, once she is in post.

Reminders – please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day. Sun hats and waterproof coats seem to be both necessary at the moment to.

Parking – residents who live in School Close, directly opposite the school have asked that I remind parents to park respectfully and not in or blocking their parking bays. If you park there it is essentially blocking their drive ways and it is very disruptive to these residents. If there is nowhere to park remember you can park near the tennis courts and walk the few minutes around the corner to school.

I will write my final newsletter on Friday 15th July.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend in the sunshine, at the festival or wherever you will be and I look forward to my last few, very busy weeks here at our wonderful village school.

Regards,
J. Pedley