

Hillesley

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

Here it is – my very last Hillesley School newsletter! I can't quite believe it!

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Celebration Worship yesterday. I have always enjoyed these special celebrations where we get a chance to share positive thoughts, celebratory awards and experiences. I look forward to seeing you next week at the Leavers' Service at St Giles – Wednesday 1.30pm.

Sports day was also a great success and thanks for your attendance and for cheering the children on. I love our traditional sports day and I am sure it will continue in years to come.

The annual reports will be sent out early next week so look out for those and if you have any comments please fill in the reply slip that will accompany your child's report. You can also email or call the school office if you have a particular query. Year 6 parents will also receive the SATs results and some explanatory notes about scaled scores. We certainly have a super set of results and all credit to the children and thanks to Mrs Cooper for their hard work.

Next week we are expecting very high temperatures, in fact I do not remember ever having forecasts quite like this in all the years I have worked in schools and it is many years! The Dfe have sent out a message to say that Head Teachers need to refer to their own emergency and contingency planning.

Our emergency planning states that we will;

- Monitor temperatures in the classrooms
- Keep children indoors out of the sun
- Make sure the children drink plenty of water
- Limit physical activity
- Allow parents to collect their children early if they wish particularly if the child is asthmatic
- Keep the school well-ventilated as possible and move air around using fans
- Close the school if the indoor temperatures go above 32 to 33 degrees

If you chose to keep your child at home the absence will be authorised as the expected conditions are extreme. The children are also allowed to wear their PE kit to school if they find this cooler but girls might wish to wear summer dresses. The key is as cool as possible!

School staff have already begun the end-of-year tidy up and every year it feels like we are packing up to move house! There will be items to send home so if you haven't already, please send in a named, strong plastic carrier bag in readiness.

This past week we have also welcomed back three past pupils on their Year 10 work experience and they have been brilliant. Thanks to Charlie, Seth and Ben for all their hard work.

This afternoon saw the last DiddiDance session for Class I but I hope Emily will be able to return sometime next year as the children enjoy these sessions so much. Mr Evans our PE coach, did his last PE lessons but is hopefully returning in the new school year!

It has been a very strange week as I go around the school I have been told by children and staff to “go away” as they are clearly planning something!

I have continued to work with Mrs Chandler on hand-over so there will be continuity and the school will be ready to welcome everyone back in September.

I hope to get a chance to say lots of thank yous next week but I will also take the chance here too.

The whole school community is such a positive, happy and supportive place I have felt privileged to have spent the last 21 years of my teaching career at Hillesley. It is a vibrant, high-achieving, happy place that is loved by so many and I will miss it very much. Thanks to you all for your support over the years. When retired, I will have time to reflect and think back to all the past pupils, adventures, funny stories and so much more. The team here at Hillesley is the best I have ever worked with and they are what makes the place what it is. Even through the tumultuous and difficult past few pandemic years, there was a positivity and determination to get on with it all. I am sorry that my last few years meant I had to say “no” to many things that we would have normally done but now things are largely back on track I am sure it will be onward and upward for the future.

I hope to see you all at some point next week and I hope you enjoy the summer weather over the weekend.

Best wishes,

J.Pedley