

# **May Newsletter**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are almost at the end of another half term... this year is whizzing by!

### **Pupil Shout Out**

This newsletter must start with the pupil shout and this one is an easy one to choose... Year 6! This week they have completed their end of Key Stage Two tests (SATs) and have done so with determination and resilience. We are incredibly proud of them and the positive attitude to achieve their very best.

#### Attendance

For the period of time that we had no Family Liaison Officer (Mrs Corrie), I was leading on all attendance. As you know this is a huge focus for out school, and this time allowed me to look more closely at absences and patterns of absence. Moving forward, we will be reflecting on our approach to ensure that support is put into place as soon possible when attendance dips. There are of course individual cases where there are unique circumstances which require careful consideration, but overall, there are far too many children with inadequate attendance and a high percentage of unauthorised absences. This will be monitored and challenged much more closely moving forward and Mrs Crowther will be supporting me with this. If you are struggling in any way, please reach out to Mrs Crowther who will be happy to help so that we can work together to make the necessary improvements.

#### **Swimming/PE Kits**

Swimming is not optional, and children cannot opt out. A swimming kit needs to be provided so children can learn this important life skill to keep them safe.

There are still too many children without PE kits missing out on this aspect of their education and importantly exercise. Please bring in a PE kit in and leave it in school until half term break.

#### Uniform

Final reminder that navy blue skirts/shorts/trousers will no longer be part of our school uniform from September 2024. Children can wear black or dark grey.

All other uniform remains the same.

Completely black trainers are allowed, anything other than completely black will be replaced with spare school pumps until appropriate alternatives can be sourced.

Further information can be found: <u>Uniform - Hilton Lane Primary School - Aiming High</u> Together

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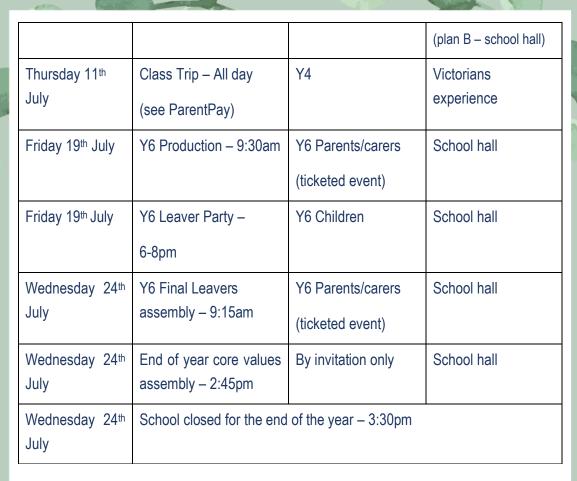
A big welcome to Mrs Crowther, our new Family Liaison Office, who started this week. Thank you to those who have already made her feel welcome and said hello. She has had a very busy first week and had made a very positive start.

## **Key Dates for Summer 2**:

There is A LOT going on!

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
Friday 7th June	Rescheduled EYFS Sports Day	Nursery and Reception (parent helpers for walking Nursery back needed)	School Field
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photo Day	Whole school	Nursery and Main School
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Zoo2You visit to school (see ParentPay)	Nursery	At nursery
Friday 28th June	Whole School Transition Day	All children visiting new classes for September	Whole school (Y6 at high school 27th and 28th
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Own clothes day!  Summer fair donations:  - N/R: Chocolate  - Y1/Y2: Sweets  - Y3/Y4: Teddy  - Y5/Y6: Bottle	Whole school	In school during the day
Tuesday 9th July	Summer Fair – 3:30pm	All invited	Outdoors – weather permitting

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Thank you as always for your ongoing support and kindness to all members of The Hilton Lane Family.

Kindest regards, Miss Kearsley.

