



February Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Another half term is almost done – time flies!

Year 6 Cake Sale

Well done to Year who are arranging a cake sale for after half term to raise important funds for MacMillian Cancer Charity. Keep your eyes peeled on seesaw for updates.

Lunches

Reminder... **order your children's lunches**. Get ahead with the orders **for after half term** to avoid it being missed. Order with your children to ensure that they are happy with the choice.

Curriculum Engagement

At Hilton Lane we offer a broad and balanced curriculum to all children – they each have a **right to access this statutory curriculum**. There has been an increase recently of children and parents/carers feeling that they can opt out of aspects of the curriculum. These requests are for a variety of reasons, and I would just like to clarify a few points:

- Not enjoying a subject as much as others is not a reason to request non-participation. We all have things that we prefer to do, but that doesn't mean we opt out of the others. This sends the wrong message – when things get difficult, we can't just give up.
- There may be things that cause children to feel a little worried e.g. drama activities, certain trips, PE etc, but again, this does not mean we can opt out. Identifying what support can be put into place to remove barriers is the key. This is an important part of developing children's resilience and it supports them in later life to try and overcome challenges. Adjustments and support can be offered always, but we cannot opt out of the National Curriculum.
- There are in some circumstance, certain aspects of the curriculum such as the sex education aspect of Relationship, Sex and Health Education, that can be opted out of, however, this would be in discussion with myself prior. You cannot opt out of the science related aspects.

PE Kits

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

Governor Update From Our Chair – Paul Henderson- Griffiths

I want to take a moment in this newsletter to introduce myself and the work of the Governing Board at Hilton Lane. My name is Paul, and I am the Chair of Governors. The Board is made up of volunteers, including a Governor appointed by the Local Authority, a Staff Governor

who is Miss Pilling, two parent Governors in Daniel Rowson and Deena Patel and Miss Kearsley as Headteacher.

The Governing Board of Hilton Lane Primary School works with the school community to create an environment where children and staff feel safe and are able to achieve their full potential.

As Governors we visit school often during the day to look at what is happening in school and also attend regular meetings to review and approve certain things, such as the school budget. We do have vacancies on the Board at present. If you would be interested in discussing these or finding out more about the work of the Board, we can be contacted via the School office.

Pupil Shout Out

To Year 4 for their wonderful assembly all about online safety. You were magnificent.

Staff Shout Out

To Miss Lowe in Year 1! Miss Lowe works exceptionally hard for the children and does so with a smile on her face. She brings such positivity. Thank you for all that you do.

If I don't see you, we finish on Friday 16th February so have a lovely week off and I'll see you on Monday 26th February 2024.

Kindest regards,
Miss Kearsley.

Attendance Reminder:

Did you know...
Attending 3½ days each
week = 70% attendance =
more than a quarter of the
school year missed.