



Maltby Hilltop School

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Dear families, parents and carers

Governors news and help!

I am really sad that Adele Alderson has resigned from the governors as her life is just so busy and she can't keep up with everything including now working at Hilltop. She has been a key governor for more than 8 years and has really made a difference to Hilltop school and supported us on our forward journey. It has been a real pleasure to work with Adele and she will be greatly missed in governors meetings.

The school is so keen to move things forward and we really need a new representative for parents to really question what we are doing and give me a bit of challenge and questioning in what we are doing. You don't need to know anything about how schools work. We would love to hear from someone who wants to make things even better for our students over the next few years. Could I urge any parent or carer to get in touch with me or Shaz Biggin just to talk about helping us to get better at what we do? Generally we meet every month on a Friday morning and sometimes governors come into school to support and check on how things are going in school.

If you have any ideas or could think of someone who could support us just let us know.

Summer Fete

It was a lovely sunny day and fun for all those who came. We raised £1,600 a great result!

Science week

Again, this has been a great success with so many students involved in a whole range of fun science activities. Thanks to Amanda France and Chris Spowage for organising a great week. It was great to see him with his shaved 'mad professor' hair cut!

Attendance

Thank you to all the parents who have really made an effort to ensure their child has good attendance. I am so thrilled as our attendance has gone up as a school to 89.46%. We are nearly up to our target of 90%.

EYFS and 6th Form students

Please be aware that we close early for the summer break for students in Yellow, Blossom classes and all 6th Form students in Homebase. School will finish for those students on Friday 20th July.

For the remainder of students it will be school as usual. This is important to ensure all our essential training is carried out yearly for all staff.

The rest of school will finish for the summer Friday 27th July.

Dinner cost in September

At the moment most of our secondary pupils are still paying for a 'primary' dinner in September we have agreed for all our secondary students to have a larger portion dinner. This will mean for our older students will now pay £2.25 for a dinner in September. This will apply to all students from Year 7 and older.



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New boiler

Nexus MAT have secured a grant for a whole new heating system throughout the school and this work should begin at the end of July. We are also planning new push button doors as part of this work.

New Mission statement

The governors have asked staff and parents about a new mission statement which we have now created. If you have any suggestions, want to re-write some or add new things we might have missed now is your chance. Just email me, write in home school diary or ring up with ideas. This is your last chance to adjust or add!

Hilltop Mission Statement is **“Be the best we can be”**

We do this by:

- Putting the needs of our students first
- Working in partnership with families and professionals
- Creating opportunities to achieve and enjoy
- Having a personalised curriculum
- Developing our skilled and experienced staff
- Treating all with care, respect and dignity
- Being open, clear and honest
- Developing practical life and social skills for a better future

Dates for your diary for the rest of the year

| Name of event | Date and time | Booking details |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 'S' Factor Final at Magna | Thursday 12 th July 7pm | Book through office |
| Parents to meet new class | Friday 13 th July 1:15ish | Just let us know |
| Lower school presentation | Thursday 19 th July 1:30 | Letters going out |
| Leavers Prom | Thursday 19th July Eve | Book through office |
| Upper school presentation | Friday 20 th July 1:30 | Letters going out |
| Proud Assembly | 2:15pm Friday 27 th July | Just turn up – please come! |

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