



May 2017

### School Dates

#### May

26th Wear your sports clothes to school day.

26th Finish for half term

#### June

June 5th Back to school

8th June Closed for voting

12th,13th,15th  
Reception—Safari park

*Please note—change of year group-*

14th Y1 farm visit

16th Y1 farm visit

21st Y1 farm visit

*The visit will be one class per day*

#### July

3rd Y6 Black Country Museum

4th Parents evening

25th Finish for summer

#### September

Return to school

4th+5th Teacher training days

6th September  
Children back in school

Dates may be  
subject to change

### Reading at Hillary.

Hello to Everyone. I just wanted to introduce myself, I'm Miss Baker and I am the new Assistant Head teacher with responsibility for reading here at Hillary.

I am currently teaching in 2 JC.

Thank you to all children and parents who have made my first half term at Hillary very welcoming.

I'm really looking forward to working with all staff, children and parents to raise the standards of reading here at Hillary.

We are striving to create a passionate reading community.

We believe that every child should be given the tools to develop into an enthusiastic confident reader.

Each class timetables a time where the children have the opportunity to read for pleasure.

The children also have access to a Lexia account which allows them access to a very personalised, on line, reading scheme.

The program assesses the children through a range of fun activities allowing them to firmly secure essential skills required for reading. The children are very excited about using the program, just watch out for the certificates that your child will be bringing home when they have successfully completed a level.

Reading at home is an essential part of learning to read.

Children are encouraged to read regularly at home and discuss texts with parents. The school library is well resourced and children have access to high quality books. Mrs Lowey is our librarian.

Her team work hard to keep our library up to date and organised.

So I am really excited about joining you on this journey of creating enthusiastic and confident readers.

Thank you

Miss A. Baker

### Fundraising

Wear your sports clothes for school.

Friday 26th May 2017

Pay £1

Money collected will go towards new toys for playtimes



### Congratulations

Mrs Bhardwaj has successfully gained a headship in Sandwell.

She will start her new post in September.

Miss Sangha will also be leaving at the end of this term

We wish them well for their future.

We have been pleased to appoint a new Leading Learning Practitioner who will start in September 2017. Joy Baker will work closely with Ms Dawkins and Mr Snowdon to continue to improve the quality of teaching and curriculum provision at school.