

Friday 15th June Mailbag

Eid Mubarak to all the Hillcrest families celebrating the end of Ramadan today. Have a wonderful time!

Reception Pet Day - Thank you to everyone who brought their pets in to meet the children today.

Off by Heart poetry recital - What a wonderful event! Well done to every child who learned and performed a poem for their classmates; you will have that poem in you head forever now! Thank you to Miss Swain for organising it. We had an exciting Grand Final on Thursday afternoon when the winners from each class performed for the whole school and a panel of expert judges. The standard was astonishingly high. **You can read all about it, watch the whole final and find out who won here.** It's definitely worth watching!

Yrs 5 & 6 Track & Field Athletics Event - IMPORTANT UPDATE - Miss Gard has had lots of interest in next Thursday's event but can only take a limited number of children. She will, therefore, be holding trials after school on Monday. **Please drop us an email to give permission** for your child to attend the trials and let us know whether they will be collected at 4.30 or can walk home alone.

Yr 6 Leavers' Party meeting for parents - Thursday 5th July in the Knowle from 8pm.

DINNER MONEY DEBT - Parents owe the school almost £1,000 in unpaid dinner money!

This is the highest it has ever been and is completely unsustainable. The school has to pay Chartwells for the meals, whether we've received the money or not, so school dinner accounts MUST be kept in credit. You couldn't take your child to a cafe and walk away without paying, so please don't do it here!

We know how difficult it can be for families to pay once the bill creeps up. That's why we have everything in place to make it easy for you to keep track - you can check your balance on Gateway and we text you as soon as you are in debt.

Please pay any outstanding debt immediately. If this is a problem, come and talk to us in the office - don't just leave it, it won't go away!

Friends News

Reception/ KS1 disco - Disco day is here! If you haven't got a ticket yet, there will be a few on the door. To keep your children safe, we'll need to sign them in when they arrive and back out again at the end. This might take a little while - we'll do our best to make it happen as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please don't take your child home without them being signed out by one of the helpers.

Reception disco starts at 5pm - doors open from 4.45pm for early sign in. Pick up from small hall from 5.45pm - outdoor entrance near reception gates.

KS1 disco starts at 6pm - doors open from 5.45pm for early sign in. Year 1 pick up from small hall from 7.15pm - outdoor entrance near reception gates. Year 2 pick up from 7.15pm inside main hall.

There will be drinks available but no food, so please factor that in to your disco evening preparations. Looking forward to seeing them all strut their funky stuff!

The Summer Fair will be taking place on Saturday 14th July 2018 between 12pm - 3pm. **The next Friends meeting** for the fair will be on Wednesday 20th June at 8pm in the Knowle Pub. Please come along if you would like to be involved or email liz.jordan@hotmail.com. Look out for next Friday's mailbag for full details about the fair. We will need lots of willing volunteers!

Friends Book Sale - Please bring in unwanted books from next Monday for resale by Friends of Hillcrest on Friday 22 June at end of school. Any volunteers to help set up and run the stall from 2.30pm would be greatly appreciated. Please let the school office or Chris Swinburn know. Chrisswinburn@yahoo.com

Friends Plant Sale - Due to nobody coming forward to help run a plant sale at the school I've decided to keep my plants at home and invite parents to come by arrangement to my home where they can buy potted Cosmos, mint, Pulmonaria, Geranium, Nasturtium, pond plants, etc etc. Donations to school. Chris Swinburn, Withleigh Rd BS4 2LQ Tel:07779 568394

Sponsored Walk - The sponsorship money has been rolling in! Thank you. We haven't counted yet but it looks as if the walk has been a great fundraising success, as well as a fun Healthy Hillcrest challenge for the children. Big thanks are due to Friends Chair, Ghislaine Swinburn, who master-minded the whole event. **Please drop any outstanding sponsor money into school by the end of the day on Monday** so that Friends can count how much has been raised to fund new reading scheme books. Any cheques should be made payable to 'Friends of Hillcrest Primary School'.

Yr 1 Sponsored Walk - As you know, Yr 1 were at Chepstow Castle on the day of the walk. Mr Mac assures us that 1CM and 1KL will be doing their mile around Arnos Vale at some point next week.

Letters

[Reception Bristol Zoo trip](#)

[Yrs 5 & 6 Film Club Awards invitation](#) for the children. (KS1 Film Club arrangements for *their* final session to be arranged.)

[Yrs 5 & 6 Film Club voting forms](#)

Community Notices

[Totterdown History Project exhibition flyer](#)

[Bristol Parent Carer Forum flyer](#) - re: recent changes in SEN support, for families of children with disabilities and special needs.

[9 - 13 yr olds - Solo singer opportunity - The Snowman with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra](#)

Look out for your next Mailbag on Tuesday.