

News 5th April 2019

A word from the Head...

So, my first official newsletter! I am absolutely THRILLED to bits to have been appointed as the new Headteacher for Hillcrest Primary School. I was genuinely touched last week by the responses from children, staff and parents - thank you.

I'm looking forward to (~~the two weeks holiday~~) building upon the success that the school has already achieved and working with the whole Hillcrest Community on lots of exciting challenges ahead. I'm particularly looking forward to working closely with Cat Cox, our new Chair of Governors, and with our new Business Manager, Ellie Armstrong, who will be joining us straight after Easter.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter break. I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 23rd April, refreshed and ready for the Summer Term.



Lost property - We keep a box of small lost property items in the office. It's bulging with glasses, keys, jewellery, watches, hairbands, small toys etc - even a phone that's never been claimed - dating back several terms. We'll put them out on the wall next to the front door at the end of school today. As usual at the end of term, we'll also put out the clothing from Lost Property. We will get rid of anything left unclaimed.

Yr 6 Leavers' Party Plant Sale, 22nd May! A reminder to any gardeners who may be sowing seed or dividing plants over the holidays - please set aside a few extra plants to donate to our plant sale! This will be greatly appreciated! Particularly popular and easy to grow from seed now are cosmos, nasturtiums, hollyhocks, nigella, beans, pumpkins, courgettes and herbs. Any houseplants you wish to relocate will also be gratefully received. Please contact Sheena Lindegaard <mailto:sheena@crops4energy.co.uk> if you have any queries. Thank you

Yr 6 parents - Look out for the minutes from the Leavers' Party meeting, arriving in a separate email.

Guinea pig cage wanted - Miss Silver and 3CS would like to get class guinea pigs. Does anyone have an indoor guinea pig cage they don't need any more?

Let's Pretend - KS2 lunchtime drama has just 3 spaces left. Christine has set up a waiting list for Reception and KS1 - email her to add your child's name. mail@christinehagan.co.uk

Head lice - Can you read this without scratching your head? Please will EVERY family make sure that children come back to school nit and louse-free after the holidays? Check hair thoroughly after washing by applying **lots** of conditioner and combing through, section by section, with a fine toothed comb. Please do it, even if your child's head isn't itchy. It just takes one family not to bother and we'll all be back to square one.

Enrichment Activities - Don't forget to book your child's clubs for next term. They start from the first day back. Click [here](#) to download next term's Enrichment Programme which includes details of clubs run by SuperStars, Hillcrest teachers and outside providers, including how to book.

Friends of Hillcrest Events

A night of fine wine, craft beer, curry and trivia - Friday 10th May

What more could you want?

Now in its fourth year, tickets for the annual **Hillcrest Parents' Quiz** will go on sale w/c 6th May in the playground at drop-off and pick-up. Tickets £7.50, including a meat or veggie curry. It's in the big hall from 8pm. Either come with a team (6-8 people) fully or part-formed, or join a team on the night.

And for the little ones...

An evening of stories, hot chocolate and snuggling on beanbags in your PJs!

What more could *they* want?

Bedtime Story Evening (Reception and Year 1) - Thursday 16th May

Starting from 6pm through till 7pm, teachers and parents will be reading a variety of stories to the children both in the main hall and in classrooms. Parents are expected to stay with children for the duration. Children (and adults, if you like!) are welcome to come in PJs, nighties and dressing gowns!

- More parent volunteers are still needed to read stories, so please email <mailto:friendsofhillcrestfundraising@gmail.com> if you fancy yourself as an old school Jackanory protagonist.
- If you don't want to read, we also need more volunteers to serve refreshments.
- We'll need lots of cushions and beanbags too, so please email Friends if you can bring any along on the night.

Diary Date - Keep Friday 12th July clear for THE social event of the year...The Parents' Disco!

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Look out for your next Mailbag on the first day of next term.