

## News 26 March 2019

**End of the financial year** - Please can you help Jill by making sure that all dinner money balances are in credit or nil on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April? If there is any money outstanding it will mean a lot of extra work for her.

**Keep the Blue Pitch clear after school** - Now the weather is cheering up, SuperStars would like to take their sports activities outside. Can we ask parents and children staying to play in the playground until 4pm to leave the blue pitch clear for them to use?

**Yr 4 Camp** - If you have chosen to pay by instalments, the final payment of £35 is due by 12<sup>th</sup> April.  
**Reception Picnic 2pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Check your child's book bag today: they've made you a Picnic invitation! Bring a small snack to share and join us for our Reception Spring Picnic in the playground. Pre-school siblings are welcome.

**Reception Height & Weight checks and Vision & Hearing Screening** - Each year in England, school children in Reception have their height and weight checked by the School Nursing Team, at school, as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Their vision and hearing are also checked at the same time. Look out for a letter from the Community Children's Health Partnership in book bags today. You can opt out if you wish.

**Reception & Yrs 1, 2 & 3** - As part of this term's SPESCH focus of 'Healthy Me', Hillcrest have teamed up with Colgate to promote positive oral health. All the children in Reception to Year 3 have been given a free toothbrush and travel-size toothpaste to encourage discussions around this topic at home. Look out for them in your child's bag tonight.

**Summer Fair Under Threat! Friends Meeting 8pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at The Knowle** - One of the key things we will be discussing is whether or not we can run a Summer Fair this year. The Fair is such a well-loved highlight of the school year (not to mention our biggest fundraiser) but, unless a group of parents come forward to help plan and run it, Friends just don't have the capacity to make it happen.

**Could you be part of the Summer Fair Team and save the day?** Come along to the meeting or let the Chair, Adam, know you'd like to lend a hand <mailto:friendsofhillcrestfundraising@gmail.com>  
The committee are looking forward to seeing old and new faces at the Knowle at 8pm tomorrow.

**Brownie hoodie** - Someone left their hoodie (with 'We the Curious', 'Parliament Week' and 'Brownie Skills' badges and a metal Brownies badge) in the playground. Sadly there's no name! It's in Lost Property in the 'Other' drawer.

**Emails going into Junk folder?** One or two parents have reported that the emails we send via Schoolcomms are going into their Junk folders instead of their Inboxes. (The email address they come from is [SC8012023a@schoolcomms.com](mailto:SC8012023a@schoolcomms.com) rather than something you would immediately recognise as being from Hillcrest). If you have had the same issue you can resolve it by adding the email address to your Safe Senders list. [Here](#) are instructions for how to do this on the most commonly used email programmes.

**Easter Egg Raffle** - Tickets will be on sale in the playground, before and after school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, until the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. The draw will be in the afternoon assembly on that Friday, the last day of term. (Proceeds to the Yr 6 Leavers' Party).

**Yr 6 Cake Sale after school on Friday**, in the playground or in the Small Hall if it's raining. Please drop any cake contributions to the little kitchen in the morning - pop to the office and we'll open the door for you. Some healthier options, eg. fruit kebabs, watermelon slices, muffins or cakes made with fruit/veg, would be particularly welcome. (Proceeds also going to the Yr 6 Leavers' Party).

**Yr 6 Leavers' Party, next planning meeting** - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at school, 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All Yr 6 parents welcome.

**Defibrillators** - We have a defibrillator in the school office that is available to the community when school is open. There are two others locally, in outdoor cabinets, accessible 24/7 with a code that the emergency operator will give you: one on the wall of the Jarman Hall on Sydenham Road and one at the Wells Road Osteopathic Practice, 253 Wells Road.

## **Letters**

[Friends of Hillcrest Meeting Agenda](#)

[Friends revised Events Calendar](#)

[Yr 5 Harry Potter film permission letter](#)

**Look out for your next Mailbag, including next term's Enrichment Programme, on Friday.**