

News

Yr 6 - Secondary School Applications Online applications opened today. The deadline for applications is midnight on 31st October 2018. You can find all the information you need about applying for secondary school on the BCC website here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>

Looking for a volunteer Each year Friends of Hillcrest arrange for all the children to draw a Christmas design to be printed on Christmas cards, mugs, tea towels etc. which make great Christmas presents. Rachel Harrison has organised this for the last four years and would like a rest! She is really hoping another parent or two would take over organising it this year. It is a pretty straight-forward process, all done and dusted by end of November. It is a really good fundraiser for Friends so we are keen to find someone who will take up the reins this year. If you think you might like to organise it please get in touch with Rachel and she will talk you through what's involved. rachellisaharrison@yahoo.com .

Unwanted books We want to get together a box of books that can go into the Woodland area at lunchtimes so that children can choose to sit quietly and read. If you have any old books your child has outgrown we'd love to have them. There's a green box outside the office for any contributions. Thank you.

Egg boxes We've finally got through the mountain of egg boxes people kindly brought and could do with some more. Just the half dozen ones please. Pop them into the office. Thanks.

Prospective Parents' Mornings We are holding open mornings for parents of children due to start school in September 2019 on Wednesday 17th October and Wednesday 7th November at 9:15am. If you know anyone with a child due to start school next September please spread the word. They need to ring the school office to book.

No more Stay & Play Sessions

It is with great sadness that we have decided to stop our Monday morning Stay and Play sessions at Hillcrest Primary, due to changes to our service. We want to give the children and families in our area the best service we can provide and to do this effectively we need to scale down some of our universal groups so that we can offer some targeted groups and more 1:1 family support.

Kind Regards

Julie Long

**Deputy Family and Community Locality Manager
Compass Point Children's Centre**

Breakfast Club Apologies for the technical problems some of you have experienced with Gateway over the last few days. Hopefully, the issues are now sorted.

We are delighted to announce that we have just appointed Arabella Webb to work alongside her mum, Shelley, at Breakfast Club.

A couple of parents have queried the notice required for bookings. Although you cannot make bookings on Gateway *yourself* less than 36 hours in advance, in an emergency, the office staff can make a booking on your behalf, up to 4:00pm the day before, or Friday for the Monday morning (you will then need to go onto Gateway to pay).

After School Activities

We have had great uptake for our after school activities this term. There are still spaces in some clubs, however, and it would be great to fill them up:

KS2 Art Club on Fridays still has 8 spaces available and is in danger of being cancelled. Contact Ali at alimitchelle@gmail.com

KS2 Let's Pretend on Thursdays still has 4 spaces available. Contact Christine at mail@christinehagan.co.uk

KS1 Ukulele Club on Mondays still has 8 spaces and is in danger of being cancelled. Contact Aidan at aidanharpseehan@gmail.com

Letters

[Outdoors Club flyer](#)

[Ukulele Club flyer](#)

[Let's Pretend Drama Club flyer](#)

Look out for your next Mailbag on Friday.