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**Film maker Robin Toyne** (dad to Ben in Yr 5) is pitching for a short film project with the BBC. His focus is the child's voice - offering an authentic 10/11 yr old's viewpoint on the world. He has had a great deal of helpful input from Poppy and Ned in 5KW, Dan and Storm in 5AB, Fleur S, Hemish and Billy in 6LC and Charlotte, Phoebe O and Issy S from 6ES who came up with some amazing ideas and innovative suggestions. We wish Robin the best of luck with his pitch. Watch this space!

**PE kits** Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school, including their house t-shirt, on their class PE day. You can check the day in the Term 3 letter on their Year Group page on the website. If you need a spare t-shirt, we always have them in stock in the office - they're only £2.65 each.

**New school meals contractor** [Chartwells](#) are taking over the Bristol City Council school meals contract. They will be providing meals at Hillcrest from the first day of next term, 19th February. We're pleased to say that our existing kitchen team will be transferring to Chartwells and staying with us. And there is more good news... the meals will be cheaper - £2.05 instead of £2.25. We will be sending home paper copies of the new menu next week and putting an electronic copy on the website as soon as we receive it. We are expecting the changeover to be pretty seamless - the menu looks very similar to the current one and they will continue to offer the popular salad bar option.

**Mrs Piper needs your help!** Because of the change of both supplier and price, it is **ABSOLUTELY VITAL** that **ALL school meal accounts are paid up to date by Friday 9th February, the last day of this term.** Our electronic system will not be capable of managing pre-existing debts. Imagine the logistic nightmare Jill would face if any deficits run over into Term 4.

**Shine** will be continuing to provide Breakfast, Enrichment and Extended Day care at Hillcrest next term. You can find their Term 4 programme on the Shine page on our website [here](#). They won't be running a holiday club on site this half term.

**Roblox** There have been concerns expressed on the parents' Face Book page recently about this popular, multiplayer computer game platform which allows on line chat with other players. As a social networking platform, it is automatically blocked on our school computers and iPads. If your child is playing at home you may like to have a look at [NSPCC NetAware](#), or other on line parents' guides, to find out more about Roblox and what settings they advise.

Next week is eSafety week and on Monday our IT Lead, Mrs Loader, will be doing an assembly about staying safe on line. In Term 4 we will be hosting an eSafety workshop for parents with our local PCSOs.

**New Appointment** We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a Nurture Lead Teaching Assistant today - a qualified teacher with a wealth of experience working with children with additional needs. She is joining us at the beginning of next term to work alongside Tina Allen-Cowles, our Pastoral Support Worker. She will be supporting selected children, freeing Tina to do more work with families. You will be informed if your child is going to be working with her.

**Suffrage March** Don't forget our march at 1pm on Tuesday. We would love as many parents as possible to join us... it's going to be a great, community event. Wear purple, green or white if you can. We've had a sneaky preview of the Yr 6 children's interview with Jennie Smith about equality and the Suffragettes, (which will go out on Emma Britton's show on BBC Radio Bristol on Tuesday morning). The children are so eloquent!

We have had confirmation that two women PCSOs will be joining us on our march. Staff from the Wells Road shops will be coming out to wave and cheer as we pass and one of the staff in Fox & West is planning to dress up in Suffragette costume!

**5AB - The Dreaded Nits** Please check hair thoroughly this weekend.

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