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After checking various weather Apps, reading texts from colleagues and staring at the clouds for an inordinate amount of time, we decided to go ahead with Sports Day. It was a great morning, despite the chill, and at least the rain held off...ish! There will be lots of photos on the website next week.

Congratulations to the winning House, Endeavour, and well done to ALL the children. All four Elements were very much in evidence today.

Thank you to all the children who helped to set up and pack away and carried out important jobs throughout the morning. Thanks to all the parent helpers, and a special mention to Mrs Chanot, who rustled up emergency dry clothing and hot drinks for the children who got soaked through in the first round of the wet sponge event.

We owe the biggest thank you of all to Mr Taylor and Mr McIntyre, our Sports Day masterminds, who were responsible for all the behind-the-scenes organisation.

Over eighty parents and children from Reception and Yr 1 joined us for stories and hot chocolate at last night's lovely Bedtime Story Evening. A BIG thank you to all of our helpers, front and back stage.

Well done to Yr 6 for taking SATS week so calmly in their stride. We know the children would like to thank everyone who helped with the SATS breakfasts and Claire, Emelye and Sian, who made the Music Room into a Chill Room for the week - it was a delightful, relaxing haven.

And finally... some important weekend homework for Yr 6:

- Smile
- See friends
- Eat an ice cream
- Read a book
- Spend time with people you love
- Play outside
- Cook or make something
- Laugh till your tummy hurts



Term 6 Enrichment Programme - It's hard to believe Term 5 ends next Friday. It has been such a short one! We will be continuing with all the same clubs for Term 6 (except for Friday morning Football, which will be for the girls next term). Download the Programme [here](#). Booking is open.

Everyone in PE kit next Tuesday - we're super excited to welcome Ultra-Runner and fitness motivator, Jim Gump, to Hillcrest next Tuesday. He'll be leading a playground fun run for all the children to launch [The Daily Mile](#), which the whole school (and parents too, if you fancy joining us!) will be taking part in next term. We would like all children to come to school in their PE kits next Tuesday and wear them all day. On Monday, they'll be making and bringing home their own race numbers. Please can you help them to pin them on their t-shirts on Tuesday morning?

'Changing Me' will be next term's PSHE topic, across whole the school. This is the Sex Education unit. The programme will be sensitively delivered and, of course, age appropriate. The folders/units of work will be available for parents to look through at next week's Parents evenings.

Morning Netball Club is cancelled next week.

Yr 6 Leavers' Party - Parents, please read this [important update](#).

Nameless Lost Property - Can you believe that we have over thirty jumpers without names on in lost property? There is no way to reunite them with their owners so they will go into the Friends second hand uniform stock. Help is at hand, though! **We have five free Stickins name labels for every child in the school! You can pick yours up at Parents' Evening next week.**

Yr 5 Off by Heart Poetry Performance - Yr 5 will be taking part in an 'in class' Solo Poetry Performance next Friday (24th May). They will either come home with their chosen poem or choose their own poem from home. We would very much appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their poem by heart. Some children have said they would like to wear a costume, which is fine as long as they do not cover their faces! We have also asked them not to bring in props. It should be a lovely way to end the term. Many thanks.

Parents of children in RJW and 1ED, sorry to say, your child could well have picked up head lice. Please check by wet combing with lots of conditioner over the weekend.

Parents' Evenings next week - If you haven't already booked your appointment you can do so [here](#).

Plant Sale after school on Wednesday - Please drop off any donations in the Woodland Area on Tuesday or on Wednesday morning.

Computing Open Doors Day - Come along and see what the children have been doing between 9:00 and 10:00am on the last day of term, next Friday.

HILLFEST SUMMER FAIR - SATURDAY 6th JULY, 12:00 - 15:00

Please put the date in your diaries! This year the fair will be raising funds to cover the cost of the *Woodland Area revamp* that will be taking place over the summer holidays. As ever, any excess will go into the "Friends" kitty and will continue to support school refurbishments and supplement the cost of school trips, so every penny raised gets reinvested in the school.

Planning is now underway and there are a few things that we need your help with please....

The focus of the festival will be the **MAIN STAGE**, where we'll be showcasing local talent young and old. We have a few performers confirmed but are looking for **NEW ACTS** – *do you have a short play or comedy sketch you'd like to perform? Are you a solo musician/singer or in a band and would like the chance to take the stage?*

If so, please drop me a line as we are looking to schedule a back to back afternoon of entertainment kate@transparencyfilms.co.uk

FACE PAINTING & TATTOOS - We have all the gear but no idea! We are looking for volunteers who'd be happy to turn their hand to some basic face painting. Please let us know if you'd be interested and we can figure out a schedule nearer the time for running this popular stall. We run a rota for all the main stalls so you are not expected to be there for the whole day.

PA SYSTEM - anyone got one or can source one for free please?

BEAT THE GOALIE - surely some of you fancy having a ball relentlessly kicked at you for an afternoon? Looking for volunteers to run this stall, so again, please get in touch if you can help.

AMAZINGLY USEFUL HILLCREST PARENTS – we are looking to compile a database of useful contacts. If you're not available to attend "Friends" meetings or struggle to volunteer for events you may be able to help in other ways. Maybe you have a skill, service or item of equipment you can offer in kind at some point now or in the future? If so, please could you cut and paste the following information in an email to me so we can add you to the contacts, eg:

NAME	EMAIL	MOBILE	SERVICE/SKILL	COMPANY NAME?	WEBSITE?	DATE ADDED
Joe Bloggs	info@iamsohelpful.co.uk	077777777	Circus Performance	I Am So Helpful	iamsohelpful.org	May 2019

We will only contact you when specific help is needed. By sending your details you consent to us keeping your information for up to 7years. You can remove your details from the list at any point by contacting friendsofhillcrestfundraising@gmail.com

Thanks for your time

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Representing "Friends of Hillcrest" for the Hillfest Summer Fair

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