

## News

**Inset Day** - The children break up for half term next Thursday. Friday will be a staff training day.

**Yr 6 Swimming morning arrangements** - The traffic has been so awful lately that the children have been missing part of their swimming lesson. We're going to try setting off a bit earlier. Next Tuesday, can the first swimming group (6PB) line up by the gate, ready to go to the coach, when the 8.50 whistle is blown? They won't be going to the classroom first. If your child is in 6PB please make sure they arrive by 8.45 so they're ready to line up and don't miss the bus.

6RT will be doing the same thing on the first Tuesday after half term.

**Internet Access** - We now have a tablet for parents to use. Just ask at the office if you need internet access for Gateway or the school website or to apply for a DBS, free school meals, school places etc.

**Mr Mac, Hillcrest's resident media star**, is on the news AGAIN! Look out for him on Bristol TV at 6pm this evening, talking about the air raid shelter.

**BBC Points West will be outside the school gate at 3.30 today** filming vox pops with parents for a news item about the shortage of secondary school places in Bristol.

**Yr 6 Maths Parents' Crib Sheet** - Following feedback at the Parents' Evenings Mr Boyle and Mr Taylor (and perhaps having watched this [https://youtu.be/RLfsE\\_a2a-c](https://youtu.be/RLfsE_a2a-c)) have put together a handy guide to the calculation methods we teach in school. Hopefully, it will make it easier to help your child with their Maths at home. The children will be bringing a paper copy home today but you can also download it below.

**KS2 Futsal Club** - A last minute addition to Wednesday's after school programme for next term. It will be run by FA qualified Football and Futsal coach (and Hillcrest parent) Matt Hill, with a strong focus on fun, creativity and building confidence. [Futsal](#) is similar to football but is generally played indoors, using a smaller ball with reduced bounce. This keeps the ball on the floor allowing for more touches and control, leading to greater skill development. £28 for the term, max 20 places. Contact Matt to book a place: [matthewhill86@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:matthewhill86@hotmail.co.uk)

**Egg boxes** - Thank you for all the boxes. We have as many as we can store now so please don't bring us any more for the time being.

### **School Council News - In their own words**

School council started at the start of September. We move the school forward by making decisions which make the school a better place. We improve things and make stuff more exciting. We would also like to make bigger, bolder decisions.

We have decided on playground markings, we've a new map to celebrate different cultures and languages in our school. We've created a new ECO code to make people more ECO friendly. We've ordered a new map to go in the KS1 playground. We're working alongside Green Team to get a rota up and running for Term 2.

Our biggest success is World Mental Health Day when we asked everybody to wear their pyjamas to school and bring in £1 for Off the Record. Also each class got to do a sporting event and the astro turf was dedicated to mindfulness.

## Letters

[Yr 6 Maths Calculation Methods](#)

**Look out for your next Mailbag on Tuesday.**