

News 12th March 2019

A visit from the Mayor - Marvin Rees is coming to visit Hillcrest on Friday afternoon! He'll be looking around the school, talking to the children in Assembly and handing out the Achievement Awards, then chatting to parents in the playground at the end of the day.

There will be photographers from the South Bristol Voice and the Post and someone from the Mayor's office will be taking pictures for his social media feeds. If, when your child joined the school, you said 'no' to press photos, we will do our very best to make sure that they are not included in any of the shots. If you change your mind and would like to give permission, just let us know.

Red Nose Day on Friday - Children can either wear the official red noses or paint their own nose red (the eco option!), otherwise it will be a normal uniform day. There will be collecting buckets at the gate at in the morning if you would like to donate to the appeal.

Chickenpox is *still* doing the rounds. There are a couple of cases in Yr 3 now. Keep an eye out for [symptoms](#) if your child has never had it.

Newspaper - Please can we have any old newspapers to cover tables for messy art activities?

Open Doors Day - Thanks to everyone who came to Open Doors. Ali Camp from Lighting Up Learning gave parents a brief introduction to the new afternoon curriculum, Curious City, that we will be introducing over the Spring and Summer terms. She will be back to talk about it in more depth in Term 5. Curious City embraces 'States of Being' - eg. being Scientists, being Athletes, being Historians - within seven themes. You can see the slides from Ali's presentation [here](#).

Birthday sweets/cake/chocolate - In response to pleas from many parents, we ask that children stop bringing in sweets, chocolate and cakes to hand out to classmates on their birthdays. Most parents like to keep tabs, at least, on the amount of sugar their child eats and we know how difficult it is to say 'no' once a child already has something in their hand.

We appreciate this is quite a break with tradition but class teachers will make sure that children get to feel special on their birthdays in other ways.

Healthy Lunches - On the same subject, please don't put fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches (to clarify - a chocolate coated biscuit like a Penguin, or a flapjack with choc chips, is fine, but not confectionery, such as a Mars Bar or a Crunchie).

Please remember too, that the school is a **nut free zone**, because of the children with severe nut allergy. No peanut butter, please, and do check the ingredients in cereal bars, flapjacks etc for nuts.

Cake Sales - We're not monsters! Our popular cake sales will continue (at least you have a choice whether or not to buy cakes). It would be nice to have *some* bakes at the healthier end of the spectrum, though. There are some great cake recipes incorporating fruit or veg. **Send your favourite recipes** to Juliet at jfleming@hillcrest.bristol.sch.uk and we'll have a 'Hillcrest Healthy Bakes' page on the website.

Thank you for supporting our drive to become a healthier school.

Letters

[Yr 3 Swimming letter](#)

Community Notices

[Rainbow Run for Children's Hospice South West flyer](#)

Look out for your next Mailbag on Friday.