



Olympic Maths Extravaganza

Thank you to everyone that supported our Maths Extravaganza – Mr Holloway was overwhelmed with the turn out. It was a fun filled night with interactive maths games that were enjoyed by all ages. Mr Holloway introduced Abacus, a unique online maths toolkit that has been carefully crafted to help children master the maths curriculum. Each child has been given their log in details for Abacus. As a school we will be actively encouraging your child to use the website and we would greatly appreciate it if you would do the same. It is a completely safe online environment where your child will be able to learn lots whilst having fun at the same time.

School Meals – Parent Taster Session

Our school meals are provided by Chartwells, the leading provider of contract catering and support services to the education sector in the UK. The food is prepared fresh every day. Chartwells are offering a Parent Taster Session on **Tuesday 18th October at 2.30pm** in the dining hall, to showcase the meals they prepare. If you would like find out more about school meals and see what the school meals taste like, please come along. Please sign in at the school office and walk through the school to the dining hall where Mrs Evans, our Senior Midday Supervisor and the Chartwells staff will greet you.

School dinners cost £11.00 per week, to be paid in advance via Wisepay. If your child would like to change to school meals please contact the school office on office@hillcroftschoo.org

Harvest Festival

Next week we will be celebrating and talking about harvest festival in school. We will be making a collection for the Caterham Food Bank throughout the week. The Caterham Foodbank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. They provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. No-one in our community should have to face going hungry.

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital. They would welcome donations of non-perishable food items but particularly long life fruit juice, small packets of tea bags, small jars of instant coffee and instant mashed potato. Please hand any donations in to the school office. We will be delivering the donations to the Caterham Foodbank on Friday 21st October.

This year the Harvest Assembly will be run by Years 3 and 4 on **Tuesday 18th October** at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

School Uniform

At Hillcroft, we believe that school uniform is an important part of school life and we are expecting all children to attend school in full school uniform for daily attendance. If children do attend school without elements of the school uniform, they will be loaned uniform to wear. This includes footwear and children will be asked to change into black school plimsolls from the school office should they not be in appropriate footwear. If you are in any doubt about uniform, please see the school policy on the website.

Attendance This Week

| EYFS/KS1 | Attendance | KS2 | Attendance |
|------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Elm | 96% | Rowan | 92.41% |
| Ash | 91% | Maple | 94.67% |
| Beech | 98% | Cedar | 97.04% |
| Willow | 98.67% | Birch | 98.46% |
| Chestnut | 97.86% | Aspen | 95.52% |
| Sycamore | 98% | Larch | 95.52% |
| | | Hawthorn | 97% |
| | | Oak | 96.90% |
| Good attendance 97-100% | | Cause for concern 93-97% | |
| | | Inadequate attendance below 93% | |

Punctuality This Week

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 late mark | 4 late marks | 17 late marks | 2 late marks | 3 late marks | 16 late marks | 6 late marks |

Ada Lovelace Day

On Wednesday the children were invited to come to school wearing yellow, or to create a maths outfit, to celebrate the life of Ada Lovelace, a gifted Mathematician who was thought to have written instructions for the first computer program in the mid-1800s. There were some amazing outfits – from an abacus, calculators, a dice and many more creations. The house captains visited each class, and in assembly they awarded prizes for the most creative costume in each class.



More photos can be seen on the school website in the gallery.