



# Hillcroft Bulletin

16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016

## Start and end of day procedures

We are pleased to see how well the children have settled in to the new morning and afternoon routine on the playground. It is lovely to see the children entering school in such an orderly fashion ready for their learning ahead. To maximise the smooth start to the day, assemblies are now held in the afternoons as a celebration at the end of the school day.

It is expected that children will be at school and ready to enter with the rest of their class at 8.45am however if your child finds their class has already entered school, they will need to enter school through the main entrance. This door will be closed at 8.55am to ensure registers are completed and learning can begin promptly. Any child who arrives after this will need to sign in as late at the School Office and they will receive a late mark.

The start of the day is a very busy time for staff and children. It is our primary job to get the children in to school as quickly and efficiently as possible therefore if you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to see them via the school office. Teachers will be unable to speak to parents in the mornings.

## Points of contact

Hillcroft has an open door policy and therefore we welcome any feedback that parents have. May I remind parents that Class teachers are the first contact for any concern, query or feedback you may have however Phase Leaders are another point of contact that can be approached. Please make an appointment via the school office should you want to contact them.

The Phase leaders across the school are:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) -Miss Danni Robins

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) -Mrs Stephanie Hughes

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) -Miss Sophie Burningham

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) -Mrs Alex Swain

## Attendance This Week

EYFS/KS1		Attendance	KS2		Attendance
Elm			Rowan		99.23%
Ash			Maple		99.76%
Beech		97.51%	Cedar		94.97%
Willow		99.52%	Birch		94.44%
Chestnut		96.68%	Aspen		98.77%
Sycamore		97.14%	Larch		99.01%
			Hawthorn		96.15%
			Oak		98.98%
<b>Good attendance 97-100%</b>		<b>Cause for concern 93-97%</b>		<b>Inadequate attendance below 93%</b>	

## Punctuality This Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<b>99.84%</b>	<b>98.97%</b>	<b>99.14%</b>	<b>99.08%</b>	<b>98.77%</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>1 child marked late</b>	<b>6 children marked late</b>	<b>5 children marked late</b>	<b>5 children marked late</b>	<b>9 children marked late</b>	<b>No lates</b>

## Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

At Hillcroft we are fortunate to have a peripatetic guitar teacher, Tino Rainone, who has worked with us for a number of years. Tino is here on a Tuesday after school and offers guitar or ukulele lessons on a group or individual basis, depending upon uptake. If you would like more details please contact Wendy Vicars on [w.vicars@hillcroftschoool.org](mailto:w.vicars@hillcroftschoool.org) or call into the school office.

## Stagecoach Arrives at Hillcroft Primary School

We are pleased to announce that Stagecoach Coulsdon will be launching NEW Early Stages classes on Saturday mornings at Hillcroft Primary School from Saturday 17th September. Stagecoach Coulsdon has run very successful classes for the last 16 years and students attend to gain core performing arts skills, to grow in confidence, to make friends or simply to have fun! Early Stages classes run for 90 minutes and comprise 30 minutes each of singing, dancing and acting exploring children's creativity and imagination and giving them skills for life. Some students go on to appear in TV, theatre and film whilst others use the skills they've learned to be more confident in their education and everyday lives. Students will learn from professional practitioners who are all DBS checked, with excellent adult to child ratios in classes.

Why not enrol your child on a two-week trial and see what Stagecoach brings out in them? SPECIAL OFFER for GLF schools! Any child that enrolls on a two-week trial before the end of August will receive a free uniform T-shirt (worth £10) when they commit to the rest of the term. To be eligible for the offer, state your school's name on application.

9.30am class - ages 4 and 5

11.15am class - ages 6 and 7

You can enrol on your two-week trial for £25 by visiting the Stagecoach Coulsdon website [www.stagecoach.co.uk/coulsdon](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/coulsdon) or by calling Principal Zoe McCready on 0345 078 0805

## Dates for your Diary

Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Welcome Meetings 3.30pm / 6.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 6 – PGL
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends of Hillcroft Meeting 7.00pm
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Read Write Inc meeting for parents of Reception and KS1 children at 3.30pm / 6.00pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Safer Internet Day – more information to follow
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer taking individual photos
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Perform Workshops for Reception to Year 3
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 / 4 Harvest Assembly for parents 2.30pm
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for prospective parents – Headteacher welcome at 9.30am / 1.30pm followed by school tours
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of school – break up for half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school