

Parental Suggestion Box

As a school, we are always looking for ways to improve all aspects of life at Hillcroft. We appreciate that parents often have great ideas and we would like to know about them. As a result, from Monday 26th September, we are launching a Parental Suggestion box which is outside the school office. Any ideas or suggestions you may have concerning any aspect of Hillcroft, please post a suggestion card. These will be collected and analysed by the leadership team regularly.

Year 6 Responsibilities

At the start of the academic year, the Year 6 children applied for posts of responsibility which included Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains.

We are pleased to confirm the following positions were awarded:

Head Boy : Zach Vellacott

Head Girl : Melissa Holman

Lovelace House Captains - Toby Partleton and Honey-Leigh Smith

Brunel House Captains – Phillipa Schwulst and Alistair Macleod

Newton House Captains - Euan Macleod and Jessica Barnes

Darwin House Captains - Libby Miller and Joseph Jones



Key Stage 1 door

The transition from Reception to Year 1 is always a difficult one for some children. To support this change, some parents have been walking their children into school through the Key Stage 1 door and accompanying them into their classroom. After two full weeks of this arrangement, we would now like the children to increase their levels of independence. Therefore, we would like all parents to drop their child at the Key Stage 1 door where two members of staff will greet them and they walk to their classrooms independently. We appreciate your support with this transitional period.

Parental Welcome Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Welcome meetings on Wednesday 21st September. The feedback from parents who attended was very positive and comments such as 'It was a very informative and helpful evening' were reported. If you are a parent who was unable to attend the meeting, please contact your child's phase leader should you require copies of the information shared at the meeting.

Attendance This Week

EYFS/KS1		Attendance	KS2		Attendance
Elm			Rowan		99.11%
Ash			Maple		99.50%
Beech		96.38%	Cedar		96.85%
Willow		98.17%	Birch		96.79%
Chestnut		97.50%	Aspen		96.72%
Sycamore		96.00%	Larch		97.59%
			Hawthorn		96.00%
			Oak		97.32%
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
	99.84%	99.14%	99.4%	99.25%	98.7%	99.54%
	2 late marks	10 Late marks	7 late marks	8 late marks	19 late marks	4 late marks

Safer Internet Day

On 4th October, we are pleased to welcome Lorin from the Beck Foundation to talk to each year group about staying safe on line. The Breck Foundation was set up in the memory of Breck Bednar. Breck was a 14 year old boy, from Caterham who loved technology and online gaming. He was groomed via the internet and murdered on February 17th 2014 by someone he met online. The foundation is raising the awareness of playing safe whilst using the internet, helping other young people enjoy playing online but crucially to be aware of some simple rules to stay safe. Always remember that the friends made online are not like your real friends. Play Virtual/Live Real!

Lorin will also host a parent meeting after school, time to be confirmed. Please note the parent meeting will not be suitable for children so you will need to arrange childcare if you would like to attend.

Charity Run

Robyn Pethig, TA in Elm Class in Reception, is running a half marathon on Sunday 9th October in aid of MIND, a mental health charity that provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem.

If you would like to support Robyn she has a just giving page, [robyn-pethig-rpfhm-12531](https://www.justgiving.com/robyn-pethig-rpfhm-12531). Or if you prefer you can donate the old fashioned way, Robyn has a form.

Thank you. Please speak to Robyn if you want any further information.

Stand up to Cancer

On Friday October 21st we will be joining the country in Standing Up To Cancer for the day, to raise money to help fund ground-breaking cancer treatments that will transform lives right in the UK. We will be asking children to wear something orange and classes will be choosing a lesson where they will be standing up and learning to raise awareness. More information will follow.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 23 rd September	Year 6 – PGL
Tuesday 27 th September	Friends of Hillcroft Meeting 7.30pm – please note the change of time
Weds 28 th September	Read Write Inc meeting for parents of Reception and KS1 children at 3.30pm / 6.00pm
Tuesday 4 th October	Safer Internet Day – more information to follow
Weds 5 th October	School Photographer taking individual photos
Monday 10 th October	Perform Workshops for Reception to Year 3
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 3 / 4 Harvest Assembly for parents 2.30pm
Weds 19 th October	Open Day for prospective parents – Headteacher welcome at 9.30am / 1.30pm followed by school tours
Friday 21 st October	Stand up to Cancer Last day of school – break up for half term
Monday 31 st October	Back to school