



**Hillcroft**  
Primary School

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Creating Learners of the Future

# Start of Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas break. I sincerely hope all our families had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break.

## Spring Term Learning

Although only in school for 2 days this week, the children have been busy engaging with their new Spring term topics through their stunning start days. Some of the exciting activities going on across the school have included a 'Once upon a time' story workshop for Reception, a Year 2 walk of the local area for their 'Street detectives' topic and Year 3 creating newspaper Greek god costumes for the Spring term 'Gods and mortals' topic. These are just a few of the amazing stunning starts that have taken place this week but it has been a joy to see the children so engaged in their forthcoming learning.

For the Spring term, the year group topics across the school are as follows:

Nursery	<b>Where does snow go?</b>	Science topic based on learning the skills of investigation
Reception	<b>Once upon a time</b>	English topic based on learning a range of stories
Year 1	<b>Bright lights, big city</b>	Geography topic based on learning about the city of London
Year 2	<b>Street Detectives</b>	Geography topic based on learning about the local area
Year 3	<b>Gods and mortals</b>	History topic based on leaning about the Ancient Greeks
Year 4	<b>Playlist</b>	Music topic based on learning about music across the years
Year 5	<b>Peasants, princes and Pestilence</b>	History topic based on learning about England in the middle ages
Year 6	<b>Revolution</b>	History topic based on learning about the Victorian period

## **Staffing news**

I would like to welcome Miss Jessica Taylor, our new Reception Class teacher to Hillcroft. Miss Taylor will be working alongside Miss Robins in Elm class until Miss Robins leaves Hillcroft temporarily to begin her maternity leave. We hope Miss Taylor will be very happy in Elm class for the remainder of this year.

## **Communication**

Hillcroft adopts an open door policy for parents and children who have concerns about any part of school life at Hillcroft and therefore Class Teachers are always happy to discuss any worries that may crop out throughout the school year. Class teachers along with at least one member of the leadership team are available on the front playground from 8.30am once a week for anything of a smaller nature on the following days;

Monday-Mrs Hunter, Miss Campbell, Miss Burningham

Tuesday-Mrs Hardcastle, Miss Dennis, Mrs Gear, Mr Holloway, Miss Suppiah

Wednesday-Mrs Swain, Mrs Sills, Mrs Tapley, Mrs Page

Thursday-Miss Summers, Miss Robins, Mrs Jaitly, Mr Fuhmann, Mrs Macleod

Friday- Miss Brazier, Miss Robins, Mrs Scott, Mrs Robertson, Mrs May

For anything of a more significant nature, appointments can always be booked with Class Teachers via the school office.

## **Application for School Places**

I wanted to remind parents who have children due to start school in September 2018 that the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. For Hillcroft, this includes Nursery and Reception places. For Reception places, applications need to be made online and all information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). For Nursery places, application packs can be collected from the school office.

## **Rocket Fund**

I would like to thank everyone who has donated towards Hillcroft's rocket fund. We have currently raised £906 towards the virtual reality mobile phone handsets that Mrs Macleod would like to add to our current technology at Hillcroft. The purpose of them is to be used within lessons to create awe and engagement as they allow children to be transported instantaneously to locations they are learning about.

We still have 10 days left so if you would still like to contribute, our project page is: <https://rocket.fund/p/hillcroftphonefunding/>

We appreciate your continued support with this project.

## **Dates for the dairy**

I would like to confirm that dates for the Spring term will be available in next week's school bulletin so please keep an eye out for these.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our children, families and staff a very happy new year for 2018.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Brazier', written in a cursive style.

Miss K Brazier  
Headteacher

