

## Eco-School

The focus of the School Council this year is to work towards our Silver Eco-Schools Award. Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life.

The School Council have collaborated and written an Eco Code to reflect their project on waste.

### Hillcrofts Eco-Code

- **W**aste can be recycled
- **A**ll that landfill is no good
- **S**ave the planet by reusing and recycling
- **T**oday we can make a difference
- **E**veryone can do their bit

## Pen Recycling

We are pleased to advise that we are now registered as a BIC Community Champion and we are a public drop-off location for the **Writing Instruments Recycling Programme**. The public drop off point is the green recycling bin just inside the first set of school gates. There is also a collection box in the school foyer.

We are able to accept any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot, correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition.



Don't throw away your old pens, bring them to school to be recycled. Please tell your friends and family – we are recycling all pens.

### **KS2 Fruit Stall**

The School Council set up a fruit stall for children in KS2, to help promote healthy eating. The fruit stall proved very popular to begin with, however we notice a lot of children forget their money on a Monday. We are changing the day of the fruit stall to Tuesday, in order to remind the children about it in assembly on a Monday, and hopefully improve the uptake.

Each item of fruit is 20p, depending on the delivery there is a selection available including apples, pears and raisins.

### **Hillcroft Bird Box**

Friends of Hillcroft have subscribed to the Schools Bird Box Project for us again this year, after last years success. The Schools Bird Box Project is an opportunity to stream and share live video of the birds that visit the schools nesting box. We have a blue tit in our box, and today we spotted an egg. The blue tit has been roosting in the bird box over night – if you log on this evening you may see it.

To watch our bird box log on to [www.seenature.org.uk](http://www.seenature.org.uk) - click on the live stream tab and then click on Hillcroft Primary School. All the schools that have a 'green dot' are streaming live.

### **Quiz Night – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Book your babysitters – Friends of Hillcroft are having a quiz night! It's always guaranteed to be a fun evening. The quiz will consist of a few rounds with questions covering a variety of topics. Tickets are £6.00 per person – or you can upgrade to include a fish and chip supper £13.00 or vegetarian option £11.00. Please bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery, condiments and any nibbles.

A letter about the quiz night has been sent home. We hope you will be able to join us – it is a fun evening raising funds, which benefit your children in school. If you would like to come along please complete the reply slip, and return it to the office with the correct money. We hope to see you there.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 – 6 Bristol Chemlabs Science Presentation
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Friends of Hillcroft Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Photographer – Class Photos
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 – visit from Author Grant Koper
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class visit to Ladyland Farm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiz Night – information to follow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Perform Workshop for KS1 and EYFS
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Dorking Halls Music Festival
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Muffi Day
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term