

## Friends of Hillcroft

Hillcroft are very lucky to have such a proactive PTA, who do a wonderful job of raising money for the school to provide additional resources for the children. They do this by organising a range of fundraising events throughout the year including an annual Quiz Night, Summer Fair and Christmas Fair, school discos and refreshments at different school events, plus taking part in community events such as the Caterham Street Party.

We are always looking for new parents to help with the Friends of Hillcroft events whether this be signing up to regular meetings or volunteering to help at one of the events. The next big event is the Summer Fair on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. If you are able to help in any way at all please leave your details at the school office or email [w.vicars@hillcroftschoool.org](mailto:w.vicars@hillcroftschoool.org).

Very recently the Friends of Hillcroft invested in two new sheds for equipment and resources, which were installed on Saturday and they are working hard to improve the learning environment with a mural along the dining hall corridor.



## Hillcroft Race for Life



In March, Newton House hosted their charity event, 'The Hillcroft Race for Life' in support of Cancer Research. All children, from Reception to Year 6, joined forces to stand up to cancer and walk, jog or run in aid of this life-saving work. There was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the school. We received tremendous support for this event and we are thrilled to announce we raised an amazing total of **£3374.00**. Thank you so much for your generosity, this is a charity close to many of our hearts.

## Egg-citing News



There has been a lot of activity in our bird box – each night we have been watching the blue tit roost. On Thursday, we spotted 7 eggs in the nest, they appear to have laid an egg a day since so we are waiting for them to start sitting on the eggs very soon. If you would like to follow their progress please go to [www.seenature.org.uk](http://www.seenature.org.uk) click on 'live stream' and look for the Hillcroft logo. All the schools that have a green dot are streaming live.

### Author Visit for KS1 and Reception



Self published author and actor, Grant Koper, visited us this morning to share his book 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away!' with the children in Reception and KS1. It is a story aimed at making children laugh and encouraging them to read.

"It's amazing to see the response from the book. The children laugh along as I read and they always have plenty of interesting questions for me after. The amount of emails and letters I've had, explaining the positive effects this book has had on children is overwhelming. I just never expected it" said Grant.

In addition to book readings, Grant has developed a platform on his website which gives children tips and secrets to better writing, and allows all children to send him their own stories which are then published online for other children around the UK to read and enjoy.

His website [www.grantkoper.com](http://www.grantkoper.com) has more information, reviews and an entire section dedicated to inspiring children to get involved. The book, 'The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away!' is available on Amazon and online at Waterstones.

### Year 2 and Year 6 Assessments

As Year 2 and Year 6 parents will know, we have two weeks of SATs examinations taking place week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May for Year 6 and week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> May for Year 2. Parents of these year groups will receive additional communication however we would like to send all the children best wishes for the forthcoming weeks. They, along with the teachers, have worked exceptionally hard to prepare for this and we are very proud of them.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Class visit to Ladyland Farm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Quiz Night
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week KS2
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Perform Workshop for KS1 and EYFS
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	SATs Week KS1 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