

## Year 6 Responsibilities

At the start of the academic year, the Year 6 children were able to apply for different posts of responsibility. The children wrote and performed speeches for the post of Head Boy and Head Girl, we would like to congratulate all the children who partook in the speeches. It was a very difficult task to choose between them, however we are sure those that were elected will fulfil their responsibilities admirably. We are pleased to announce these roles were awarded to:

**Head Boy** - Jack Vines

**Head Girl** - Chloe Fraser

## House Captains:

**Lovelace** - Ashton Harris and Zoe Haywood

**Darwin** - Jake Robinson and Georgie Allen-Gardner

**Brunel** - Calum Macleod and Ciara Reed

**Newton** - Amill Samuels and Scarlett Taylor

There are also many other roles and responsibilities that Year 6 children have been given, including Class Buddy, Digital Leaders and Librarians.

# Harvest Festival



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October

This year we would like to support the Caterham Foodbank by collecting donations of non-perishable foods in the week leading up to our Harvest Assembly. The Caterham Food Bank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by the Trussel Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



Caterham Foodbank provides three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. No one in our community should have to face going hungry! Every day people in the UK go hungry for different reasons, ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference! They only work with non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. This means that neither the foodbank nor the recipient has to worry about storing the food in a fridge or freezer, and there is less likelihood of food going to waste.

The Trussel Trust is the local charity Darwin House has chosen to support this year. Please hand all donations in to the school office or class teacher from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October, remember all items should be unopened, in date and in good condition. Thank you.

Unfortunately we will not be inviting parents to join us for the Harvest Assembly due to the capacity of the hall, however we will share the event in the newsletter, via twitter and on the website.

## Secondary School Applications

Reminder for our Year 6 parents - applications for secondary school need to be completed online by 31<sup>st</sup> October. You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or call 0300 200 1004

### **Friends of Hillcroft – Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**

Friends of Hillcroft are parents, carers and staff that work together supporting the school by organising fundraising events throughout the year. If you would like to find out more, please come to the meeting on Tuesday at 7.00pm in the staff room. You do not have to commit to attending regular meetings or joining a committee, any offer of help is greatly appreciated and new ideas are always welcome.

At this meeting we will be setting dates for forthcoming events and will start planning the Christmas fundraising activities. Please join us if you are able to.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please can we respectfully ask that parents do not use their mobile phones whilst inside school, for safeguarding reasons. If parents are on their phones inside school, they will be politely asked to end the communication and make it at a more appropriate time.

### **EYFS and KS1 Read, Write, inc training**

The phonics programme used across Hillcroft but primarily in Early Years and Key Stage 1 is 'Read, Write, Inc'. In order for this programme to be taught effectively, rigorous training for the teaching staff is needed. As a result, all Early Years and Key Stage 1 teachers will be attending two days of training over the next couple of weeks. They will all be attending on different days to avoid the whole EYFS and KS1 team being out of school at the same time. Cover teachers will be in school on these days to cover.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm EYFS / KS1 Parents Information Session 3.30pm KS2 Parents Information Session
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm EYFS / KS1 Parents Information Session 3.30pm KS2 Parents Information Session  7.00pm Friends of Hillcroft Meeting
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Phiz Lab Open Afternoon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 6 – trip to PGL
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 4 – trip to Battle Abbey
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 screening
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	KS1 Author Visit
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Science Family Learning – more information to follow
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 – trip to British Museum
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning for prospective parents from 9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly – collecting for the Caterham Foodbank
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SU2C</b> – wear orange and donate £1.00 to Cancer Research
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 – Trip to Bodium Castle – Information to follow
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Bags 2 School Collection

# Caterham Children's Centre

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Dear Families of Hillcroft School

We are really pleased to tell you that we will be offering an Outreach Service on the site of your school.

Many of you will already know that we had to move from the Old Naafi building into the Pavilion earlier this year, luckily we love the new site and we've met lots of new families as a result of the move but there isn't any office space. As you can imagine this is difficult when we are trying to have a confidential conversation with any families who need our support so we needed to do something about that situation.

Luckily, Hillcroft came to our rescue, we have been working in partnership with Hillcroft for many years, so for us it feels as if we are coming home and for you there is an advantage of you being able to speak to an Outreach Worker to tie in with your school drop-off or pick up.

We won't be here every day, mainly Fridays, but we're happy to make individual appointments on other days if you give us a ring to arrange it.

In case you don't know what kind of advice and support we can offer, I've listed a few examples below but don't be swayed into thinking this is where the list ends, it's always worth you asking questions of us because anything we can't answer, we'll help you by signposting to someone who can.

Children's Communication & Language - Children's Emotional & Social Behaviour - Early Education  
Grants - Local Childminders - Family Learning Opportunities (such as: Healthy Cooking on a Budget,  
School Readiness, First Aid, Parenting Advice, EAL) - Children's Centre Activities - CAMHS  
Applying for Schools - Special Educational Needs - Housing Difficulties - Relationship Issues - Domestic  
Abuse - Alcohol & Drug Dependency - Financial Difficulties - Breast Feeding, Weaning & Sleeping Advice  
Well Woman Clinics (post-natal depression and/or anxiety)

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Looking forward to meeting you soon



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