

Switch off Week at Hillcroft

This week we are taking part in the national campaign run by EDF Energy called 'Switch off Fortnight' to raise awareness of our energy use and the impact we are having on our environment. The School Council launched a poster competition at the beginning of the month to advertise the event. We received many entries, some had really thought about the subject and had great energy saving advice on! The winning entries were chosen for their visual appeal :

1st- Alexi Banya

2nd - Alex Soper

3rd - Zac Perry

4th - Keira Kopp

This week we are encouraging each class to try to reduce their energy use, ie to switch off lights and computers when not in use. As a way to make each class more aware of the event we have asked each teacher to prepare one lesson a day where they will not use the computer or interactive white board during the lesson. During this lesson the school council member will turn off the computer. We have also introduced 'Copy Free Friday' and have asked all teachers to think about the amount of photocopying they do on a daily basis, and try to reduce it.

Book Fair



Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? This week the book fair is coming to Hillcroft. It will be open after school on Thursday in the main hall, and will also be at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. Please pop along and have a look. We will only be able to accept cash payments for books. Every book purchased helps to earn rewards that the school can spend on free books and resources for the classrooms and library.

Swimming Gala

History was made by the Hillcroft Swimming team at this year's Swimming Gala. The team brought home an astonishing 12 first places in their heats and finished 2nd overall - the highest placing the school has ever achieved. It was extremely close with Whyteleafe winning on 111 points, Hillcroft in 2nd on 104 and St Francis in 3rd on 101. It was the whole team's effort that earned the result - well done! A special thank you to Mr and Mrs O'Toole for generously providing swimming hats for the whole team - they looked really smart!

Crazy Hair / Muffi Day - Friday 30th November

On Friday children are invited to wear their own clothes to school and come in with crazy hair, if they make a contribution towards the school fair on Saturday. We would be very grateful for the following donations:

- Nursery and Reception Classes - donate cakes
- Year 1 and 2 - donate chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Years 3 - 6 - donate bottles for the bottle tombola

These are suggestions so we get the right balance for our stalls - however all donations are very welcome. If you are a baker - please feel free to donate cakes whichever year group your child is in! Thank you for your support, without which our Fair would not be able to go ahead.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 1st December – 10.30am – 1.30pm

Please come along to our Christmas Fair on Saturday. Entry is free and there will be many stalls and sideshows for you to browse. Father Christmas will be here until 12.30pm, he has an important appointment at the North Pole so will need to leave promptly at 12.45pm in order to get there on time. Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

This year there will be a Secret Santa room – Children will be able to buy a present for a loved one and wrap it to put under the tree. Once again we would like to thank you for all the amazing donations for this stall, there will be some very happy grown-ups this Christmas!



Winter Floral Festival – 1st / 2nd December 10.00am – 5.00pm

The Arts and Crafts Club have been working hard making flowers from recycled materials to create a floral display for the Winter Floral Festival at St Lawrence's Church this weekend.

Christingle – Saturday 15th December

A letter has been sent home today about the annual Christingle service at St Mary's Church. All the children, from nursery upwards, are welcome to come to the service. It is particularly child friendly and they will all receive a Christingle candle to hold and light. Please complete the reply slip on the letter and return it to the office by Friday 7th December, we need to give the church an idea of numbers attending so they can prepare enough Christingles to go round. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 29 th November	Book Fair – after school in the main hall
Friday 30 th November	Muffi Day – donate a bottle or cakes
Saturday 1 st December	Christmas Fair 10.30am – 1.30pm
Sunday 2 nd December	Switching on the Cedar Tree Lights
Tuesday 4 th December	Choir visiting the Brunton Centre and Hillcroft Court
Tuesday 11 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Nursery Christmas Performance 11.15am and 2.00pm Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 13 th December	Year 1 trip to the Harlequin Theatre Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Nasal Flu Vaccination for Year 5
Saturday 15 th December	Christingle at St Marys Church 4.00pm
Monday 17 th December	Year 3 / 4 Songs Around the Tree 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner Reception 'Christmas Craft-er-noon' – information to follow Year 5 / 6 Songs Around the Tree
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of term
Monday 7 th January	Back to School Year 6 Titanic Workshop
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY

Winter Floral Festival

St Lawrence's Church,
Church Hill, Caterham

**1st-2nd December,
10am – 5pm**

**Come and vote for your
favourite display!**

Entry by donation

**All proceeds go to the upkeep of St
Lawrence's,
Caterham's oldest building**

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