



Welcome back!

We would like to welcome all our children and families back after the Christmas holidays. We hope you all had a lovely time over the festive period and wish you all a happy and healthy 2019. We are looking forward to a busy, yet exciting Spring term ahead of us. The children are all embarking on exciting new topics:

Nursery	Why is water wet?
Reception	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Bright lights, big city.
Year 2	The scented garden.
Year 3	Gods and Mortals
Year 4	Veni, Vidi, Vici
Year 5	Off with her head.
Year 6	Frozen Kingdom.

Year 6 had a 'Stunning Start' to the term today with a Titanic Drama Workshop, they travelled back in time and learnt the story of the Titanic while Year 3 had great fun dressing up their class mates as Viking Gods using newspaper! Meanwhile, the Reception children were following a trail of breadcrumbs looking for the wicked witch who had escaped. They found her hat, and an empty cauldron.....where can she be?

School Uniform

Unfortunately at the end of the Autumn term, some children were not wearing the correct uniform mainly trainers rather than school shoes, and no ties in KS2. The school uniform policy states that black school shoes are part of Hillcroft's uniform and should be worn at all times. If there is a reason why your child is not wearing the correct uniform, please could you speak to the class teacher. Please note we have a stock of school ties in the school office if you need to purchase one at a cost of £4.50, alternatively they can be bought from www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk

PE kit

It is imperative all children have a PE kit at school at all times, this needs to be named, as does all school uniform. If an item is named it can be returned to its owner.

Volunteers

We are always looking for more parent volunteers in the school as your time and support is invaluable. There are a number of ways in which you can support such as general classroom help, listening to readers, supporting in practical lessons etc. We appreciate that many parents work and are unable to commit regularly however if you do have some spare time and would like to support in some way, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality is something that we are always striving to improve at Hillcroft and we will continue to do so this term. It is the schools expectation that children are lined up in the playground with their class ready to come in to school at 8.45am. This allows time for the children to prepare themselves for their learning and the register to be taken at 8.55am. Any child who arrives after 8.55am is deemed 'late' and will receive a late mark.

If your child is absent, please inform the office or leave a message on the absence line.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16 th January	Perform Workshop for EYFS and KS1
Friday 8 th February	Hobgoblin Theatre for Reception Class – Information to follow
Friday 15 th February	Last day before half term Roman Workshop for Year 4 – Information to follow
Monday 25 th February	Back to School
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Information to follow
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 14 th March	Science Fair – Information to follow
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 rd April	Back to school
Thursday 25 th April	Bags 2 School collection
Wednesday 15 th May	Class Photos
Friday 24 th May	Last day before half term
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school
Friday 28 th June	INSET DAY
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term