

## Attendance

Daily attendance at school is so important for all children to succeed, to ensure that they do not fall behind both socially and developmentally. Good attendance works hand in hand with your child reaching their full potential. They should be in school, on time, every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent for any reason please contact the school office and leave a message on the absence answerphone.

## What can parents do to ensure good school attendance?

- Encourage and show interest; discuss your child's day with them
- Set realistic boundaries and sanctions
- Read all school communications
- Attend parents evenings
- Contact the school if your child is worried about something, causing reluctance to go to school
- Let the school know the reason for any absence on the first day of the absence and update the school daily
- Make medical/dental appointments out of school time, whenever possible
- Do not take holidays during term time

If you take your child out of school for 5 or more days, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice from the Local Authority. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child. Further details are available in our attendance policy.



## Mobile Phones

Please note, that for Safeguarding reasons the use of mobile phones is not permitted whilst in school. Thank you for your understanding.

## World Cancer Day – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

We will be selling wrist bands to raise money for Cancer Research leading up to World Cancer Day on 4<sup>th</sup> February. We will let the children know when the wrist bands have been delivered.

## Trim Trail

We are pleased to announce the new Trim Trail is finished and the children used it for the first time today. We would like to thank Friends of Hillcroft who fundraised to pay for the new trim trail and all weather surface.



## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Perform Workshop for EYFS and KS1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Years 4 and 5 – Space Camp
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Parents SATS Workshop 3.30pm and 6.00pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Hobgoblin Theatre for Reception Class – Information to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day before half term Roman Workshop for Year 4 – Information to follow
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Information to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – Information to follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Fair – Information to follow
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Back to school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Bags 2 School collection
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day before half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term

## School Terms and Holiday Dates

**2019 - 2020**

<b>Autumn Term 2019</b>	
INSET Day:	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
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Term Starts: Children Return	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term:	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Term Ends:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Spring Term 2020</b>	
Term Starts: Children Return	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
INSET Day:	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
INSET Day:	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Term Ends:	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Summer Term 2020</b>	
Term Starts: Children Return	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term:	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
INSET Day:	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
Term Ends:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET Day:	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July