



Hillcroft Primary School

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Thursday 1st April 2021

We can not believe that it is time to break up for the Easter holidays already! It feels like we have only been back at school for a matter of days!

It has been so lovely to have all the children back and we are so proud of how they have settled into Hillcroft life again, and all of the great learning that has taken place this term.

Moving forwards, in the Summer term, we will continue our focus on developing their learning as well as the enriching experiences we are able to offer during these times. You can keep up with all that we are doing here via our Twitter page too: @hillcroftsps

In the Summer term we will also be developing and launching our Parent Ambassadors – thank you to all that have filled in Miss Swain's google form. She will be in touch once school has returned with further details.

If you missed the communication of this, but would like to express your interest please email Miss Swain directly on a.swain@hillcroftschoool.org

We also have exciting news from The Friends of Hillcroft. Thanks to your contributions and the children's participation in our Christmas Secret Santa we were able to raise over £1,000. Thank you so much for all your support in this!

We hope you have a lovely and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming you back at the school gates on Monday 19th April.

Miss Summers

Key Dates

Start of Summer Term: 19th April

Half Term: 31st May – 4th June

End of Summer Term: 16th July

Inset days: Monday 7th June, Friday 25th June and Monday 19th July. The school will be closed to children on these days.

COVID 19 Communication over the Easter Holidays

The DFE has contacted all schools requesting that, for up to 6 days after the end of term, all schools have a system in place for notifying parents of positive cases (where their child has been identified as being a close contact).

The guidance states "For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school."

This means that between Friday 1st April and Wednesday 7th April you may be contacted by school and your child may be told to isolate for 10 days due to being an identified close contact of a positive COVID case.

If during the Easter holidays, your child tests positive for COVID having developed symptoms please contact the school via head@hillcroftschoo.org and a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org

Messages will be checked daily between 10am and 12 noon.

Please confirm:

- Your child's name (first name and surname) and class teacher
- The date of their first symptoms (or the date of the test if they did not display symptoms)
- Their last date in school
- The date of the positive test (including a screenshot of the email or text notification)

If required, we will then send a parentmail to all parents of that child's bubble, notifying them of a positive case within their bubble and advising them to isolate for 10 days.

If you have any questions regarding any of this, please do not hesitate to contact the school .

'Celebrating World Religions'

At Hillcroft, we recognise, celebrate and learn about many different cultures and religions, including key festivals. We would like to continue to share some of these with you, through our Newsletters.

This week, we are celebrating Easter and attach a presentation that the children have watched in their virtual assemblies.

KS2 assembly: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z4b6xr6oWZHbpLfPCtchgNLUkuBTWAE_/view?usp=sharing

KS1 assembly: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n4ZA_9kvcp3Tv7-aF-wzWvCOOrNgrbKE2/view?usp=sharing

EYFS assembly: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eaUFPFsxaKzleJCCvr-c2A9wioEnrK9/view?usp=sharing>

Thank you for your continuing support. We would also appreciate any feedback. Please address all feedback to Mrs Jaitly l.jaitly@hillcroftschoo.org.

The Great Hillcroft Bake Off!



Calling all budding bakers! The Great Hillcroft Bake Off is your opportunity to demonstrate your baking skills with your very own showstopper! Your task over the Easter Holidays is to bake a cake of your choosing. Firstly, design your Showstopper by drawing it, and outline the steps you need to take to create it. Don't forget to take pictures of the process and the final product!

Pictures of the final bake are to be sent via email to Mrs Dunn at e.dunn@hillcroftschoo.org by **no later than Friday 16th April at 5pm.**

The winner and runner up will be announced during the first assembly back after the holidays!

Bird Box update!

It was great to see more nesting activity in our school bird box over the past week and we have no doubt this activity will increase significantly over the next 10 - 14 days. It appears they have chosen the box to lay an egg. It is a bit early in the year, but you can see the bird has started clearing the nest - you can see the big circle she has created now and the base of the bird box.



In Other News!

Family Learning provides free online courses and workshops supporting parents and carers with:

- *parenting
- *wellbeing
- *understanding children's behaviour
- *getting to grips with maths and phonics
- *English as an additional language (EAL)
- *understanding the English education system

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are currently unable to work directly in schools and other community venues and our courses have transferred online via Zoom.

Please see <https://mailchi.mp/23e41fbc817/family-learning-parent-bulletin-733216>

In Other News! Continued...

Bikeability Cycling Instructors:

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors and are would love to hear from any parents and carers who are interested in applying for this rewarding role:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=12911>

The Rocket Project School of Rock free taster sessions:

The Rocket Project School of Rock are re-opening after Easter and are offering a free taster session. If you are interested please see the links to the flyer below and their website and facebook page.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1j5xEkFng3ZNH6WzJXaVBu8k4yxRczYbS/view?usp=sharing>

<http://www.therockproject.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/therockprojectcroydon>

Heroes Stamp Design Competition:



Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

If you are interested in participating, please follow this link for the competition details:

https://www.stampcompetition.ichild.co.uk/?dm_i=40SI,19PC4,7BVXF1,4KSR2,1