

HILLCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

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Dear families,

We hope you had a restful half term—it already feels like a distant memory! This half term is usually one of the busiest in the calendar, with parents' evenings, school photos and lots of festive fun happening. As the weather becomes cooler and wetter, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. We get outside in almost all weathers (unless it's torrential), and we don't want any child to miss out because they don't have their coat with them.

We are delighted to welcome Mr. Paul Jensen into school for one day a week until he takes on the role of Headteacher full time in January. Please do say hello when you see him on the playground—he is keen to get to know all our families. Thank you for your continued support as we head into this busy and exciting time of year. The Hillcroft Team

Key Dates:

Please click on the link below to access our key dates document. This is updated throughout the year and we encourage you to check it regularly to ensure you have up to date information about the key events happening in school.

[Key Dates Document](#)

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Sign Language

Each week we introduce a new sign to

children in our whole school assembly. This week we have looked at a range of different greetings.

[Click the Makoton image below for a video.](#)

Cut Your Carbon

As a Green Flag school, we are always looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Throughout November, we are taking part in Cut Your Carbon month.

How could you cut your carbon use at home? We'd love to hear your ideas! Share your top tips with us so we can all work together to help combat climate change.

CHILDREN IN NEED

**Thank you to all our families for supporting
Children in Need today!**

It was wonderful to see so many bright yellow outfits and Pudsey accessories bringing cheer to a rainy day. Your generosity and enthusiasm make such a difference—thank you for helping us support this fantastic cause.

Raising money for Children In Need, is one our pupils, Fraser. He has committed to cycling 25k in November.

Please see his Just Giving Page for more information and to support him with his fundraising efforts.

Well done Fraser!

ONLINE SAFETY

TALENTS AND INTERESTS

Isla Year 5 Baking Albie Year 3 Drawing Stanley Year 6

Swimming

Florence Year 2 Cycling Cleo Year 1 Chain Crochet

Rory Year 5 Ice Hockey Frasier Year 3 Dirt bike riding

ATTENDANCE

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carers per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carers per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carers per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

SICKNESS AND MEDICATIONS

When should I keep my child off school?

The Following NHS guidelines state;

Chicken pox; for at least 5 days from the onset of rash and until all blisters have crusted over. Diarrhoea and vomiting; return 48 hours after last episode of either.

Cold and flu like illnesses; if your child has no temperature then minor symptoms can be managed at school. With a temperature, keep them home until this has subsided and they are feeling well enough. Impetigo; Keep your child home until all sores have crusted and healed or 48 hours after they have started antibiotics.

Measles; Keep your child home until at least 4 days after the rash first appeared.

Mumps; keep your child home for 5 days after the swelling started.

Scarlet Fever; keep your child home until 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Whooping Cough; keep your child home until 48 hours after starting antibiotics.

Children can attend school with;

Hand Foot and Mouth, if they are well enough.

Head Lice; Please ensure you treat the child/family according to the treatment, and repeat as instructed. Also, please let school know as soon as you are aware.

Threadworms; Please treat accordingly and ensure hand hygiene is practiced often.

Slapped Cheek.

Tonsillitis.

Calpol may be administered in school if you feel there is a need for your child throughout the school day. Please speak to office staff who will provide a medication form to be completed. Where possible please supply the Calpol/paracetamol as we have only limited emergency supply.

Antibiotics can be administered again with a medication form, however only if the medication is needed 3 or more times a day.

A high temperature is classified as 38 degrees. If your child has a temperature during the school day, we will contact you to come and collect them. Please do not send your child/children into school with a high temperature. Always seek medical advice from your GP.

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