



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER 2016

We invite the children to wear a festive jumper to school, or to make their own festive top to wear with their school uniform, and to make a donation which we will send to Save the Children.org to help children that are less fortunate than themselves. Thank you.

Internet Safety

Following on from all our recent parent workshops about safer internet, the Breck Foundation have shared with us this link from Childnet which you may find useful if you are giving any tech gifts this Christmas: <http://www.childnet.com/blog/tech-gifts-this-christmas->

Attendance This Week

EYFS/KS1		Attendance	KS2		Attendance
Elm		92.67%	Rowan		92.67%
Ash		94.00%	Maple		96.00%
Beech		92.67%	Cedar		94.62%
Willow		95.86%	Birch		90.77%
Chestnut		92.41%	Aspen		96.90%
Sycamore		97.67%	Larch		97.93%
			Hawthorn		93.00%
			Oak		88.62%
Good attendance			Cause for concern		Inadequate attendance
97-100%			93-97%		below 93%

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19 th December	Years 3 / 4 Christmas Performance 9.15am
Tuesday 20 th December	Years 5 / 6 Christmas Performance 9.15am Year 1 - Astrodome
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of term wearing Christmas jumpers Nursery Christmas Party – please remember your packed lunch
Tuesday 3 rd January	Back to school
Friday 13 th January	Reception Class - Dinosaur Museum 3.15pm
Monday 16 th January	Fantasy Day in Reception - Pantomime
Thursday 2 nd February	Hillcroft Science Fair – details to follow
Friday 31 st March	INSET Day
Friday 30 th June	INSET Day



POPDANCE KIDS comes to Hillcroft next term!

Popdance Kids is a dance class designed for children that teaches fun and enjoyable routines to popular music.

Their classes are specially choreographed with child-friendly routines to music that children love with no pressure to get the steps exactly right. Their emphasis is always on fun and enjoyment!

Tuesdays (From January 2017)

3.15-4.15pm

£5 per class

Sign up before Friday 16th December to try your first class for FREE

Get in touch with Rianna to book your place on 07954 785 064 or surreypopdance@outlook.com

SAMA KARATE – Fridays after school in the main hall

All classes £5.00 – pay as you go

Call or text Richard on 07742 609194 for more information

MK DANCE – Wednesdays after school in the main hall

Dance is a fun and creative way to stay fit and help improve posture, strength and stamina. Dance and ballet also help to develop a child's social skills, which boosts confidence and self esteem.

For more information, please contact Kathryn on 07841 527642

BB SOCCER – Wednesdays after school for children in Years 1 and 2

£6.00 per session – payment in block at the beginning of the term

For more information, please contact Ben Boyce on 07704 483586

BB Soccer also run a Saturday School @ Oasis Academy, Old Coulsdon



Friends of Hillcroft Fundraising for our children

15th December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to thank you all for your support in attending the Christmas Fair this year and for selling raffle tickets etc. I am pleased to report that we made a profit of approximately £2,000 on the day so it was a successful fair and an enjoyable one.

The Friends of Hillcroft work hard behind the scenes to arrange events and raise money for the school so I thought you would like to know how we intend to spend some of this money in the near future.

As you know there is a problem with congestion at the front gate at drop off and pick up and this can be extremely frustrating. The Friends have been working with the school to try and find a solution to this problem and I am pleased to say that an agreement has now been found. On the 23rd of December a new gate will be installed in the inner railings. This along with the opening up of a second gate in the outer railings will mean that there will be separate gates for entering and leaving the school playground that comply with Health and Safety regulations and it is hoped that this will alleviate the congestion.

In the new year we will also be purchasing a bird nesting box which will be installed in the grounds.

This will be equipped with a camera and a live picture feed will be streamed to the classrooms. There will also be a web link for parent and children to check out the progress of any nesting birds at home. We will also be providing a mural and much needed new furniture for our school library.

All of this takes a lot of money and effort and without your support we would not be able to provide these and many other additional items and experiences that benefit the children. We are always looking for new ideas and in particular for volunteers to help us with our fundraising events. The more helpers we have the easier it is on everyone and the better our events will be. The Friends also have a say in how our hard earned funds are spent too.

So if you would like to know more and if you can help in any way at all, please do get in touch by emailing friends@hillcroftschoo.org or by leaving your name and contact details with the office who will be happy to pass them on to us. You do not have to come to all of our meetings and there are many 'stand alone' tasks that people take on at a time that suits them. Any help you can give, however small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help and support.

Friends of Hillcroft