

## Reading Week

Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March is Reading week at Hillcroft. It will see the launch of our library and there will be fun events all week, designed to help develop a life-long love of reading.

We will be holding the first Hillcroft Book Exchange where children can recycle their good quality used and unwanted books. It is a new way for the children to share and find a great book to read, encouraging reading for pleasure. If your child would like to take part, they can bring their book in on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. The book exchange will take place throughout the week; we hope the children will want to join in and enjoy this event.

Children's author, David Fuller, will be visiting KS2 on Wednesday to talk to the children about his popular Alfie Jones series and explaining what inspires him as an author. The Alfie Jones series centres on a boy whose chance meeting with a mysterious fortune teller at a fun fair is set to alter the course of his life. If you would like more information, please visit his website: [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) David will also be selling signed copies of his books at the reduced price of £4.50 after school. We have sent home pre-order forms this week if you are unable to come in on that afternoon, but would like to order a signed copy. Please return the form to the school office with the correct money.

Year 1 will be visiting the Library in Westway on Friday and a storyteller will be coming in to inspire Reception bringing the story of Rapunzel to life.



## Parent Forum

We are going to hold our next parent forum on **Tuesday 28th March at 9am**. The focus of this forum is communication. How as a school can we help strengthen and improve communication? What works well and what doesn't work well with regards to the current communications in place. We value your opinion and look forward to seeing you there. If you are able to come to the meeting we would be grateful if you would let us know, so we have an idea of numbers. Please inform the school office or email [w.vicars@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:w.vicars@hillcroftschoo.org). Thank you.

## Gardening at Hillcroft

Year 6 volunteers have been helping Mrs Goodier top up the planters with fresh top soil during their lunch break this week. Next week the lunchtime gardeners will be planting a whole bed of potatoes, we hope to harvest these to use in the school kitchen in July. The lunchtime gardeners have also sown many seeds in trays in the science pod, in preparation to planting them out later in the season.





## Fundraising for Red Nose Day

### FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Red Noses will be on sale from Monday in the school office.

On Friday the children are invited to make a donation to Red Nose Day and wear their own clothes to school – including something red.

**'Wear RED for Red Nose Day'**

## POPDANCE

### Calling all dancers in years 3 – 6

Popdance runs every Tuesday from 3.15pm in the main hall. Spaces are limited so register your interest by emailing:  
surreypopdance@outlook.com

Commercial dance or street jazz is a dance style that was made popular by LA choreographers such as Brian Friedman (X Factor choreographer) and combines hip-hop, jazz, street and contemporary dance!

Students will experience a fun, fast paced dance class to popular music and learn routines inspired by music videos (with age appropriate content of course!)

This class is fantastic for exercising both the brain and the body whilst having fun at the same time!

### Nursery Easter Crafts – Parents Stay and Play

Nursery parents are invited to stay and play, to take part in Easter Craft activities, with their children on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please see the noticeboard outside nursery for more details and to sign up.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Taster Session – for the new dinner menu 2.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Author David Fuller visiting KS2
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am – Parent Forum  Easter Bonnet parade – Reception – information to follow  Year 1 Workshop – Great Fire of London
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	INSET Day – Break up for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Dorking Halls Music Festival

# Author visit



On Wednesday 22nd March 2017, children's author David Fuller will be visiting Hillcroft Primary School to talk to the KS2 children about his popular Alfie Jones series and explain what inspires him as a writer. He will also be reading a chapter from his first book and asking the children to engage in some role playing activities.

The Alfie Jones series centres around a football-mad boy whose chance meeting with a mysterious fortune teller at a fun-fair is set to alter the course of his life. Please visit the website: [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) for more information.

David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy.



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