

Welcome back to the Summer Term, we hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter.

Hillcroft Bird Box

Eggciting news – our blue tit started laying eggs during the holidays. We think there are 11 eggs in the box. Yesterday the female started sitting on the eggs, turning them occasionally, and the male could be seen popping in and out with food for her. We wonder how long it will be until they start to hatch?



The Schools Bird Box Project is an opportunity to stream and share live video of the birds that visit the schools nesting box. To watch our bird box log on to www.seenature.org.uk - click on the live stream tab and then click on Hillcroft Primary School. All the schools that have a 'green dot' are streaming live, so you can look at other bird boxes too. Some schools have cameras on their bird feeders, bees and ponds.

'In The Net'

Year 4 walked to Whyteleafe School on Tuesday to see a play called 'In the Net'. It is a play written specifically for children, raising awareness of internet safety in a very engaging and entertaining way. The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip and we are very proud of the exemplary behaviour they displayed, they proved to be wonderful ambassadors of the school during their walk to Whyteleafe and their visit there. Well done Year 4!

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons this term we will be discussing the NSPCC PANTS Rules. These are designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. The lessons will be fully age appropriate, the children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- **P**rivates are private
- **A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- **N**o means no
- **T**alk about secrets that upset you
- **S**peak up, someone can help

More information about talking PANTS, including a short film and parent guide can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants. A parent guide is also available on our website www.hillcroftschoool.org

Quiz Night – Friday 5th May

Book your babysitters – Friends of Hillcroft are having a quiz night! It's always guaranteed to be a fun evening. The quiz will consist of a few rounds with questions covering a variety of topics. There will be a trophy for the winning team, a spot prize during the evening and a raffle. Tickets are £6.00 per person – or you can upgrade to include a fish and chip supper £12.00 or vegetarian option £10.00. Please bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery, condiments and any nibbles.

A letter about the quiz night will be sent home via parentmail – to book your tickets please print, complete the reply slip, and return it to the office with the correct money. Copies of the letter are available in the office if you are unable to print one.

We hope you will be able to join us – it is a fun evening raising funds, which benefit your children in school. This year Friends have funded the new library and have pledged to provide funds to improve the book corners in each classroom. The support they provide is invaluable to school life.

Friends and family are welcome – prepare your teams of 8 now. We hope to see you there.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 25 th April	Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday 3 rd May	Year 1 Parents Workshop – Phonics Screener
Friday 5 th May	Quiz Night
Tuesday 16 th May	Trip to Down House – Aspen/Larch
Thursday 18 th May	Trip to Down House – Oak/Hawthorn
Monday 22 nd May	Dorking Halls Music Festival
Sunday 4 th June	Caterham Street Party – please support Friend of Hillcroft who will be having a stall there
Friday 26 th May	Mufti Day – information to follow Last day at school before half term holiday
Monday 5 th June	Back to School
Wednesday 7 th June	School Photographer – class photos Reception Screening – information to follow
Thursday 8 th June	Reception Screening – information to follow
Monday 26 th June	Year 6 First Aid Course – information to follow
Friday 31 st June	INSET day – school closed
Saturday 8 th July	Summer Fair 11.00 – 2.00pm Caterham RHS Flowers Festival 2.30pm
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term