

Hillcroft Bulletin

7th July 2017

Summer Fair

There was a great atmosphere at the Summer Fair last Saturday. We would like to thank everybody that came along and supported the event, and everybody that helped, making it such a successful day. Particular thanks must go to Mr Fuhrmann who not only had his legs waxed, but when the barr was raised he also had his arms waxed to raise extra money! What a good sport!!

We would also like to thank 'Chase the Tail' for providing live music thoughout the event. We turned over an amazing \pounds 4100.00, the best takings we have ever had at one of our fairs! We will let you know the profit figure in due course.



Lunchtime Gardening Club

The lunchtime gardening volunteers have thoroughly enjoyed helping Mrs Goodier this term. They harvested a good crop of strawberries, which they enjoyed picking and tasting and a fantastic crop of potatoes!



Thank you for all the kind donations that were made for the plants and potatoes last week, we raised £35.00 for the gardening club which will go towards bags of compost and seeds for next terms gardening projects.

If you have any <u>old plant pots or packets of seeds</u> they would also be very welcome, please hand any donations in to the school office.

The grounds are looking good – we have a lot of wild life in the meadow attracted by all the flowers. We would like to extend our thanks to Louise Hilderly, from Juniper Halls, who volunteered at the weekend and tamed the willow tunnel for us, it looks much neater now!







E-Safety

We are constantly talking to the children about E-Safety. Age ratings specify a minimum age for those watching or using a product such as an app, game or film. The E-Safety watchdog says 'Age limits are arbitrary and parents must assess when a child has the social skills for social media.' With this in mind please find a list below of many social media sites that are popular and their recommended user age:

Facebook	- Age 13
Snapchat	- Age 13
Instagram	- Age 13
Pintrest	- Age 13
Tumblr	- Age 13
Twitter	- Requires parental consent under age 13
Youtube	- Age 13
WhatsApp	- Age 16
Vine	- Age 17

The school has been made aware that the most recent update of the Snapchat App, which many of our students use, now has an aspect which could place them at risk.

The new upgrade now locates users through 'Find my Friend' which shows the users' geographical location on a map. This is sufficiently detailed to show the actual property outline and where they are within the property, giving an exact location within a building.

The 'Find my Friend' mode can be deactivated by switching to 'Ghost Mode' in the app settings.

If you or your child use this app please be aware of this new feature and its potential dangers.

Cricket Match – Staff v Pupils

Congratulations to the Cricket Club, they won by three runs against the staff during Wednesdays match.





Newton Charity Day

The sponsored skip raised £414.00 for The British Heart Foundation. Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising events.

Parking

Once again we have had complaints from our neighbours about parents parking inconsiderately. Please park safely and with consideration to others. Do not park in the library, doctors surgery or on double yellow lines! We are fortunate to have ample free parking in the vicinity, please allow enough time to park in one of the free car parks and walk to school to pick up your children. Thank you.

School Uniform

If you are thinking of placing a uniform order, please note the LAST FREE DAY for delivery to school before the summer holidays will be 21st July – please place your orders by 5.30pm on 18th July. There will also be a delivery to school on 6th September which is an INSET Day. Orders will be available for collection from 12.30pm from the school office. Please place your order by 5.30pm on 17th August to ensure delivery to school for 6th September. Home deliveries take approximately 10-15 working days depending on stock levels.

Acorns

Please note that **Acorns will be closed** on the three INSET days in September. These days are:

Monday 4th September Tuesday 5th September

Wednesday 6th September

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Acorns will be open from Thursday $7^{\mbox{\tiny th}}$ September.

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

Would your child like to learn the ukulele or guitar? Tino Rainone, is a music teacher who offers guitar and ukulele lessons after school at Hillcroft each Tuesday. The lessons can be individual or group, if there are enough students. For more information please contact : w.vicars@hillcroftschool.org

Summer Reading Challenge

Children can sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library from 8th July. They will receive a free collectors folder to keep their special Animal agents stickers in. There are three sets of stickers to collect. It's fun, it's friendly and it's FREE. Find out more about the Challenge at http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Find out more about your local library, including how to join at http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/libraries

Dales for your blary		
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Productions	
	Year 1 Trip to Coulsdon Common	
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 Prize Giving	
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term	
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day	
Tuesday 5 th September	INSET Day	
Wednesday 6 th September	INSET Day	
Thursday 7 th September	Back to School	

Dates for your Diary