



**Hillcroft**  
Primary School

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# End of Year Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

## Highlights of 2016-17

As we come to the end of another term, it gives us time to reflect on the past year of which Hillcroft has had a very busy and successful one. Some of the achievements from our children this year have included:

- A very enjoyable Sports Day where our Houses participated fully and with good old fashioned sportsmanship with Brunel being our winning house.
- Show stoppers very proudly representing Hillcroft at Dorking Halls where they represented the school brilliantly.
- Many extracurricular outings and visitors coming into school which have reinforced and extended the children's learning including Year 4/5 Space camps, a Key Stage 2 visit to Kenley Revival Project at the aerodrome and a Year 2 visit to Polesden Lacey.
- Participation at various sporting competitions and tournaments including district sports where Hillcroft was represented exceptionally well and achieved the award of 3rd place overall.

These are just a few but it is fair to say that all Hillcroft staff are very proud of the many successes and accomplishments that all of our children have experienced this year.

## Staffing

As you aware from a previous staffing letter we sadly have a number of people leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Hughes, Mrs Enfield and Mrs Emery will all be leaving to take up new teaching posts for the new academic year.

We are also very sad to say a fond goodbye to some very long standing members of staff; Mrs Jelley who has worked tirelessly in Early Years at Hillcroft for 26.5 years and

Mrs Best who is retiring after 25 years at Hillcroft. Mrs Huck is also leaving us after 10 years to take up a new post in another GLF school. We would like to thank them for their loyalty and dedication over the years.

Mrs Christer, who has been one of our dedicated and hard working Assistant Headteachers this year, is moving on to a new challenge in another GLF school. Miss Card, who has worked in Nursery this year is leaving Hillcroft to take up a year of travelling and Mrs Brett who has been a Learning Assistant across Early Years and Key Stage 1 is leaving at the end of this year. Mrs Gillespie, Miss Perkins, Mrs Dowlut, Miss Goggins and Miss Robins, our Lunchtime Supervisors are also leaving us at the end of the year. We would like to thank these people for their hard work at Hillcroft.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of these people the very best for their futures and hope they all remain in close contact.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to send a big thank you to all the volunteers that give up their own time to come into school and help with activities such as listening to readers, general help in class and supporting on school trips and visits. We really do appreciate everything you do to support the children at Hillcroft and hope you will be able to continue into the new academic year. If there are any other parents who can offer any help to the school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the new academic year as we would be pleased to welcome additional parents to our team of volunteers.

### **Friends of Hillcroft**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working and dedicated Friends of Hillcroft. With events such as the school Quiz Night, termly discos, a wonderful Christmas and Summer Fair, large amounts of money have been raised which enormously helps purchase things for the children in the school. A couple of the larger projects they have undertaken and funded this academic year are the Woodland School Library which gives the children much enjoyment on a weekly basis and the second gate to access the playground which has eased the busy times of the school day.

### **Attendance**

We are very happy and proud to report the improvement that Hillcroft has seen this year with 41 children accomplishing 100% attendance across this year and over 122 children who have achieved 100% attendance this term. This attendance is pleasing to report as the relationship between high attendance and children's progress in their learning is very strong.

Please can I remind you for September that the school bell rings at 8.45am which is the expected time for children to be in school. Registers are taken at 8.55am and therefore if your child arrives in school after this, they will be considered late, receiving a late mark. If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please ensure you telephone the school office before 8.45am to inform us as it is vital we know a child will be off school prior to the registers.

### **Punctuality**

We have appreciated parents support this year to ensure children are at school punctually for an 8.45am start and this has significantly improved across the year. We would like to remind parents that parents need to pick children up on time after school too. The office staff will not be available to oversee any children who are late from September and therefore collection at 3.00pm for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 3.10pm for Key Stage 2 is essential.

### **Go Green Awards**

We are pleased to report that the number of Go Green behaviour awards have increased each term throughout this academic year. These awards are given to those children who remain on green or gold all term, demonstrating a consistent approach to the schools STRONG values and behaviour system.

In the Autumn term 72% of children received these, in the Spring it increased to 77% and in the Summer it has further increased to 82%.

### **Uniform**

At Hillcroft, we believe and view school uniform as an essential part of school life as it gives the children a sense of confidence and pride in themselves therefore full school uniform is compulsory for daily attendance. School uniform does include footwear and therefore it is important to note that children need to wear school shoes not trainers, canvas shoes or boots. Children will be asked to change into black school plimsolls that are kept in the school office should they not be in appropriate footwear.

Please can I also remind parents that PE uniform is also compulsory and should be in school at all times for PE lessons. Any child who does not have a PE kit on the days of PE will borrow one from the school office to wear. PE kit for Hillcroft from September is black shorts, black plimsolls and we have introduced new PE shirts in house colours which are available from the uniform supplier. Please note, black hot pants for girls or football shorts for boys are not allowed. If your child wears tights in the winter, please also ensure they have a spare pair of white socks for PE.

To order uniform for Hillcroft, go to [www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk](http://www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk)

Coming to the end of a school year is always a sad time as it means we have to say goodbye to our special Year 6 children as they start a new chapter in their lives; going

off to Secondary Schools. May we wish you much luck and happiness as you launch into this new challenge.

I would like to congratulate each and every one of our children for their hard work and achievements this year as everyone has a lot to be proud of. I sincerely hope all our families have a wonderfully enjoyable summer holiday and I and the rest of the staff look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for many more achievements and successes next year.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Brazier', written in a cursive style.

Miss K Brazier  
Headteacher