

Official Opening of the Phiz Lab



On Monday our Science Technicians welcomed visitors from the GLF, the local Rotary Club, de Stafford School, our Governing Body and the Ogden Trust for the official opening of our Phiz Lab. They proudly demonstrated their science experiments and showed the visitors around. The Phiz Lab initiative is about creating a dedicated science learning environment to support and engage teachers and pupils, we were very fortunate to receive funding from the Ogden Trust in order to create our Phiz Lab.

Parents will be able to view the Phiz Lab during Parents Evenings and see it in use at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December.

Attendance This Week

EFYS/KS1	Attendance	KS2	Attendance
Elm	96.67%	Rowan	97.93%
Ash	98.33%	Maple	98.33%
Beech	98.67%	Cedar	97.41%
Willow	95.33%	Birch	98.46%
Chestnut	93.10%	Aspen	98.62%
Sycamore	97.67%	Larch	97.59%
		Hawthorn	95.33%
		Oak	98.28%
Good attendance 97-100%		Cause for concern 93-97%	
		Inadequate attendance below 93%	

Punctuality This Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
5 Late Marks	3 Late Marks	10 Late Marks	7 Late Marks	2 Late Marks	16 Late Marks	1 Late Mark

Parent Workshops

We were pleased to welcome so many parents to our Early Years Maths workshop on Tuesday. The partnership between parents and school is invaluable and we hope to develop strong home school links which benefit the children and their learning. Mr Holloway is planning another fun Maths workshop before Christmas, more information will follow in due course.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 3rd December 11.00am – 2.00pm

The Friends of Hillcroft are working hard preparing for the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help in any way please contact them on friends@hillcroftschoo.org

Please find the school fair poster attached, we would be grateful if you could display a copy of the poster in your window, car or at work. If you are unable to print the poster please call into the office, we would be happy to give you a copy.

Muffi Day – Friday 2nd December

We invite the children to come to school wearing their own clothes in return for a contribution for the fair. This year we would be grateful for contributions of the following:

Nursery/Reception - Cakes for the refreshments

Years 1 / 2 / 3 - Chocolate for the chocolate tombola

Years 4 / 5 / 6 - Bottles for the bottle tombola

Of course, if you like making cakes but your child's year group is being asked for a different donation, please feel free to make cakes too. We can never have too many! Thank you.

Sporting News

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 swimmers that took part in the local swimming gala at Warlingham School this week. We are unable to practice for events like these because we do not have access to a pool, however we are not alone in this situation. The children all rose to the challenge, they thoroughly enjoyed the event and we are very proud of their achievement of a bronze award. Well done!

BBC Children in Need – Friday 18th November

The children would like to support BBC Children in Need. We appreciate we have recently had fundraising events, however the children really enjoy being involved, especially in those events that have an appeal show on television. Funds raised by Children in Need help charities all across the country including, in the South East, The Children's Trust, Greenwich Wheelchair FC, Haven House and Playskill, to name just a few.

To support this event, we invite the children to wear spots to school on Friday in return for a donation. We will be on the playground with collection buckets before school. We also have a Pudsey Bear to raffle, we will be selling tickets for 50p each after school each day next week.



Stagecoach Offer

Stagecoach is pleased to offer Hillcroft students a chance to try their classes for FREE! There will be a Discovery Session for 4 - 7 year olds at 11.30am here at Hillcroft Primary School on Saturday 26th November. Parents can watch students take part in short taster classes in singing, dancing and acting. Simply register your interest with Principal Zoe on 0345 078 0805 or email couldson@stagecoach.co.uk

Parking

If you drive to school, please park safely and considerately and be mindful of our neighbours. We were very disappointed to receive a complaint this week from a neighbour who reported that a parent parked in a private driveway and was then rude to the resident when they were asked to move. Please remember that your behaviour as parents also reflects on the school. There is a free public car park at Town End, only a short walk from the school.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16 th November	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am / 1.30pm Headteachers welcome followed by school tours
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu vaccinations for Years 1 / 2 / 3 Parents evening
Thursday 24 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 25 th November	INSET day – school closed
Sunday 27 th November	Switching on the Cedar Tree Lights 5.30pm
Tuesday 29 th November	KS1 SATS Information Evening
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Fair 11.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 10 th December	Christingle
Monday 12 th December	Dress Rehearsal for Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.15am Dress Rehearsal for Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.15am Dress Rehearsal for Reception Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Thursday 15 th December	Reception Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Monday 19 th December	Years 3 / 4 Christmas Performance 9.15am
Tuesday 20 th December	Years 5 / 6 Christmas Performance 9.15am
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of term

Treehouse Project

The Treehouse are starting to collect empty milk bottles – the plastic 2 litre and 4 litre bottles with lids. They would be grateful for any donations of clean bottles. They need to collect over a hundred bottles and plan to build a 3D igloo. Please hand any donations in to the school office. Thank you.





Hillcroft Primary School

Christmas Fair and craft market

Saturday 3rd December 2016
11am - 2pm



Visit Father Christmas in his grotto
unique gifts • pottery • craft stalls
chocolate & bottle tombolas
handcrafted jewellery • books
cards • raffle • children's games
refreshments & much more

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