

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful half term break.

At Hillcroft, we believe in making learning meaningful to our children, therefore the curriculum is taught through interesting and child related topics. Topic learning encourages most subjects of the curriculum to be taught around a particular focus which engages childrens learning and encourages them to make links across subjects. This second half of the Autumn Term the children are all embarking on new topics. You can view each individual year groups topic on the website under the curriculum tab.

On Tuesday and Thursday, Nursery are coming to school dressed as woodland creatures, they will be embracing the stories of Percy the Park Keeper for their topic 'Why do leaves go crispy'. Nite Owls are visiting the school on Wednesday, and the children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will have the opportunity to learn more about the owls and see them in flight. This is a 'stunning start' to their topics and will bring the learning alive.

Before we broke up for half term many classes had a 'fantastic finish' to their topics. These included:

Year 5 visit to the British Museum:



Year 4 visit to Battle Abbey:



Year 1 had a visit from the local Ambulance Station:



Attendance

Good attendance works hand in hand with your child reaching their full potential. Children should be in school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent for any reason please contact the school office on the morning of their absence and leave a message on the absence answerphone.

This year we have been monitoring attendance each week and sharing the information with the children in assembly. The best attendance figures for the week before half term were:

Class	House	Year Group	Whole School
Birch	Newton	Year 2	
99.33%	97.25%	98.33%	96.17%

Please ensure you read the **Late Collection Policy** that was sent out by Parentmail today.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legions biggest annual fundraising appeal. We will be selling Poppies tomorrow in the playground before and after school for a donation. This year we also have a selection of other poppy items including wristbands and friendship bracelets which can be purchased for a £1.00 donation.

By donating to the Royal British Legion you are helping to help those within our Armed Force community including veterans and families. The Royal British Legion is committed to helping the Nation understand the importance of Remembrance to make sure that sacrifices from conflicts old and new are never forgotten.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30 th October	Year 6 Victorian Workshop
Tuesday 31 st October	Nursery Children – dressing up as woodland characters
Wednesday 1 st November	Reception Class – Bedtime Stories Day Nite Owls visit
Thursday 2 nd November	Nursery Children – dressing up as woodland characters
Wednesday 15 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Friday 17 th November	Space Camp
Thursday 23 rd November	Brunel House Charity Day – Supporting the RSPCA – Information to follow
Friday 24 th November	INSET Day
Monday 30 th October	Back to school following half term
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair and Craft Market 11.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday 9 th December	Christingle – information to follow
Wednesday 13 th December	Nursery Christmas Carols – 10.15am and 2.00pm
Thursday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Performance – information to follow Christmas Discos – information to follow

Want to learn
fun routines
to pop music?



Little Mix,
Bruno Mars &
many more

Hillcroft Halloween Special



**FREE Taster session for new
students**

**Tuesday 31 October
3.15-4.15PM**

**Open to boys & girls in
Reception - Year 2**

**Spaces are limited! Please book yours
at surreypopdance@outlook.com**



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