

## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas Fair on Saturday we took an amazing **£3280.32** – our best yet!! There will be a very good profit once the expenses have been taken out and all funds raised will be used to benefit the children in school. We would like to thank everyone that helped and supported the fair making it a fun and very successful day.



## Christmas Jumper Day - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we invite all the children and staff to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school with their school skirt or trousers. We will be making a collection for Save the Children if you would like to donate.

There are many festivities happening on this day. Year 3 / 4 and 5 / 6 will be having their Christmas assembly for parents, Songs Around the Christmas Tree. A separate letter has been sent home to these year groups.

## Christingle – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December

The annual Christingle service is quite a tradition at Hillcroft, it is a very child friendly service. All children are welcome but do need to be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at the church at 3.50pm where you will be directed to your seats. The children sit together at the front of the church, they will be representing the school so should all wear school uniform. They have been learning several Christmas songs, and will sing these together. The KS1 and KS2 choir will also have the opportunity to perform their Christmas songs to the congregation.

If you would like to come to the service and haven't already filled in the reply slip, please let the office know so we can give the church an idea of how many people to expect.

We hope you will be able to join us.



## Rocket Fund – Fundraising initiative

We are involved in an initiative called Rocket Fund, this is an online platform which allows schools to fundraise for the latest technology.

Here at Hillcroft, we are committed to trialling the latest technology and developing our students' digital skills. We wish to raise £1460.00 to purchase mobile phones, which can be used with VR headsets to help our children bring their lessons to life. It will allow students to be transported instantaneously to locations they are learning about. Funding new technology in schools has always been a challenge, so we've create a project on Rocket Fund to see if we can raise money from our community.

To see our project please go here: <https://rocket.fund/p/hillcroftphonefunding/>

Every little helps, but don't worry if you can't donate right now - we would be grateful if you could share this project with as many people as possible: on Twitter, Facebook, email or just over the fence, friends and relatives. We are also keen for local businesses to support us, so if you have any contacts who may be interested in supporting this project, please get in touch here: [w.macleod@hillcroftschoool.org](mailto:w.macleod@hillcroftschoool.org)

### **Christmas Cards**

If children would like to send Christmas cards to their friends the post box will be put out from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. This will be situated in the corridor near the school office.

### **Online School Uniform**

Online School Uniform will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Their last free delivery to school will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December and they will resume free deliveries on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Attendance**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Acer	Brunel	Year 4	
99.2%	96.89%	98.62%	95.10%

### **Dates for your Diary**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle – meet at St Mary's church at 3.50pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 / 6 Prize Giving Assembly at 9.00am – invite only
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 / 4 Prize Giving Assembly at 9.00am – invite only Nursery Christmas Carols – 10.15am and 2.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 / 2 Prize Giving Assembly at 9.00am – invite only Reception Christmas Performance – information to follow Christmas Discos – information to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Celebration Assembly 9.15am Year 1 Astrodome visit PM Year 2 Christmas celebration Assembly 2.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Year 3 / 4 Songs around the Christmas Tree 9.15am Year 5 / 6 Songs around the Christmas Tree 2.30pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term – break up at 1.30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school