

The build up to Christmas is on and the children are all enjoying their rehearsals ready for their Christmas Performances. Years Reception, 1 and 2 are all putting on a performance in their year group, due to the capacity of the hall space is limited so we are only able to allocate two tickets per child.

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm Year 1 Performance
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am Year 2 Performance
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 10.15am Nursery Songs around the Tree
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm Nursery Songs around the Tree
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm Reception Performance

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are having joint performances this year. It really is going to stretch the capacity of the hall so please can we ask that only one person attends per child. We apologise if this will cause any disappointment.

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 2.30pm Years 3 and 4 Songs around the tree
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - 2.30pm Years 5 and 6 Songs around the tree

Please note there will be limited seating in all the performances and standing room.

The school post box is up and is situated in the corridor straight ahead as you come in the main door. Children can post Christmas cards to their friends and teachers, please ensure the cards are correctly addressed with the full name and class. The Year 6 postmasters will sort and deliver the cards during the week.



## Community Events

The choirs have been spreading Christmas cheer to our neighbours. They visited the Brunton Centre and Hillcroft Court last week and performed their Christmas Songs to the residents.



Children from KS2 spent the day at The Arc on Friday supporting Prospero Theatres Friday Club in their Christmas performance of the Lion King. Friday Club is a drama and art club for adults with disabilities. The children played the parts of the hyenas in the production, they did tremendously well and were great ambassadors for the school.

## Christingle

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. Showstoppers 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.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14th 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 make a donation.



## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Performance 10.15am and 2.00pm Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 trip to the Harlequin Theatre Reception Class Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Nasal Flu Vaccination for Year 5
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at St Marys Church 4.00pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 / 4 Songs Around the Tree 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Reception 'Christmas Craft-er-noon' – information to follow Year 5 / 6 Songs Around the Tree 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to School Year 6 Titanic Workshop
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day before half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Back to school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day before half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Back to school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term