



# Hillcroft Primary School

Newsletter 6 - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Strive**

## Zoolab

Last week Zoolab visited Year 2 to enrich their topic Wriggle and Crawl. The children had the opportunity to see, touch and handle the animals while learning where the animals originate from and how and why they are grouped. It was a fun, interactive morning that brought their learning to life. We would like to thank all the parents that contributed to ensure that this workshop was able to go ahead. Enrichment activities like this are so valuable to fortify the children's learning, however the school budgets do not have the capacity to provide them anymore. We are so grateful for your support.



## Christmas Jumper Event

A huge thank you to everyone that donated a Christmas Jumper.

Our first Christmas Jumper Sale was a great success and raised £35.00.

The few jumpers we have left over will be on sale at the book fair on Thursday. If anyone still has jumpers to donate we would be very grateful for more donations before Thursday. Thank you.



## Book Fair



The travelling book fair is coming to Hillcroft. It will be open after school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the main hall, and will also be at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please pop along and have a look. We will only be able to accept cash payments for books.

Every book purchased helps to earn rewards that the school can spend on free books and resources for the classrooms and library.

## Muffi Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

We have a Muffi Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Children are able to wear their own clothes to school if they make a donation towards the fair. We would be very grateful for the following donations:

- Nursery and Reception Classes – donate cakes
- Year 1 and 2 – donate chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Years 3 – 6 – donate bottles for the bottle tombola

These are suggestions so we get the right balance for our stalls – however all donations are very welcome. If you are a baker – please feel free to donate cakes whichever year group your child is in! Thank you for your support, without which our Fair would not be able to go ahead.

**The Christmas Fair** is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00am**. Please come along and join in the fun. Father Christmas will be here and there will be many craft stalls, sideshows and tombolas. Refreshments will be available including delicious turkey or brie and cranberry baps. The Secret Santa Stall is a wonderful opportunity for the children to buy and wrap a surprise present for their favourite adults. There are some amazing gifts on offer this year.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Christmas Performances

All the children are looking forward to performing for you this Christmas. Please can the children bring a Christmas Jumper and any suitable accessories i.e hat, hairbands to school that day to wear for their performance.

Unfortunately, due to the capacity of the hall we can only allow two adults per child to each performance. We will not be issuing tickets, but please ensure only two adults attend. Thank you.

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| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | 9.15am – <b>Year 1</b> Songs Around the Christmas Tree    |
|   | 2.30pm – <b>Year 2</b> Songs Around the Christmas Tree    |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> | 10.00am - <b>Nursery</b> –Songs Around the Christmas Tree |
|   | 2.00pm - <b>Nursery</b> –Songs Around the Christmas Tree  |
|   | 1.45pm - <b>Reception</b> – Christmas Performance         |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | 9.15am – <b>Year 3</b> Songs Around the Christmas Tree    |
|   | 2.30pm – <b>Year 4</b> Songs Around the Christmas Tree    |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | 9.15am – <b>Year 5</b> Songs Around the Christmas Tree    |
|   | 2.30pm – <b>Year 6</b> Songs Around the Christmas Tree    |

We are having a Christmas Extravaganza on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If your child would like to wear their Christmas Jumper to school and donate £1.00 to charity. We will also be having our Christmas Dinner on this date so if your child would like one please remember to sign up before 6<sup>th</sup> December. We may also have some special visitors on this day.



## French Lessons

We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for children from Reception to Year 4 to join a French Club in the New Year.

If you would like to give your child a headstart in learning French, Mrs Edwards will be running a French club after school on Mondays – 3.15 till 3.45 (children will be collected straight after end of class). The lessons cost £4.00. The club is run on a fun learning basis and aims to introduce children to the French language and culture.

If you are interested in your child attending a trial lesson on Monday 13th January please send an email to: [muriellamb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:muriellamb@tiscali.co.uk).

Muriel is a French qualified teacher and has been running the club for 20 years in other local schools. The spaces will be limited, available on a first come first served basis. If your child does not want to return after the first week then just let Muriel know, there is no obligation. If they would like to continue please email to confirm you would like the place and an invoice will be issued for the rest of the term. [www.learnfrenchclub.co.uk](http://www.learnfrenchclub.co.uk).

## The Sun – Books for Schools

We are collecting The Sun – Books for Schools tokens. The tokens will be available from Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January from The Sun and The Sun on Sunday. Please ask all your friends and family to collect the tokens too. If we collect 3500 tokens we will receive 105 free Collins Big Cat books – a mix of high quality fiction and inspiring non-fiction books. Thank you for your support.

## Dates for your Diary

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| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December     | Switching on of the Cedar Tree Lights<br>5.45pm Under the Cedar Tree                               |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December     | Muffi Day  |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Fair 11.00am – 2.00pm  |
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| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christingle 4.00pm   |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | 9.00am - KS1 Prize Giving Assembly   |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December   | 9.00am – Year 3 / 4 Prize Giving Assembly<br>Year 1 Trip to the Pantomime                          |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December  | 9.00am – Year 5 / 6 Prize Giving Assembly  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | Break up for half term   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January      | Back to school   |