



Hillcroft Primary School

Newsletter 8 - Friday 24th January 2020

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This half term we are relaunching our Hillcroft Vision. Please take the time to remind yourself of the schools vision and what we are striving towards providing every child at Hillcroft.



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Hillcroft Primary is a caring and supportive school which nurtures its community to build trusting relationships and develop a love of learning to achieve their personal best.

For our children, staff and families we provide the following:

Trusting Relationships:

At Hillcroft Primary School,

- We nurture positive, healthy relationships between all.
- We nurture all, to feel confident in themselves and their choices.
- We nurture a supportive relationship between home and school.

Love of Learning:

At Hillcroft Primary School,

- We inspire holistic and enriching learning opportunities that embed a love of learning.
- We inspire learners to grow in confidence by providing risk taking opportunities.
- We inspire all learners to explore and thrive.

Personal best:

At Hillcroft Primary School,

- We strive to have high expectations of ourselves and others.
- We strive to achieve our personal best.
- We strive to recognise and celebrate achievements of all.

Author Visit

At Hillcroft we aim to inspire enriching learning opportunities that help embed a love of learning.

This week we were pleased to welcome author Grant Koper, who read his new book 'The Day Granny Met The Queen' to EYFS and KS1 – the children thoroughly enjoyed his book and were then given the opportunity to ask Grant questions at the end. Grant offers free readings to schools, in a bid to encourage children to enjoy reading and writing creatively.

For more information or to purchase one of his books please visit: www.GrantKoper.com



Year 5 – Egyptian Workshop



Year 5 learnt more about the Pyramids and Egyptians in an interactive workshop this week. Using dowels and rubber bands the children built individual square based pyramids, which they then fixed together to make one large one, learning about square numbers. Utilising creativity, problem solving, teamwork and resilience these workshops also help to increase the self-esteem of all participants, while learning fun facts about their topic. The finale was the great pyramid of Giza, which stood about 5 meters high!

PE

The children have PE on a weekly basis and need a full PE kit in school in order to participate. Below is the weekly PE Timetable:

| Monday AM | Monday PM | Tuesday AM | Tuesday PM | Wednesday AM | Wednesday PM |
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| Year 5 | Year 1 | Year 3 | Year 2 | Year 4 | Year 6 |

We do our best to go outside for PE as much as we can, to make the most of our fantastic outdoor spaces, but will also use the hall when appropriate; therefore, the children will need to have both indoor and outdoor PE kit available.

They will need:

House colour PE t-shirt

Black shorts for indoor PE

Black joggers for outdoor PE

Trainers with laces or velcro (not football boots, astro boots, or slip on shoes- these are unsafe on our surfaces)

For outdoor PE children are also able to wear logo'd sweatshirts in the house colour which are now available from www.onlineschooluniform.co.uk Please ensure all uniform is clearly named.

Newton House Charity Day

We are excited to announce that this year Newton house will be changing their charity to CHECK. This is a wonderful local charity which is run by Geraint Jenkins (an ex de Stafford teacher). CHECK promotes and supports the education and health of the young people of Kimilili by providing the funding for facilities, scholarships and grants. Their aim is to improve the capacity and skills of the disadvantaged people of Kimilili so that they can develop a more fulfilling and happy life. Since its launch, the people of Caterham have given over £150,000 to CHECK and taken Kimilili to heart. You may even remember donating old uniforms when the school changed its logo, these were sent to Kimilili for the children to wear. Mr Jenkins has kindly offered to run an assembly on Thursday 30th January to introduce himself and his charity to the children.

For their charity event on 31st January, Newton house will be raising money sponsor a child in Kimilili to go to school for a year. It costs £20 to educate a child in Kimilili and in return they will write letters to their sponsors to let them know about the progress they are making. We are therefore asking each child to bring in 3 coins to donate to the CHECK charity. Our target is for each class to sponsor a child in Kimilili and gain their own class pen pal.



Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 31 st January | Newton House Charity Day for C.H.E.C.K – donate 3 coins |
| Thursday 6 th February | Year 2 Workshop – Great Fire of London |
| Wednesday 12 th February | EYFS – Fairytale Workshop |
| Friday 14 th February | INSET day – Half Term |
| Monday 24 th February | Back to school |
| Thursday 27 th February | Friends of Hillcroft – Movie Night – information to follow |
| Friday 28 th February | Year 6 – WWII Workshop |
| Monday 2 nd March | Ready Steady Read |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day |
| Thursday 12 th March | Author David Fuller visiting KS2 |
| Friday 13 th March | Friends of Hillcroft Quiz Night – information to follow |
| Tuesday 24 th March | Parents Evening – information to follow |
| Wednesday 25 th March | Parents Evening – information to follow |
| Monday 30 th March | Year 1 – Grandparents tea party – information to follow |
| Friday 3 rd April | INSET Day – Easter Holidays |
| Monday 20 th March | Back to School |
| Wednesday 6 th May | School Photographer – Class Photos |
| Friday 8 th May | Bank holiday – school closed |
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