



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive

Thursday 25th November 2021

What a busy two weeks it has been!

We have had some lovely learning happening at school during this time; Year 3 completed their UK Parliament Week activity – playing Campaign Tag in the playground! Year 5 had an exciting Outdoor Learning lesson where their objective was to “Work well as a team to achieve a common goal.” They worked together to cross an imaginary river using a limited number of 'stepping stones'. Some teams managed to do this in silence too! Well done; a great achievement.



Thank you to all those parents and carers who so kindly and generously donated to the Salvation Army Present Appeal. There will be many families who benefit from the gifts – thank you.

Excitingly, we have been awarded our Bronze Level Modeshift STARS Accreditation for our effort in increasing levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. This is fantastic news and supports the work our Pupil Parliament are doing, in particular our Eco Committee and Health Committee ambassadors.

I know that some parents/carers have a couple of queries regarding our Christmas shows, such as how many people are able to come and watch – we will be finalising plans next week and will send out correspondence in due course.

In the meantime, I hope you have a restful and safe weekend,

Miss Summers



Thrive

This week we held our first parent / carer Thrive workshop, where parents and carers came along to explore Thrive, and to take part in some activities that they could do at home with their children to help with their social and emotional needs. Most of the activities are 15-20 minutes long; but just spending a short amount of time interacting with your children helps.

Here are some photos of the parents having some fun with their different activities. Thank you all for coming; and we are looking forward to our next one after Christmas.



Secret Santa!

One of the most eagerly anticipated Hillcroft Christmas events is drawing close – our Secret Santa! This is always a firm favourite with the children and – as always – Friends of Hillcroft are overseeing and organising it.

Although there will sadly not be a Christmas Fair again this year, they still wanted to give the children the opportunity to buy their parents/carers a gift for Christmas, as this has always been enjoyed and appreciated in the past.

Therefore, the PTA are asking for donations of any unwanted gifts you may have which are suitable for adults (but no alcohol please). Then on the 15th December, children will be able to spend time deciding upon their purchases. To ensure that there are enough gifts for all, children will be asked to buy a maximum of two presents.

From Monday 6th December, through to Friday 10th December, we invite the children to bring in their donation - this could be unused items such as toiletries, candles, puzzle books, novelty Christmas items such as socks, mugs, and food items (with a use by date post-Christmas please) such as boxed biscuits, chutneys etc- anything that you would like to receive. The blue trough will be in the playground to collect these at drop-off and collection.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer please click on or type in the link volunteersignup.org/XTJ9H



Christmas Jumper Swap Day

FRIENDS OF HILLCROFT PTA

Christmas Jumper Swap

CHRISTMAS JUMPER TOO SMALL?
WORN IT ONCE! CAN'T BE SEEN IN IT AGAIN?
DONATE YOUR UNWANTED KIDS JUMPERS
AND
SWAP IT FOR A BIGGER, BETTER ONE!

BRING YOUR DONATIONS ALONG TO THE
SCHOOL BETWEEN
MONDAY 29TH NOV- FRIDAY 3RD DEC
CLEAN JUMPERS ONLY!

Wednesday 8th December

★ **Jumper Swap Day**

8:15 - 8:45am

3.00 - 3.30pm

**Ready to wear on the official
Christmas Jumper Day ,
Fri 10th Dec**

Christmas Jumpers £1

In other news...

If your child/ children receive free school meals, Surrey County Council are running 'Club4': a free holiday activity club during the Christmas holidays. Please see details below:



Club4
FUN FRIENDS FOOD FITNESS

will be back for the holidays!

Are your kids on free school meals?

Surrey County Council's 'Club4' is a children's **free** holiday activity programme, aimed at children of all ages who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.



"My little boy tried sweetcorn at the camp and is now asking to try corn on the cob. He enjoyed the activities and the adults were very friendly and responsive to his individual needs".

"Both my daughters had a great time at camp I couldn't fault anything. They were happy and looked after very well. Yeah the camp was located in a great place to get to easily."



Scan  or visit: www.surreycc.gov.uk/club4holidayoffer



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Surrey Family Learning:

Please follow this link for more information on new, free courses, led by Surrey:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Dates for your Diary

Event / Occasion	Date / Time
INSET day – School closed to children	26/11
PTA Christmas Jumper collection for swap day (more information to follow)	w/c 29/11
PTA collection for Secret Santa (more information to follow)	w/c 6/12
Year 2 Christmas Performance	7/12 9.15am
Nursery Christmas Arts and Crafts (Monday – Wednesday children)	8/12 9.30am
Nursery Christmas Arts and Crafts (Wednesday – Friday children)	8/12 1.30pm
PTA Christmas Jumper swap day (more information to follow)	8/12 8.20 -8.45am 3-3.30pm
Year 1 Christmas Performance	9/12 9.30am
PTA Christmas Disco (more information to follow)	9/12 Reception: 3.15 – 4pm Years 1&2: 4.15 – 5.15pm Years 3&4: 5.30 – 6.30pm Years 5&6: 6.45 – 7.45pm
Save the Children; Christmas Jumper Day <i>Please can children bring in a small donation</i>	10/12
Reception Christmas Songs in the Classroom	10/12 1.00pm
KS1 Prize Giving (more information to follow)	13/12 9.00am
Year 6 Christmas Songs Around the Tree	13/12 2.00pm
Year 3&4 Prize Giving (more information to follow)	14/12 9.00am
KS1 Pantomime visit (information sent out separately)	14/12
Year 5 Christmas Songs Around the Tree	14/12 2.00pm
PTA Secret Santa (more information to follow from PTA)	15/12
Year 5&6 Prize Giving (more information to follow)	15/12 9.00am
Year 3 Christmas Songs Around the Tree	15/12 2.00pm
Christmas School Dinner Day (more information to follow)	16/12
Year 4 Christmas Songs Around the Tree	16/12 2.00pm
Break-up for Christmas (finishing at normal timings)	17/12