

Hillcroft Primary School

Friday 16th September 2022



Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022

Welcome back to a brand-new year at Hillcroft.

We have, of course, had a start to the year tinged with great sadness at the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth III. We are proud of how all the children responded with maturity and respect as we commemorated her life through a whole school Assembly and will be closed for her funeral on Monday 19th September.

However, it is of the greatest importance to us that we maintain a semblance of normality for the children during any tumultuous time and so we have continued with our start of term activities and lessons. Indeed, we were very pleased to welcome so many parents and carers to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday and hope that it was a valuable opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet their teacher.

Looking forward, we would like to continue to open our doors more regularly for parents and carers and - following feedback - have been able to share whole - school key dates for the year with you, including Celebration Assemblies, Christmas Performances, Parents Evening and Sports Day to enable parents and carers to plan accordingly. These are key dates, with more dates being published nearer the time for specific activities such as trips and visits. Please follow this link to view the calendar: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y3BFXmIVyPpb1UfdffOQSQEMF2De7OVw/view?usp=sharing>

Another addition to our Newsletter is the opportunity to celebrate our children's interests and talents - especially those outside of school. Therefore, if you would like to share these with our community, please email Miss Swain to be included: a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org As the term progresses, we will also look at including some of these in our weekly assemblies.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday,
Miss Summers

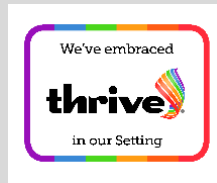
Key Dates:

Please see link to whole school Key Dates calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y3BFXmIVyPpb1UfdffOQSQEMF2De7OVw/view?usp=sharing>

Autumn 1 ends: 21st October

Autumn 2 starts: 31st October



A message from Mrs Pearson.

WOW! I cannot believe the summer holidays are over and we have been back in school for two weeks already - welcome back to all our parents and carers! So far this term we have started whole-class Thrive with teachers supporting emotional development with an emphasis on emotions/feelings and making sure children feel safe and secure in school. Over the next few weeks all the children at Hillcroft will be able to talk more freely about how they are feeling and why each and every one is special.

Some children have started coming out for small group and/or 1:1 session with Lucy and myself. Lucy and I are looking forward to working alongside more children, as well as adults, as the term progresses. If you feel your children would benefit from seeing our Thrive Team, please get in touch with Lucy (KS1) or myself (KS2) at.

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I have also attached a leaflet called Embracing Thrive: a parent guide.

Embracing Thrive: a parent's guide

The Thrive Approach has been developed over many years helping children to flourish. It supports their emotional and social development and helps them feel happy and secure, able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn.

The Thrive Approach

Thrive is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional well-being, enabling them to engage with life and learning. It supports them in becoming more self-assured, capable and adaptable. It can also address any troubling behaviours providing a firm foundation for academic attainment.

Positive relationships are at the heart of Thrive. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities, to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Repetition of these activities supports their development, helping them to:

- feel good about themselves and know that they matter
- increase their sense of security and trust
- increase their emotional well-being
- improve their capacity to be creative and curious
- increase their self-esteem and confidence to learn
- learn to recognise and regulate their feelings
- learn to think before behaving in a certain way
- ...and much more.

"Thrive has helped my son tremendously. It has given him more confidence and also it has helped him to calm down in difficult situations. I can see a huge difference in him. He looks forward to his Thrive time."

A Reading Community

Following on from the success of last year's staff recommendations, this year we continue to recommend the books in each newsletter – this week, Miss Swain has picked her favourites. We also have these in our Reception area so please do come in and have a look. For this year, we also have a selection of bi-lingual books too; again, please feel free to look and if you would like to borrow any of these books please just let a member of the office know.



Recommended Readers:

EYFS



Maya's Walk

Author: Moira Butterfield Illustrator: Kim Geyer

Maya loves walking. There are so many different types of walk to enjoy: walks where she and her parent listen to the sounds around them: birds singing, people talking, dogs barking. Then there are walks where Maya can smell the different smells: the earthy goodness of soil, the perfume of flowers and a blade of grass rubbed in your hand.

A Reading Community ... Continued...

KS1

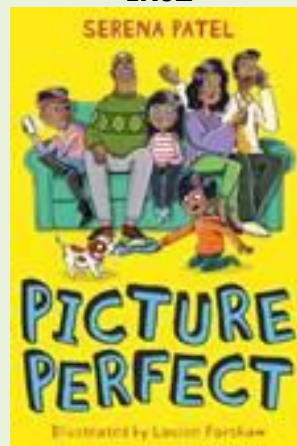


Marv and the Pool of Peril

Author: Alex Falase-Koya Illustrator: Paula Bowles

Marvin has a secret: when he puts on a special super-suit, which is powered by kindness and imagination, he becomes Marv the superhero. So far, nobody but his Grandad – who Marvin inherited the super-suit from – knows.

LKS2



Picture Perfect

Author: Serena Patel Illustrator: Louise Forshaw

When looking at family photos with Nanna, Sonal has a brilliant idea: a camping trip! If everyone can spend time away from their various activities and devices, they'll actually be able to spend some proper time as a family – and she might just be able to get the perfect family photo for her project. Faced with a digital detox, will Sonal's family have fun together, or will the trip end in disaster? And is there really such a thing as the perfect family? This lovely story about a relatable modern family is a fabulous read, and a reminder for children – especially in the age of social media - that other people's lives and families are just as imperfect as their own.

A Reading Community ... Continued...

UKS2



The Dragon in the Bookshop

Author: Ewa Jozefkiewicz

An intriguing mixture of contemporary life and Polish folk tale that explores the desolation and trauma of losing a parent and how one boy finds his way back to his friends and family – by rescuing a desperate city from an angry, and very hungry, dragon.

Parent Ambassadors 2022-2023:

Miss Swain is also launching the Parent Ambassadors for this academic year.

This year, the ambassadors will be focused on promoting the Global Curriculum - essentially the teaching and learning of diversity - within our community.

It is very important to us that we encourage conversation from all our school community - not only the staff and children - and therefore we would very much welcome participation within this from our parents/carers through their role as Parent Ambassadors.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Miss Swain for more information by **Friday 30th September**: a.swain@hillcroftschoool.org



In other news...

Collection Times:

Please can we politely remind parents and carers of our collection times:

Early Years – 3pm

KS1 – 3pm

Lower KS2 – 3.10pm

Upper KS2 – 3.15pm

As per our Late Collection policy, if parents / carers have not collected their child / children by 3.30pm after the normal end of the school day, and have not rung the school to advise of their lateness the child will automatically be taken to Acorns After School Club and parents will be charged £11 per child. If a parent telephones to say they are going to be late, they will be given an extra 10 minutes, until 3.40pm in which to collect their child. If the parent has not collected within this time then the child / children will be taken to Acorns After School Club.

Attendance Notice:

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Oasis Academy Open Evening:



The poster features the Oasis Academy Coulsdon logo at the top left, which includes a green arrow pointing right with the text 'Oasis Academy Coulsdon'. Below it is the Ofsted 'GRADED GOOD' logo. To the right of these logos, the text reads 'Oasis Academy Coulsdon: excellence through rigour, resilience & passion'. The main title 'Open Evening' is in large white font on a green background, with the subtitle 'Year 7 entry September 2023' below it. The event date and time are 'Wednesday 21st September 2022, 5-8pm'. Below this, it says 'Bookable Tours & Principals' Talks: 5pm, 6pm, & 7pm (bookings open September 2022)'. Underneath is 'Open Mornings' followed by '29th September, 6th & 19th October 2022, 9.00-10.30am' and 'Bookable Tours Only (bookings open September 2022)'. At the bottom left is the SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards 2019 logo, which is a grid of colored squares. To its right, the text says 'Students at our Academy make better than expected progress' and '2019 GCSE Progress 8 score indicator - last published Progress 8 data before Teacher Assessed Grades'.

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In other news....

St. Bede's Open Mornings:



St Bede's School

'Christian Education at its Best'

Open Mornings

Thursday 29 September

Friday 30 September

9.15 - 11.30am

We are pleased to be able to invite parents/carers and children applying for September 2023 to come and take a tour of the school during a normal working day and hear from the Headteacher about life at the school (talks at 9.15am, 10.00am and 11.00am - no appointments/bookings necessary. Last tours at 10.30am.)

De Stafford Open Mornings:



de Stafford School

Grow, Learn, Believe and Achieve

De Stafford are also hosting open mornings, please follow this link to book a place:

<https://www.destafford.org.uk/2635/book-a-school-tour>

In other news....

Harper and Reu's Wonderworld Auditions:

HARPER AND REU'S WONDERWORLD



Doc Hearts Films, makers of hit series '*Go Green with the Grimwades*' are looking for children aged between 3 - 7 years old to take part in a brand-new cultural series for *Milkshake!*

The programme will take children on a wondrous cultural journey through fun engaging play dates. Whomever our presenters *Harper* and *Reu* meet they'll be invited into the family home to explore and celebrate your culture.

Does your child have a unique or different cultural background and keen to show off their traditions and customs to *Harper and Reu*?

We are looking for chatty, confident children, of all abilities from various cultural backgrounds that **LOVE** to go on playdates!

- Is your child aged between 3 and 7 years?
- Is your child from a different cultural background and keen to show off their traditions and customs to *Harper and Reu*?

To apply, please send a video of your child doing the following...

- Please could they introduce themselves to camera (smartphone/ iPhone) telling us their name, age, location and a few fun facts about themselves (this can be anything from their favourite animal, toys, TV shows, about their family or even a joke).
- Please can they take 'us' on a tour around their house, showing us their family spaces (e.g. the living room, kitchen etc) and their bedroom.
- Could they tell us some fascinating facts about their culture? For example, their favourite festival, food they like to eat, traditional games or all about their national dress?

Video submissions should be emailed to castingkids@dochearts.com

The deadline for submissions is 12th September.

Please allow plenty of time to upload your video.

