

## Snow Day

We would like to offer a special 'Thank You' to Mr Morgan and his team of helpers this morning for clearing pathways in the snow, creating safe areas to walk on.

It was a delight to see the children that wanted to play out in the snow today enjoying themselves building snowmen at playtime on the field.....



## School Gate

Thank you to Friends of Hillcroft who funded the installation of the new gate at the entrance. I'm sure you will agree, the second gate has helped alleviate the congestion at peak times and makes entry and exit to the school so much easier.

## Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum is on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9.00am. This is an informal session with Miss Brazier and Miss Summers. We would be pleased if you could join us, the focus of the meeting will be our Behaviour Policy, but there will be the opportunity to discuss other points of interest. If you are able to attend the forum please inform the office on [w.vicars@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:w.vicars@hillcroftschoo.org). so we have an idea of numbers attending. Thank you.

## Welcome

This term we are pleased to welcome new members of staff to the Hillcroft team, Miss Dennis to Ash Class and Mrs May to Birch Class.

### **NSPCC Number Day – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

We are delighted to be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day, in support of Darwin house's chosen charity. The children will have the opportunity to take part in two ways:

Throughout the day, children will participate in fun curriculum-based maths challenges. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking pupils to collect sponsorship/ donations for this. Details about individual year group challenges and sponsorship forms will follow.

In the lead up to Number Day, children will also have the chance to complete a home learning maths challenge:

**Nursery and Reception** children can create a number poster, focusing on any number of their choice. The poster should explore the cardinality of the number- showing different ways the number can be represented.

**Key Stage One and Two** children can create their own maths games with instructions. This could be a matching game, dominoes, a board game or a card game. The more imaginative the better!

All entries must be named and handed in by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The winners will be announced on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in assembly.

Thank you for your support.

### **Library**

Friends of Hillcroft are funding the refurbishment of the school library. A mural has been designed for the feature wall and the artwork has already started – here's a sneak preview of the progress so far.



### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Fantasy Day in Reception - Pantomime
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Parents Forum 9.00am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Hillcroft Science Fair
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Prospero Theatre Workshop for Year 6
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Perform Workshop for EYFS and KS1
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags 2 School Collection
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet parade – Reception – information to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	INSET Day – Break up for Easter holidays