



HILLCREST NEWS

ISSUE 2

HILLCREST EARLY YEARS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
WEEK ENDING 20TH DECEMBER 2024

Dear parents/carers,

What a wonderful term the Christmas term is - we love making so many amazing memories with your children and seeing the magic of Christmas come alive in an Infant School is just so special. A huge thank you to all of you for your support with the different events we have held this term from the Book Fair to Christmas Plays, you have been there for them all and this is so appreciated.

This newsletter feels a slightly strange one as it is my last one before I commence my Maternity Leave in January. Mr Commander has been working really hard over the last few weeks to take on the role of Acting Headteacher in January. As always with Leadership at Hillcrest, his door will always be open as it is now so please do pop and see him if you have any questions or anything that you need support with. As you are aware, Miss Thorpe sadly leaves us in January to take on her new role and Mr Inman will take on the role of Assistant Headteacher so if you have any Safeguarding or SEN related queries, please do arrange to come and see him.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of the Academy and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you all again at some point in the new year when the children have returned to school.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Samantha Stokes

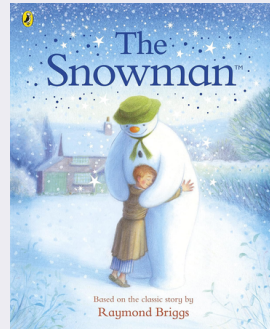
Clubs

Clubs letters will be coming out the first week in January so watch this space - they are on a first-come, first-serve basis!

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
After-School Club (3:30 – 4:30pm)	Photography Club (Thursday) 20 spaces Year 2 with Mr Inman	Choir (Thursday) 20 spaces Year 1/2 with Mr Inman	Art – Portraits (Thursday) 20 spaces Year 1/2 with Mr Inman	Drums and Percussion (Thursday) 20 spaces Year 1/2 with Mr Inman	Ballet (Thursday) 20 spaces Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Miss McCutcheon	Tag Rugby (Monday) 20 spaces Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Coach Freya
		Gymnastics (Monday) 20 spaces Year 1/2 with Coach Freya	Gymnastics (Monday) 20 spaces Reception with Coach Freya	Multi skills sports club (Monday) 20 spaces Year 1/2 with Coach Freya	Computing Club (Wednesday) 20 spaces Year 1/2 with Mr Schofield & Mrs Dennett	Crickets Club (Thursday) 20 spaces Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Mr Carlisle/Mr Commander
		Craft Club (Tuesday) 20 spaces Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Miss Jones & Mrs Gibson	Sewing Club (Wednesday) 15 spaces Year 1 and Year 2 with Mr Wilson and Mrs Ingram		Multi skills sports club (Monday) 20 spaces Reception with Coach Freya	
Lunchtime Club			Craft Club – Friendship bracelets (Tuesday) 20 spaces Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with Miss Longland and Mrs Dennett			

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Our Christmas Recommended Reads



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Time to say goodbye



At the end of this term, we sadly say goodbye to one of the best - Miss Thorpe.

Miss Thorpe has worked at Hillcrest Early Years Academy since April 2013 and has secured a new role working as the Assistant Head for the Virtual School to support children in care. We know that this role will be just perfect for Miss Thorpe and she will shine just as she has done at Hillcrest for all these years - they are extremely lucky to have her!

We will miss Miss Thorpe hugely but she will still continue to support the Academy as she has agreed to sit on the Board of Members in the very near future.

Wishing you all the luck in the world Miss Thorpe as you start your next exciting chapter.

Love from the Hillcrest Team x

A little message from Miss Thorpe

Making the decision to leave Hillcrest has been the hardest one I have ever made. I have loved every moment of working with you and your wonderful children. Thank you for embracing me and making me feel so welcome and appreciated. It's hard to believe I have been at Hillcrest since 2013!

I know that Mr Inman will continue to support you all as best as he possibly can and will continue to keep the high standards that we have at Hillcrest. I could not think of a better person to step in to my shoes (so to speak haha!).

I will miss working with you all, but I won't be a stranger and will attend as many events as I possibly can.

Thank you again for welcoming me into your amazing community and allowing me to be part of it for so long.

This isn't goodbye, it's see you soon! You know I won't be able to stay away, I'm like a 'bad smell' 😊!

Miss Thorpe x

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Staffing

When we return in January, Mr Commander will be stepping into my role during my Maternity Leave to be the Acting Headteacher.

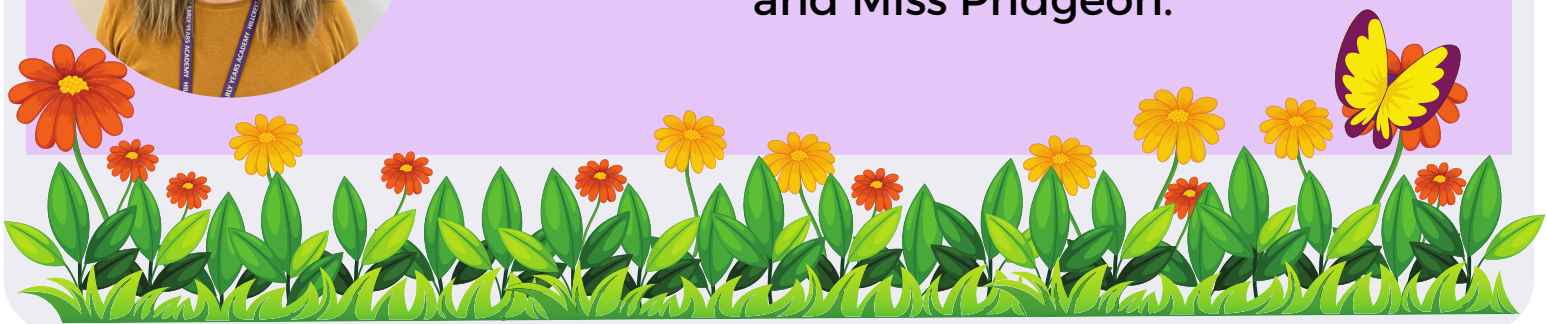


When we return in January, Mr Inman will be stepping into Miss Thorpe's role and becoming our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion and Safeguarding.

Miss Fletcher is our new Year 2 Teacher in Topaz Class who will be working alongside Mrs Ingram and Mrs Lindbeck.



Mrs Toward is our new Year 2 Teacher who will be job-sharing in Amethyst Class with Mr Inman and Miss Pridgeon.



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Do you shop in Tesco? If you do, we would be really grateful if you could contribute to our Blue Token project!

We are trying to raise further funds to support us with our Reading for Pleasure books in our new Library.

We would be really grateful if you could support us with this!



January return



We return to school on:

Monday 6th January 2025

Please set those alarm clocks extra early to make sure that children are in school and ready to learn by 8:50am. Remember that gates open from 8:40am.



Have a wonderful Christmas break!



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