



# HILLCREST NEWS

ISSUE 1

**HILLCREST EARLY YEARS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER**  
**WEEK ENDING 18TH OCTOBER 2024**

Dear parents/carers,

This term, it has been wonderful to see children transitioning back into school so well and see so many of you after the summer break.

We have had a great start to the term and have been working really hard with the children to develop our new Character Curriculum. The focus for this year has been 'Respect' and we have all been learning how to show this both inside and outside of school alongside earning our new Gem of 'Opal Power'. It has been really lovely to hear from you about how children have been achieving this outside of school too. I have put a post lower down on the newsletter about the Gem Project and more information can also be found on our website should you wish to use this at home.

Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to offer feedback regarding our Annual Clubs offer. This has helped us to inform the kind of clubs that your children would like to access and I am sure that you will agree, our new Clubs Planner does look very exciting!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to you all for your continued support of the Academy and would like to remind you, if you have any questions or queries then my door is always open.

Have a wonderful half-term and we look forward to seeing you upon our return on **Tuesday 29th October**.

With my very best wishes,

Miss Samantha Stokes

Clubs

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

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# Our Gem Powers



## **Diamond - Solving problems**

*I try and solve problems myself. I try to be independent.*



## **Sapphire - Keeping focus**

*I can fight off the monster distraction. I listen to others, even when there are lots of distractions.*



## **Ruby - Supporting others**

*I support everyone by being kind and helping if they have a problem. I try to make other people feel good.*



## **Emerald - Bouncing back**

*I try tricky things out and if I make a mistake, I try again.*



## **Amethyst - Working with a partner**

*I work with another person. I share my ideas and listen to theirs.*



## **Topaz - Learning in a big group**

*I work with another person. I share my ideas and listen to theirs.*



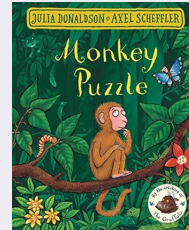
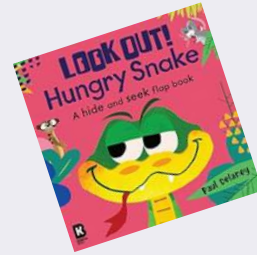
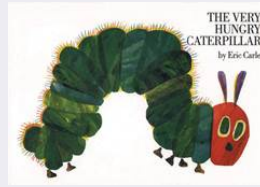
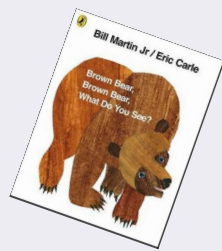
## **Opal - Respect**

*I show respect to everyone around me.*

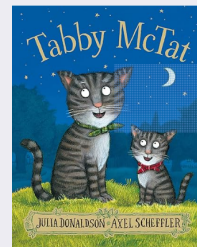
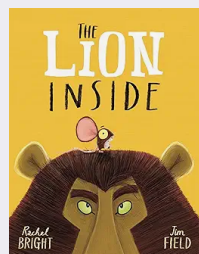
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# Mr Commander's Recommended Reads

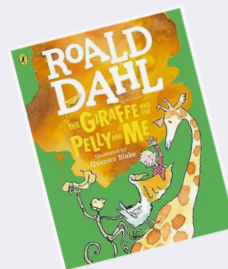
2-3 year olds



3-5 year olds



5-7 year olds



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# Harvest Celebrations



A huge thank you to you all for your generous donations to the Salvation Army Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations this year. A big thanks to our Tiny Trustees, Mr Carlisle and Mr Inman for making this happen!



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# Staffing

From January, Mr Commander will be stepping into my role during my Maternity Leave to be the Acting Headteacher.



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



Later in the Autumn Term, we look forward to welcoming Miss Fletcher onto the Hillcrest Team as our new Y2 Teacher!



## Goodbyes!

We sadly say goodbye to two members of our Hillcrest Team, Miss Qualters and Miss Frost. We wish you lots of luck in the future!





**HILLCREST EARLY YEARS  
ACADEMY**  
**OPEN DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**  
**9.45AM AND 3.30PM**

Do you have a child who is 2 or 3 and would like to join one of  
our Nursery Classes?

Do you have a child who is due to start full time education in  
September 2025?

This open day is organised so you can take a look around, meet  
our fabulous team and see what the children are learning to  
help you decide if Hillcrest is the right choice for your child!

Please come along, no booking is required.

We look forward to welcoming you all!



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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!



Do you shop at Asda? Could you sign up to help us raise further funds for our Cash Pot? So far we have raised £100.13! Thank you so much!

**The Gainsborough Hillcrest Early Years Academy**

You have helped raise

**£100.13**

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