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NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd December 2022

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear families,

It has been wonderful to walk around school over the last month and feel the excitement building up as we move into the festive period.

The children have been working extremely hard and showing great teamwork as they come together to rehearse for plays, carol concerts and other events in preparation for Christmas. It has also been lovely to invite families into school to help children with their Christmas crafting and to our wonderful Christmas Fayre.

We cannot wait for you to see the results of all the children's hard work, whether it be on stage in the school or at our carol concerts at St. James'. We are certain you will leave feeling as proud of them as we are, as well as thoroughly festive and ready for the holiday season!

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy 2023 from everyone at #TeamHillcrest!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



Christmas has well and truly arrived at Hillcrest! Last week, the children were joined in school by parents for an afternoon of Christmas crafting. The children worked together to make fantastic decorations and ornaments for the festive period.



Class 5 feeling festive with their Christmas wreaths made with parents at our Christmas Crafts afternoon

Earlier this week, it was fantastic to welcome so many families and carers into school for our annual Christmas Fayre. It was a truly special evening with stalls, games, plenty of mince pies and hot chocolate plus, of course, a very special guest from the North Pole!



It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community come together for the event. The children had a wonderful time, as indeed did the staff. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support.



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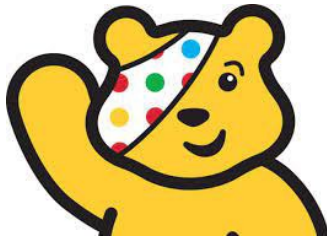


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CHILDREN IN NEED 2022



A big thank you for your generous support of the school's fundraising efforts this year for Children in Need. Thanks to you we were able to raise £135!

Thank You!

Children's University



Attached to this newsletter you will find a great variety of learning challenges from Mrs. Baker to receive extra credits over the holidays as part of the Rotherham Children's University. Happy crafting!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Class Christmas parties are all taking place on Wednesday 14th December. Please send crisps or individually wrapped cake and chocolate bars in with children **on the morning**, with any food being **individually wrapped**. For Classes 1–7 we would ask children to come in their normal school uniform, but they can bring a change of clothes for their party, which will take place in the afternoon.

Foundation Stage children in FS1/Caterpillars and FS2/Butterflies should come to school dressed in their party wear or their Christmas jumpers.

FS2 EYE TESTS



On 23rd January 2023 all children in FS2 will be offered an eye test. Parents will have received a letter with details and a permission slip. We would ask if this slip could be returned to school if you would like your child to be tested.

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HILLCREST HEROES!



Two of our children, Darcie and Lily Naylor have shown incredible kindness and fundraising spirit this term by growing their hair and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. They also raised a massive £800 to donate to the charity as well!

SCHOOL GAMES HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Fantastic effort, teamwork and resilience was shown by our U11 boys this term as they competed in the School Games Hockey tournament. Congratulations to our Y6

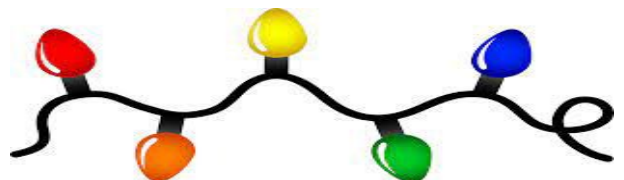
girls, who reached the quarter-finals, narrowly missing out on the semi-finals on penalties.



SCHOOL DINNERS



Following the introduction of the new four-choice lunch menus this term a tasty jacket potato option is now available for lunch every day.



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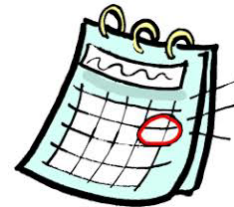
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STAFFING UPDATES

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At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to two teaching assistants in KS1 – Mrs. Deakin and Miss. Clarke. Likewise, we are sorry to be saying goodbye to our excellent SMSA Mrs. Ward at the end of December. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for the huge contribution they have made to the life of our school.

Miss. Hill is unfortunately not in school at the moment and will sadly miss our Christmas celebrations. During the last few weeks of term, Mrs. Hirst and Mrs. Divit will be working with Mrs. Headleand (JMAT) to lead the school.



Our beautiful school Christmas tree, with decorations made by children from across the school

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Before Christmas

Monday 5th December – EYFS Nativity – 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 6th December – EYFS Nativity – 10am-11am

Tuesday 6th December FS1/Caterpillars Christmas Singalong – 1:30pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 7th December – KS1 Christmas Play – 10:00am-11am

Wednesday 7th December – KS2 Christmas Concert at St. James Church – 3:30pm

Thursday 8th December – KS1 Christmas Play – 2:00pm-3:00pm

Thursday 8th December – Save the Children Charity Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 14th December – Class Christmas Parties

Thursday 15th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers Day

Friday 16th December – Live streaming of "Jack and the Beanstalk" to all classes during the afternoon before school concludes at 3:15pm for the Christmas break

In the New Year

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – School Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – School reopens to all pupils

Monday 23rd January 2023 – FS2/Butterflies eye tests

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