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NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents /Carers,

Pro-Kick Charitable Fundraiser

As of the time that this Newsletter was being compiled, Hillcrest families had raised £3938 with 60% of this sum going towards the great causes that the Sports Connections Foundation support. The other 40%, approximately £1600, will go to the Friends of Hillcrest to support their work around the school.

The children have had a fantastic two days working alongside former professional footballer, Junior McDougald, attempting to try and get the fastest kick into their giant inflatable goal.

There is still time to collect money from friends and relatives with the final deadline for payments onto the Just Giving site (link below) and the final opportunity to bring sponsorship forms into school being set at Friday 3rd November, after the half-term break.

When making your payment via Just Giving, you should be given a unique reference number which needs to be written onto your child's sponsorship form as proof that the payment has been made. Only then can the wristbands and footballs be given to the correct children.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hillcrestprimaryprokickschoolschallenge2023>

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Spademan is expecting her second child. This means that Mrs Spademan will be going on Maternity Leave at Christmas and hopefully returning to Hillcrest next September.

The children in Meteors Class will be supported by Mrs Pepper full-time upon their return in January. Mrs Pepper currently teaches the class two days per week and is therefore well known to the parents and children.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Hillcrest will be having a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th November in support of Children in Need.

Parents are asked to go online to their WisePay account to pay the £1 donation so that their child can attend school on the day in non-uniform.

Appeal to Bike Fanatics

We have a number of children's bicycles stored at school for the Reception children to use.

The problem with having such items that aren't necessarily all used every day is that they can go into various states of disrepair if they are not cared for.

In order to ensure that the bicycles remain safe whenever the children want to get them out to ride them, we would like to ask for volunteers who may have expertise and interest in bicycle maintenance to spend a few hours every month keeping on top of their maintenance.

If you are interested, please email our EYFS Lead, Emma Oram at EOram@hillcrest.norfolk.sch.uk for more information.

Reverse Advent Calendar

On Monday 20th November, we will be launching the annual Reverse Advent Calendar. Over the 4 weeks from that date, we will be asking the children and their families to bring various food and non-food items into school. These items will be donated to Downham's Foodbank in time for Christmas to ensure that those families most in need of this additional support can access it over the festive period and beyond.

During the Week beginning 20th November, we will be asking families to donate dried food items (such as pasta), whilst during Week 2 (w/b 27th November) the emphasis shifts to liquids (such as fizzy drinks). In Week 3 (w/b 4th December) we will be requesting tinned food items and then during the final week of the Reverse Advent Calendar (w/b 11th December) we will be looking at non-food items.

Further details will be released after half-term.

Panto Trip – FINAL REMINDER

The annual Pantomime trip to Hunstanton takes place on Monday 11th December for Years 1, 3 & 5 and on Wednesday 13th December for Years 2, 4 & 6.

The trip is being heavily subsidised by the Friends of Hillcrest who are covering the cost of the transport to Hunstanton, which comes to well over £2000. This means that the trip is cheaper than it was last year at £11.50 per child.

Bookings are now being taken via WisePay. If a significant number of parents in any one year group have not paid by Friday 17th November, the trip may be cancelled for those year groups.

Colder Weather on the Way

We have had a brief taste of the colder, windier weather this week that we may get more of after the half-term break.

A reminder to parents that the children will go out to play in all temperatures as it is usually the heavy rain that prevents the children from going out to break. Therefore, can the children please be reminded to come to school in a warm coat and, where appropriate, gloves and a hat. All such winter weather items should be clearly labelled so that we can reunite lost items of clothing with their owners.

Drop-In Morning

For years 1 to 6 our final drop-in morning of the Autumn Term, which gives parents an opportunity to visit their child's class between 8.45 and 8.55am, takes place on Wednesday 6th December.

EYFS drop-in is the afternoon of Thursday 7th December at 3.15pm

Christmas Production Dates

It is that time of year when staff begin preparations for Christmas productions and the dates for each year group can be found below...

Reception Performances on Tuesday 12th December at 9.45am AND Friday 15th December at 2.15pm

Year 1 Performances on Wednesday 6th December at 9.45am AND Tuesday 12th December at 2.15pm

Year 2 Performances on Thursday 7th December at 9.45am AND Thursday 14th December at 2.15pm

Year 3 & 5 Christmas Church Service at 10.30am on Monday 18th December

Year 4 & 6 Christmas Church Service at 2.00pm on Monday 18th December

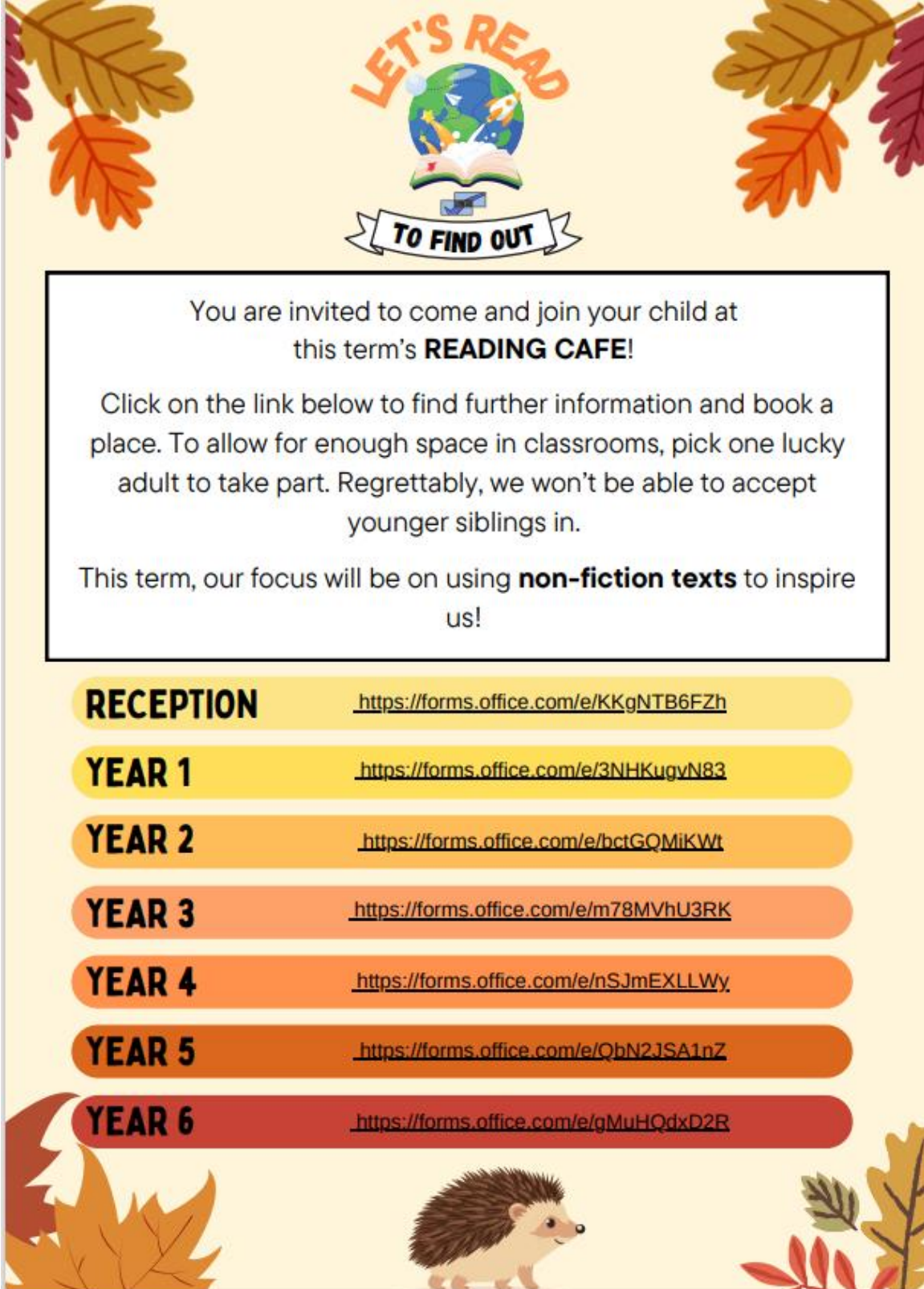
1960s Day – ADVANCE NOTICE

On Thursday 1st February 2024 Hillcrest Primary School will be holding a 1960s Day.


Following on from the huge success of our 1970s and 1980s Days in previous years, the children (and staff) will be encouraged to come to school in sixties costume, dance to music from the era in a disco that all year groups will get the opportunity to experience throughout the day, eat a school dinner based loosely around food that would have been eaten at school during that period, learn about big news events from the time and watch some children's TV from that decade.

The advance notice is an opportunity for parents to get their thinking caps on about how their child may dress on the day. We are looking forward to a great event.

Reading Cafes



LET'S READ




TO FIND OUT

You are invited to come and join your child at this term's **READING CAFE!**

Click on the link below to find further information and book a place. To allow for enough space in classrooms, pick one lucky adult to take part. Regrettably, we won't be able to accept younger siblings in.

This term, our focus will be on using **non-fiction texts** to inspire us!

RECEPTION	https://forms.office.com/e/KKgNTB6FZh
YEAR 1	https://forms.office.com/e/3NHKugvN83
YEAR 2	https://forms.office.com/e/bctGQMikWt
YEAR 3	https://forms.office.com/e/m78MVhU3RK
YEAR 4	https://forms.office.com/e/nSJmEXLLWy
YEAR 5	https://forms.office.com/e/QbN2JSA1nZ
YEAR 6	https://forms.office.com/e/gMuHQdxD2R



Attendance Matters

Class	Target for October	ACTUAL FOR OCTOBER	Target for November
Moons	98.50%	97.53%	98%
Suns	98%	92.11%	96%
Meteors	96%	92.73%	96%
Nebulas	96%	94.88%	96%
Comets	98%	94.70%	96%
Planets	96%	95%	96%
Mercury	98.50%	96.77%	97%
Pluto	98%	97.47%	98%
Mars	96%	94.77%	96%
Saturn	96%	94.77%	96%
Europa	96%	87.50%	96%
Jupiter	96%	97.45%	98%
Venus	99%	96.79%	97%
Earth	97%	93.69%	96%
Neptune	97.50%	97.24%	98%
Proteus	96.50%	95.62%	96%

The attendance figures for each class throughout the month of October can be found above with Moons in Reception the best attended class in the school with a figure of 97.53%.

A huge well done also to Jupiter Class in Year 5 for beating their target attendance for October.

NEXT NEWSLETTER IS OUT ON FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2023