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Hillcrest Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents /Carers,

## SCHOOL CLOSED

*Hillcrest Primary School will be closed between Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive) for the Whitsun half-term break. School will reopen at the usual time on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We wish all of our families a restful break.*

### Class Organisation from September 2025

It is that time of year when we let parents know where their children will be going after the Summer break.

The table on the next page of this newsletter shows the full list of class changes. Please ensure you have carefully identified your child's **current** class so that you can be sure you have correctly spotted who they will be moving to next year.

The first column lists the current classes as they exist at the present time whilst the second column identifies the name of the class they will be in next year. The third column then identifies the teacher(s) that the children will be taught by.

The Year 3 classes have been taught as three artificially smaller classes throughout this year. This was always a one year opportunity and one that we are unable to continue with due to ever-tightening funding. Therefore, the three Year 3 classes will be merged into two Year 4 classes from September 2025.

The Reception Classes will continue to be taught by Miss O'Dea (Moons) and Mrs Spademan/Mrs Pepper (Suns) next year.

Next year's Pluto Class in Year 3 will be taught by Miss Easter with Mrs Farr providing most, if not all, of the cover for Miss Easter so there is consistency for that class during any period of absence.

Those parents of children in our current Year 3 classes that are merging into two Year 4 classes will receive a separate letter identifying their new teacher for next year.

<b>Current Class (2024/25)</b>	<b>New Class from September 2025</b>	<b>New Teacher(s) from September 2025</b>
Suns	Nebulas	Miss Hancox
Moons	Meteors	Mrs Parlett
Meteors	Planets	Miss Longworth
Nebulas	Comets	Mr Chalkley
Planets	Mercury	Mrs Whittaker
Comets	Pluto	Miss Easter (Mrs Farr)
Mercury, Pluto & Tethys Merged into two classes	Saturn	Mrs Roberts
	Mars	Mrs Wardle
Saturn	Venus	Mr Frost
Mars	Jupiter	Mrs Muskett
Jupiter	Neptune	Mrs Cawley
Venus	Earth	Mr Steel

## **Classroom Shifts for September 2025**

Alongside announcing the new classes for next year, we also have to inform a number of year groups that the classrooms in which they will be taught will be different next year. We are taking the opportunity that having some spare classrooms provides to shift year groups around the main school building as well as moving all of Key Stage 2 into the 'i' Building which is something that we have never done since moving into our new block 6 years ago.

Year 1 classes for next year will be housed where you would presently find Year 2. Nebulas (Miss Hancox) will be taught where Planets are currently taught this year whilst Meteors (Mrs Parlett) will be taught where Comets are currently based.

Year 2 classes for next year will find a new home in the classrooms currently occupied by Year 3. Planets (Miss Longworth) will be taught where Mercury are currently taught this year whilst Comets (Mr Chalkley) will be taught where Pluto are currently based.

The Year 3 classes for next year will move across to the 'i' Building with Pluto (Miss Easter) being housed on the ground floor where the Music Room is currently situated. Mercury (Mrs Whittaker) will also move onto the ground floor of the 'i' Building and they will be based within the room that was previously occupied by Proteus of Year 6.

All other year groups continue to be taught in the spaces normally allocated to them.

## **Plans for Music and DT**

With Year 3 moving into the Music Room next year, the dedicated space for the teaching of Music will move into the main school building and be based in a spare classroom opposite Mrs White's office.

We are also delighted to announce that Hillcrest will have a dedicated room for the teaching of Design Technology from September. This new space will be based in the existing Tethys classroom. It is the perfect location as it is directly opposite the kitchen area and with Food Technology also falling within the DT curriculum, it will allow staff the opportunity to make better use of the kitchen space for whole class DT lessons.

## **Meet the (New) Teacher Evening – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet the year group team that will be supporting their children next year on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.**

We used to hold these events during the first couple of weeks back in September. However, last year, for the first time, we held the meeting at the end of the Summer Term leading up to the start of the new year. This seemed to provide a better opportunity to reassure parents ahead of their child's new move.

The presentation for the parents of children moving into Year 1 will take place in the Purple Hall whilst the presentation for the parents of children moving into Year 6 will take place in the Main Hall. All other year group meetings will take place within one of the classrooms that the children will be taught in next year.

Please note that these presentations are aimed at adults and therefore, if you are able to make alternative childcare arrangements for your children during this time, this would be preferable to bringing them along. However, we would rather parents attend and therefore, if you have no childcare options at that time, then you are still more than welcome. The presentations and opportunity for questions is unlikely to last any more than half an hour.

There are separate opportunities for new Reception parents to meet the staff on other dates and therefore, the Reception staff **WILL NOT** be available on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

## Goodbye and Hello Again!

It with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Arnold who goes on Maternity Leave on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Despite only joining us last September, Miss Arnold has become a much-loved member of the team and has supported the children in Meteors really well.

Miss Arnold joined Hillcrest on a one-year contract and therefore, will not be re-joining us after her Maternity Leave finishes. Therefore, this will be a goodbye rather than a 'see you soon.'

Her colleagues are all really excited for her as her family begins to grow and wish her well on her new arrival.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> June, Miss Camus re-joins Hillcrest after leaving us back in October to travel the world. Miss Camus will take on the responsibility for Meteors Class in Year 1 through until the end of the school year.

## Sports Days

We are pleased to confirm when this year's Summer Sports Days will be taking place.

EYFS	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm
KS1	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	1.15pm
KS2	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	12.30pm

Please note that after the success of last year's afternoon Sports Day for Key Stage 2, that we will be running all sports days in the afternoon this year.

In the event of poor weather we may have to rearrange the events for another day. However, unlike previous years when we share what our reserve dates are in advance, we have not set any at this time and will take a decision on a new date at the earliest possible opportunity should a decision to cancel be taken.

Please note that it isn't just rain that poses a threat to the Sports Days taking place. In the event that the temperatures are too high on the day of the events, it may be in the best interests of the children's health to postpone to a cooler day.

## Class Drop-Ins

The final two Summer Term Drop-Ins will be held between 8.45 and 8.55am on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

## Preparing for the Hot Weather

As we enter what are usually the two hottest months of the school year, we would like to remind parents to help prepare their children for the conditions.

Please remember to ensure that your children have used sun cream before they head to school. As we are unable to apply further sun cream ourselves, please ensure that your children know how to reapply the cream to themselves in the event that they want to top up during the day.

Children are welcome to wear a hat to protect their head and eyes at break and lunch and they should also ensure they come to school with plenty of drinking water so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

For those parents of children in Earth or Neptune Class, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place at 10am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Provided that the weather allows, we will hold the event in the Key Stage 2 playground. In the event of poor weather, we will hold the assembly in the Main Hall which may mean limiting the numbers attending.

## Attendance Matters

Class	Target for APRIL/MAY	ACTUAL FOR APRIL/MAY	Target for June
Moons	96%	96.67%	97%
Suns	96.50%	96.96%	97.50%
Meteors	97%	98.07%	98.50%
Nebulas	96%	94.77%	96%
Comets	96%	97.17%	98%
Planets	98.50%	95.94%	96.50%
Mercury	97.50%	97.50%	98%
Pluto	98.50%	97.61%	98%
Tethys	97.50%	95.76%	96%
Mars	96%	97.97%	98.50%
Saturn	96%	95.95%	96.50%
Jupiter	97.50%	95.20%	96%
Venus	96%	94.64%	96%
Earth	97%	97.23%	98%
Neptune	96%	89.64%	96%

Well done to Suns and Moons in Reception, Meteors in Year 1, Comets in Year 2, Mars in Year 4 and Earth in Year 6 for beating their targets for the month. Mercury in Year 3 also matched their target for the period.

A special congratulations to Meteors Class in Year 1 for recording the best attendance for the period of April/May with 98.07% being recorded.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER IS OUT ON FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE**