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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents /Carers,

### Congratulations

All of the staff at Hillcrest want to share the fantastic news that Mr Martin is now a proud father.

During the Easter holidays, Elodie Pearl Martin was born, weighing 5.7lbs. Mr Martin has been home with his wife and Elodie for the past couple of weeks and we look forward to welcoming him back into school next week.

We are sure that all of the Hillcrest community would wish Mr Martin and his new family well.

### Time-Change Consultation

A reminder to all parents that the consultation over the proposed changes to the timings of the school day from September continues. You have until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to share your thoughts whether they be positive ones in support of the change or whether you have concerns or queries that you would like to share.

All responses to the consultation should go to the following email address...

[consultation@hillcrest.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@hillcrest.norfolk.sch.uk)

On the 6<sup>th</sup> May we aim to release a document that hopefully addresses all of the concerns that have been raised to date. This was never going to be a process that would please all families and whatever adaptations to the original plan that we might consider in light of some of those concerns, we will still not please everyone. However, we are genuinely grateful for all of the comments made so far and have given us cause to consider how we deliver some elements of our plan going forwards. There are also some misconceptions that are evident from some of the comments and we hope to be able to address those very easily.

We would also like to thank the many parents who have responded positively and are excited about the proposed changes.

We do want to address one comment that has been made during the consultation so far from a parent who is concerned about the workload this may be putting on the staff. Firstly, I would like to thank that parent for considering the staff's wellbeing as that has to be one of the first things that we consider when we make any changes to processes and procedures in school. Unhappy and demotivated staff are not something we ever want at Hillcrest. However, we are pleased to report that the staff are genuinely excited about the proposed changes and are looking forward to working with your children on some of those many activities that we aren't allowed or encouraged to teach through the Primary National Curriculum and which provide that broader, richer and more diverse experience that we are seeking to offer through the proposed changes.

## **Run Hillcrest Charitable Event**

I am delighted to confirm that, once again, Hillcrest families and the children raised a staggering amount of money for charity.

The Friends of Hillcrest will receive £2192 as a result of the amazing fundraising efforts and the event that the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation put on. The Norwich City CSF will also receive an identical amount to help them carry out the work they do in the community with a range of different groups which means that, in total, Hillcrest families raised around £4500.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated.

## **BromCom**

We reported in a previous edition of the School Newsletter that we were looking at options to move to a new Management Information System on which to store all records on attainment, attendance and emergency contacts for the children.

This has been made all the more urgent after news that the system we currently use, Pupil Asset, is being wound down by its new owners, Juniper.

After considering various options, we have chosen to move to BromCom with the move hopefully having taken place by the time we return to school in September.

Over the Summer parents will be encouraged to download an app called 'My Child At School' and going forwards into the new school year, this will be the main form of communication between home and school, eventually completely replacing emails and texts.

Initially, we will remain with WisePay in September as the route through which parents pay for school meals, trips etc. However, from January 2027 the plan is that all payments will move across to the My Child At School app and that WisePay will no longer be used.

We will keep you fully informed of the changes as we move forwards with the migration to BromCom.

## **Welcome and Goodbye**

We would like to say goodbye to Miss Strudwick who worked as a TA in Year 1 this year. We would also like to welcome Miss Green to Hillcrest who will be taking on the TA role in Year 1.

## **Sports Day dates**

We are delighted to be able to confirm the dates for the Summer Term Sports Days as we know that some parents like to book work off with plenty of notice.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1.45pm          EYFS

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 12.30pm          Key Stage 2

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1.15pm              Key Stage 1

Each Sports Day will take place in the afternoons. In the event that any of the Sports Days finish before 3.30pm, parents will be able to take their children and any siblings home early on those days.

## **Class Drop-Ins**

The Summer Term Class Drop-Ins will take place between 8.45 and 8.55am on the following dates...

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

## **Attendance Matters**

We are holding back our usual look at the monthly attendance figures for each class this month as we would only really be counting a few days within our data which wouldn't offer a fair representation of the attendance picture.

Therefore, the targets that were set for the month of April will now include May as well and be revealed in next month's Newsletter.

## **Book Fair**

The much anticipated and well attended Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on the following dates :

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 3.30 – 4.15pm (Purple Hall)**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 8.30 – 8.45am (Purple Hall)**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 3.30 – 4.45pm (Main Hall)**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 – 4.15pm (Main Hall)**

**Early warning...SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**We are closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May for the May Day Bank Holiday.**

**We would also like to remind you that Hillcrest Primary School will be closed for the Whitsun half-term break between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (inclusive). School reopens at the usual time on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER IS OUT ON FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY**