

News 29th March 2019

Term 5 Enrichment Programme - click [here](#) to download.

SuperStars New Clubs! We know lots of children will be delighted to hear that there will be two **Football Clubs** next term, one for Reception and KS1 and one for KS2. There will also be two **Dodgeball Clubs** and, on Fridays, a new **Bats & Racquets Club** for all ages - Rounders, Cricket, Tennis and other bat and ball games.

On the creative side, in addition to her popular **Art Clubs** (for both age groups), Art specialist Hannah is excited to be offering **Pottery Club** for Reception and KS1 and **Sculpt & Build** - A 3D art and sculpture club - for the older children. She has lots of exciting plans for large and small projects, using all sorts of materials!

On line booking for next term's SuperStars clubs will be open by 5pm today. (Their phone number is for booking queries and under 5s bookings only. If you have any other questions about their clubs please ask in the school office.)

In response to feedback from parents, we have asked that SuperStars provide a 'Quiet Corner'. If you need childcare but your child *really* doesn't want to do the activity on offer for their age group that day, or perhaps is feeling tired or off-colour, they can choose a quiet activity instead, eg. reading, colouring, board games. They will be supervised by Hannah, in the room where she is running the creative activity (please note, though, that this is not an additional club and her main focus will be on the art activity). If you want your child to use the Quiet Corner, book on line as normal, by age, and just let the school office know.

Teacher-led morning clubs - We have some great new morning clubs for the older children. For Yrs 5 & 6: Tag Rugby with Mr Taylor, Running Club with Mr Boyle, and Cheerleading with Ms Sharples. The KS2 Netball and Basketball Clubs with Miss North and Mr Mac are running again and Mr Mac will also be developing the Hillcrest boys' team in Football Club for Yr 5 & 6 boys (girls again in Term 6). **Booking is open now on Gateway.**

Outside Providers - All the current clubs will be running again next term and all the providers are ready to take bookings. See the Enrichment Programme for details of how to book.

In other news...

All parents and carers have been sent an email today from our Chair of Governors, announcing Bridget Norman's appointment as Headteacher, effective from today. Needless to say, the entire Hillcrest team are over the moon! The news will be announced to the children in this afternoon's assembly... We're certain they will be absolutely delighted too.

Next week is Autism Awareness Week and Monday is 'Spectrum Non-uniform Day'

The Autism spectrum is a continuum and so are the choices of our favourite colours! To launch the week, Monday 1st April will be Spectrum Colours Day. All children have a favourite colour - on Monday they can wear it from top to toe - a t-shirt, a jumper, a headband - get creative with block colour (not fancy dress please).

If you would like to donate £1 for wearing your favourite colour, you can pop it into the collecting buckets as you walk through the school gate.

All the money raised will go to the National Autistic Society to continue their work supporting children and families.

4SL Robin Class Raffle Cake and Craft Sale - Whilst we were studying JK Rowling, we discovered that she had donated a lot of her money to charity. This inspired us to want to help a local charity. We have decided on the Bristol Cats and Dogs Home.

Phoebe has been working extremely hard asking local businesses for raffle prizes.

Prizes include: £35 voucher from Sully Cycles, £10 Parson's Vouchers, Flower/Plants, Cut and Was from The Barber Shop, A plant from Don Gays, Hair Cut from Mac Daddies, Veg Box voucher from Fox and West, £25 from Innovations for hair cut/blow dry etc, £30 voucher for a massage from Emma Seville, a PS4 computer game and a collection of Beano comics!

Please bring any cake donations on Thursday for the Cake Sale after school. Thank you.

5WL Performance costume request - Can anyone help us out? We need:

- 5 plain red tops for soldiers to wear
- 1 small piece of lace for the highwayman to wear around his neck.
- Black/dark outfits for the narrators
- 3 wooden swords

Yr 2 Writing Competition - Year 2 had a visit from a real-life author on Monday, Seren Wilkinson (Jasper W's mum). She talked to the children about story structure and challenged them to unpick the structure of Harry Potter. It was a very inspiring morning and it led to some amazing story writing from the children.

Seren has set the children in Yr 2 a challenge: If they can write a story which hits the beats of her story structure (you can find it [here](#)) she will read every single one... and **the author of her favourite story will get to name a character in her next book. Wow!**

The closing date for this competition will be the first Monday after the Easter holidays. We'd like to say a big 'thank you' to Seren for coming in. It was a fantastic morning.

Anti Bullying Alliance questionnaire - Several parents have contacted us, after reading the letter about this last week, to ask (very reasonably) to see the questions before deciding whether to give permission. You can see them [here](#).

Look out for your next Mailbag on Tuesday.

We're off to celebrate Miss Norman's appointment!