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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 1st November 2018
 Newsletter No: 7

Attendance w/beg: 8th October 2018
 Whole School: 97.4%
 Class of the week: Otter 99.67%

Hedgehog 97.6%	Squirrel 96.4%	Rabbit 98.4%
Deer 97.24%	Fox 96.55%	Owl 95.0%
Badger 98.33%	Otter 99.67%	

We hope that you have all had a wonderful half term break. The children have returned to school with great enthusiasm and ready for an action packed half-term.

Letters Home

New Autumn Dinner Menu
 Flu Vaccination Forms

School Photos

Individual & sibling photos will take place on Friday 2nd November. School will be open from 8am for family photos (children who do not attend Hilltop Infant School) please use the hall door.

Week Beginning 5th November 2018

School Dinners

Week 2 - New Winter Menu



Forest School
 Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

November

1st National Outside the Classroom Day
 2nd Individual Photos
 2nd Shipmates Disco
 6th Parent Consultations, 3:30-6pm
 7th Parent Consultations, 4-7:30pm
 16th Year 2 Sleepover

December

4th Flu Immunisations
 10th Pantomime at Towngate Theatre
 13th Christmas Dinner
 14th Christmas Jumper Day
 17th EYFS Nativity Performance, 1:30pm
 18th EYFS Nativity Performance, 9:30am
 18th Christmas Market
 19th Visit to St Catherine's Church

This week in school

This week in EYFS we have been exploring the story Whatever Next and thinking about journeys into space. We have made our own rockets and practised moon walking! We have enjoyed sequencing the story and acting it out using props.

We have also been exploring pumpkins and thinking about our own experiences of Halloween. We carved a pumpkin with our teachers too.

In Year 1 and 2 we have had a very exciting week; what a great start to the new half-term! In English, we have been planning to write our recounts on our experience at the Natural History Museum. On Wednesday, we had a very special visitor in school. 'Dino Girl' came to see us and brought some of her dinosaur friends along with her, where we discovered lots more interesting facts about dinosaurs and how they lived. We learnt how they became extinct and also how they digested their food.

Natural History Museum

Our Year 1 and 2 children visited the Natural History Museum on Tuesday. We spent the majority of our time there exploring the dinosaur area of the museum, where we had the opportunity to get very close to many fossils and dinosaur skeletons. We also visited the mammal section, where we saw the museum's famous blue whale model. Our Hilltop children behaved impeccably; the museum was very busy and our KS1 children were extremely sensible and made us all very proud! Well done to the children, as well as the adults who planned the trip. We would also like to thank the volunteers and parent helpers who supported on the day; we really wouldn't have been able to run the trip without you!

Parent Helpers

Thank you very much to our parent helpers who gave up their time to accompany us on our visit to the Natural History Museum on Tuesday. This would not be able to take place without your support.

Visit

Today HEARTS was visited by the representative of a multi academy trust in Bradford. Mr Lee came to visit Hilltop Infant School this afternoon and it was a real pleasure to take him on a tour. He was able to see our wonderful children working hard and enjoying their learning.

Mrs Mackenzie

Flu Immunisations

Your child will have brought home a consent form for the flu immunisations being held in school on **Tuesday 4 December**. Regrettably the nurses cannot administer the immunisation without your consent, therefore, the forms must be **returned by Friday 16th November**. If you do have any queries or concerns please call the Mid Essex Team on 01376 302769.

Parental Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on 6th & 7th November. Appointments can be booked online with our online booking system. If you have any problems booking an appointment please speak with the office staff who will be happy to book you an appointment. Please note that children are not to attend these meetings.

We would hope to see parents/carers from all families attending so that you can hear about how your child is progressing in school. If you haven't managed to book an appointment class teachers will be contacting parents/carers to support them in arranging an appointment.

Clubs Tuesday and Wednesday

Due to parent consultations next Tuesday and Wednesday there will not be any after school clubs taking place. Little Musketeers will add another week and this will take place on Wednesday 19th December.

Poppies

We have Poppies and some other merchandise on sale in the school office. Suggested donation prices are

Friendship bracelet £1.00

Slap Rulers £1.00

Reflectors 50p

Hilltots

We are really looking forward to welcoming our younger children in January when our preschool opens. There are still a few spaces available so if you are interested please contact the school!

Early Reading in Hedgehog, Squirrel and Rabbit Class

Please can we remind parents and carers that the early reading in class is an opportunity for parents and carers to hear their children read. This should be a quiet and relaxing environment so please avoid bringing any snacks and drinks at this time. Mobile phones must not be used at any time and for safeguarding purposes should remain in bags or, preferably not brought into school. Once you have finished reading you can leave the classroom with your child.

Parent Local Advisory Board members required

Hilltop Infant School and Hilltop Junior School Local Advisory board who work together are looking for parent members. This is an exciting time for both schools going forward. The board is made up of parents, staff, the Head of School, community members, and at times pupils. The Local Advisory Board (LAB) is the voice of the schools within the Trust and reports to the Board of Trustees.

Further information and details on how to apply will be provided after half term. Should you have any questions in the meantime, please email Katy Love, Clerk to the Trust at k.love@heartsacademy.uk

Janeway's Joke



What do you call a dinosaur with no eyes?
Do you thinkysaraus!

If anyone else has a funny joke to make Janeway wag her tail, pop it on a bit of paper and hand it in to the office.