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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2018
Newsletter No: 15

Attendance w/beg: 1st January 2018
Whole School: 95.00%
Class of the week: **Maple - 98.71%**

Chestnut 97.50%	Cherry 92.19%	Oak 96.02%
Ash 94.17%	Birch 94.76%	Elder 88.75%
Maple 98.71%	Willow 98.28%	

Lunchtime Craze of the Week KS1
Top Trumps

Letters Home

EYFS Password system for collection
Invitation to clubs
Year 1 & 2 visit to Synagogue

Week Beginning 8th January 2018

School Dinners

Week 2

Forest School

Class	Group
Chestnut	B
Cherry	B
Oak	B



Upcoming Diary Dates

January

5th Premier Sport – Dodgeball
9th Premier Sport – Football
11th Premier Sport – Gymnastics
12th Premier Sport - Dodgeball
15th New collection arrangements
22nd Visit to Synagogue
24th Year 2 School Council conference at CLC

February

2nd NSPCC Number Day
21st Year 1 and 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo
27th & 28th Parent Consultations

Happy New Year

We hope that you all have had a wonderful Christmas break and would like to wish all of our families a very Happy New Year. All of the children have returned to school with enthusiasm and ready for our new term. This term there are lots of exciting things planned with school trips and visits to the CLC.

Clubs

Letters have been sent home today for invitation clubs for Maths, Phonics and Writing Club. Thank you to all parents and guardians who brought their children to the clubs leading up to Christmas. New letters have been sent home today. If your child has not received one they no longer are required to attend.

Premier Sport Clubs start again from Friday 5th January

Gym Trail (invitation only) - Monday 8th January

Choir – Monday 8th January

Morning Drop Off

As always we try to help the children at our school grow in every way possible including their independence skills. To help encourage the growth of this skill further, children are going to try saying goodbye to their parents at the classroom door rather than being escorted into the room. They will come into the classroom on their own, put their belongings away and settle down to their morning activities. To help with the development of their independence, parents/guardians can be supportive by making sure they say goodbye at the classroom door and once their child is safely inside moving away from the classroom door. Remember if you need to pass on a message, please pop in to the office where the ladies will gladly pass the message on to the class teacher, who will be busy during the drop off looking after the children and engaging with educational activities.

EYFS Collection Arrangements

A letter has been sent home in book bags today with information about your child being collected by anyone other than a parent. Please ensure that you read this letter and return the envelope to the office by **Friday 12th January** as the new system will take effect from Monday 15th January.

Year 1 & 2 Collection Arrangements

From 15th January there will be a book in each classroom where parents and guardians can write the name of the person collecting their child if it is anyone other than a parent. If you do not write in the book the name of the person collecting we will keep your child safe at school until we can contact yourselves for confirmation of pick up arrangements.

Visit to Synagogue

As part of the HEARTS Academy Trust, respect is at the core of our ethos. We aim to educate our children about all the different people, cultures and religions in our world today. This will include trips to churches, synagogues and mosques where attendance to each is expected to help build this respect and understanding we would all want our children to have. On Monday 22nd January Year 1 and 2 will be travelling by coach to visit a Synagogue in Westcliff.

Colchester Zoo Trip

On 21st February Year 1 and 2 will be going to Colchester Zoo. A letter will be going home w/c 29th January with details about the trip and lunch requests.

Parent Parking Problems

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the very large majority of parents who park considerately when dropping off and picking up children. It makes a big difference to the safety of our children and their families as well as being respectful of our neighbours. Unfortunately, there are a couple of parents who forget the rules and park in the wrong place – oops! From next week the Hilltop Parking Police will be making spot checks on the cars and photographing any naughty parking to go on the newsletter at the end of the week.

New Year Resolutions

In assembly this week the children were encouraged to think about their own New Year Resolution. It may be interesting to ask your child what they promised to do in 2018. From not arguing with their siblings, keeping their room tidy to learning how to make cookies and for one child – taking driving lessons – the children had lots of super ideas! Even Janeway has made a New Year Resolution, promising to stop digging up Mr Chapman's garden.

GDPR - 25th May 2018

You may have heard the new Data Protection regulations are coming into force from 25th May this year. The Regulations place a greater emphasis on organisations to only collect information that is necessary, to keep it safe, and to delete it immediately if it is no longer needed. Naturally it is necessary for us to have information about your child and contact details for you to ensure we can fulfil our statutory requirements and our responsibility for safeguarding. We would like to assure parents and carers that we are reviewing our systems across the Trust to ensure we will be GDPR compliant before the regulations come into force. As more systems and protocols are introduced we will publish them on the GDPR page of the website.

Janeway's Joke

'What do you call a pig that knows karate?'

A pork chop!



