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Hilltop Infant School

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Weekly Newsletter

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Attendance

Each week attendance for each class will be shared. We aim for every child to have 100% attendance.

Parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Schools have a duty to monitor and act early to address patterns of absence.

Letters Home

Year 1 & 2 Who Can Collect After School
 Sponsor Form for Sports for Champions Team
 Year 1 & 2 San-Marie Stage School invitation (this will be sent out Friday)
 Clubs (this will be sent out Friday)

Week Beginning 10th September 2018

School Dinners

Week 2



Forest School

Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

September

5-13th EYFS children start part-time

13th 9-10am Year 1 Phonics Workshop

14th First full day for EYFS children

14th 9:15am Volunteer Helpers Meeting

17th Clubs Start

19th Evening Echo New Intake Photo

20th 9-10am Year 2 English Workshop

25th 4pm, Year 2 Sleepover Meeting with crèche

October

2nd GB Athlete visiting for Sponsored Sport Event

Welcome

Welcome back to all of our Year 1 and 2 children. I hope that all of you have had some very happy times over the Summer break. A special welcome to the new children and families who have joined Hedgehog, Squirrel and Rabbit classes. I wish you all a very happy time as part of our Hilltop Infant School community. There are some wonderful learning opportunities planned for your children this year. We look forward to working with parents and carers to support all children to make the best possible progress.

Hilltots Preschool

As you will have noticed work has commenced on our new preschool and it is hoped (with all fingers and toes crossed) that we will be up and running by October half term. As part of her role in the school Mrs Boroughs will also take on the leading of the nursery alongside the three reception classes. If you are interested in a place or have any other queries, please speak to Mrs Boroughs or one of the office staff who will be happy to help.

House Groups

Children and staff have been allocated a house group and they will be in this group for the entire time they are at Hilltop Infant School. These houses are Leopard (blue), Jaguar (green), Tiger (red) and Lion (yellow). These house teams will be used for Dojo points and for Sports Day.

Who Can Collect After School

In book bags today, for Year 1 and 2 only, are "Who can collect after school". Please can you complete these and return to school by Monday at the latest.

Water Bottles

We have received today a new stock of sip bottles. They can be purchased from the office for £1.50

Help and Support

The summer can be a difficult time for some families so please remember to come and talk to us if we can help in any way. You are always welcome to talk to your child's teacher at the classroom but sometimes, families prefer to discuss matters in a more private way. Mr Chapman is usually available to chat without an appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am, Mrs Bouwer (our Senco) is in school on Mondays and Wednesdays all day and on Tuesday mornings. Our School Counsellor, Kerry Westbrook, is in school each Friday. Please note that Mr Chapman will not be available first thing on a Monday as we now have assembly at that time but he is very happy for you to make an appointment after 9.30am.

Volunteer Helpers

If you are already a volunteer in school, or would like to become one, please would you come along to a volunteer helpers meeting. This meeting will be held on **Friday 14th September at 9:15am**. This meeting is essential and volunteers will not be able to start or continue working in school unless they have attended. If you are not able to make one of this session then please let the office staff know and Mr Chapman will aim to make an alternative date.

Reading Challenge

Please find new Autumn reading challenges in your child's reading diary.

Absence Letters

If your child has been absent from school due to illness, when returning to school please can they bring a letter to explain why they have been absent.

Correspondence

We are very conscious of the amount of paper we use in school and looking at ways of reducing this. From now on all letters will be emailed home and a small amount of paper copies will be available from the office. There are of course some letters that will need to be printed but we are trying to keep this to a minimum.

GB Athlete Coming to Hilltop

We are very excited to announce that Montel Douglas, a GB Athlete, will be coming to Hilltop Infant School on 2nd October for a sponsored fitness morning. In book bags today you will find a letter from The Sports for Champions Team with a sponsor form. Please can you ensure that all sponsor forms and money are returned to school by **Monday 24th September**. Today in assembly the children watched a video about this exciting event.

I am sure you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for all the children to be involved in a sporting event and raise funds for the school. We would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Janeway's Joke



**How do cows count?
With a cowculator!**

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.