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Hilltop Infant School

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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 8th November 2018
 Newsletter No: 8

Attendance w/beg: 29th October 2018
 Whole School 96.11%
 Class of the week: Hedgehog 99.32%

Hedgehog 99.32%	Squirrel 96.44%	Rabbit 95.11%
Deer 96.93%	Fox 95.02%	Owl 97.96%
Badger 95.56%	Otter 92.91%	

Letters Home

Christmas Dinner

Week Beginning 12th November 2018

School Dinners

Week 3 - New Winter Menu



Forest School
 Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

November

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

19th Last Day of Term

This week in school

In EYFS we have been learning about different celebrations. We have found out about Guy Fawkes and fireworks where we made edible sparklers and painted toast! We also created firework pictures using paint and chalk. We have also found out about Diwali and made Diva lamps. We know that Diwali is a festival of light. We have looked at Remembrance Day too and created beautiful poppies.

Year 1 have been writing a recount about our trip to the Natural History Museum. In Maths, we have been using a number line to add. We also made a toy shop and used money to buy things.

This week, our Year 2 children have been learning how to solve problems involving money in maths. In English, we have continued writing recounts about our trip to the Natural History Museum. We had great fun in Art this week, creating our paintings of the four seasons and we are looking forward to visiting the Junior school for paired reading on Fridays, which will be starting this Friday. Otters will be taking part this week, followed by Badgers next week and Owls the following week, before the cycle will start again. This is to give both our Year 2 children and the Year 3 children the opportunity to work together as part of our transition process.

Year 2 Sleepover

We are very excited about welcoming 48 of our Year 2 children to the school sleepover next Friday. It is going to be a very fun night with lots of giggles and fun (and hopefully some sleep)! Please make sure that your child brings everything on the pack list with them and that they all have a full meal before coming back to school at 5pm.

Respecting our Residents

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been talking about how we can show the HEARTS values of Respect and Responsibility to all of our local residents. They have thought about what we can all do to help make our local community a happy place to be part of including treating our neighbours property and gardens with respect and encouraging parents/carers to park considerately. Children have spent time making wonderful posters (in all different styles) that we can put up in our local area to help remind all of us how to be responsible members of our community. Look out for them when you walk home over the next week.

Hedgehog Parent lunch feedback

Thank you very much to our parents and carers who came for our Hedgehog class parent lunch and for your valuable feedback. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying lunch with your child. Please find below some of the comments, we will also be looking at all comments to help improve the lunchtime experience.

	Excellent	Good or better	Satisfactory or better
Portion size	47%	82%	100%
Quality of food	29%	82%	100%
Lunchtime Environment	53%	94%	100%

"I thought it was very well organised and liked how independent the children were"

"Good environment, my son knew the procedure and even told me not to eat my pudding before I'd eaten my lunch"

"Really lovely to spend time with my daughter during lunch. Children all knew what to do and it was very well organised."

"Salad bar had great variety."

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers from Squirrel class on 29th November and Rabbit class on 17th January.

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.

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

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

Hilltots

Letters have been sent home this week to parents and carers regarding places at Hilltots. There are still spaces for the afternoon session, application forms can be obtained from the school office.

Janeway's Joke



What sound do hedgehogs make when they hug?
Ouch!

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.



Shipmates Newsletter

Halloween Disco

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco, it was a fantastic night and we loved seeing everyone's costumes. A big thank you to Mr Chapman who was a brilliant DJ as well as all the helpers we had on the night.

There were a few items of clothing left behind, you can collect these from the Office.

We are pleased to announce that you helped us raise **£815.33!**



Christmas Market - Tuesday 18th December

We are currently busy planning the Christmas Market and are looking for helpers and volunteers, if you would like to get involved please contact us on the email address below. These events cannot run without your help.

We are also looking for Prizes for the Christmas Raffle & bottles of wine so if you are able to donate a prize please let us, or the office staff know.

Feedback

We are always interested in your feedback after a Shipmates Event. If you have a couple of minutes to spare, please send us an email and let us know what you thought of the Halloween Disco.

What did you like most about the Halloween Disco? Did you think it was good value for money? Would you recommend our Discos to another parent at the school?

You can email us at shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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EYFS Talk Time

Date: 31.10.18

Subject Leader: Mrs Boroughs

Children attended:

Year 2: Sadie, Molly, Lyla, Layla, Benjamin, Isla

Year 1: Jack, Alicia, Sofia, Aiden

Year R: Mia, Freddie, Vinny, Tianah, _Georgia-Mae, Tommy

1. What have you learnt in EYFS?

Shapes

Sewing

Writing

ERR and how to read sight words

Butterflies/caterpillars

Phonics

Made a stage and acted

Learning to count

Learning to write my name

Writing

Numbers and adding

Reading

Maths and English

Finger spaces, full stops, capital letters

Digraphs and trigraphs

Counting and tracing

Reading

Working hard

Playing with friends

Being kind

Sharing

To always try our best

Letters and words

Playing and exploring

Listening

Eating

Making things

PE

Autumn

Rockets

Stories

Learning to read

Read without a grown up

2. What do you like about EYFS?

Lego

Sandpit

3d shapes

Playing

choosing

Playing with friends

Acting out

Making playdough

Everything!

The teachers

Forest schools

Writing

Playing games

Learning how to play nicely

Computers

Mrs Boroughs

Jumpstart Johnny

Playground

Sharing

Everything

We like to work with all the EYFS teachers and play with all the EYFS children in each class

Playdough

Friends

Playing and exploring

Playing outside in the leaves

Doing exciting things

Reading stories

Toys and equipment outside

Learning new things

Art

Painting

Drawing

Playing on the boat

Working outside

Dough disco

Singing

3. What skills did you learn in EYFS?

PE/Sports

Sharing

Writing
Climbing trees
Making a swing
Building
Tying knots
Making a zip wire
Fixing things
Making patterns
Doing up my coat
Putting on my PE kit
How to play nicely
How to make friends
Blending
Chopping for reading and writing (ERR)
Taking turns
Listening
Helping
Playing
Counting
Reading
Cutting
Drawing
Write my name
Singing

4. How did you learn in EYFS?

Using fingers to count
The teachers helped me
Doing things on my own
Playing with my friends
Trying new things
A couple of people at a time did jobs at tables
Taking the register to the office
Teachers
Number lines
Grown ups
Conkers
ERR wall
Busy Things
Playing
Having a go
Exploring

Choosing
Finding things out
Working with our grown ups
Working with our new friends

5. What was the most exciting thing you did in EYFS?

Playing/making friends
Having a new adventure every day
Making cupcakes
Meeting my teachers
Going to forest school
Coming in on the first day
Playing with toys
Maths
Computers
Finding new friends
Book corners
Making rockets
Eating lunch with our grown ups
Scooping out pumpkins with our hands
Yoga
Playing with the leaves
Campfire, roasting marshmallows and hot chocolate
Story bus
Stories outside
Playdough
Playing with friends
Cutting
Boat at playtime

6. If you could change anything, what would you change?

Nothing
More lego
More toys
More writing and maths
Forest schools altogether
More PE
More painting
Chicken nuggets on the dinner menu
More yoga
More toys - batman, superheroes and princesses
Behaviour triangle should be a circle

7. What do you like about the classrooms and outside area in EYFS?

Forest school

Water pit

Mud kitchen

Dens

Seesaw

Colourful classrooms

Telephone tubes

Metal climbing frames and ladders

Construction

Lots to play with and explore

Dens

Scooters

Colourful walls

Playing equipment outside

Fresh air outside

The climbing frame

Book corner

Cars

Role play

Boat area and field

Chance to play and explore

Outside space

Toys

Drawing

Fun

Maths area

Snack table

8. Any other comments: