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Hilltop Infant School

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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 11th October 2018
 Newsletter No: 6

Attendance w/beg: 1st October 2018
 Whole School: 96.31%
 Class of the week: Squirrel - 100%

Hedgehog 92.4%	Squirrel 100.00%	Rabbit 93.2%
Deer 97.24%	Fox 98.62%	Owl 95.67%
Badger 94.18%	Otter 98.67%	

Assembly Theme of The Week
 Everyone is different

Letters Home

Parent Consultations Log-in details
 Mr Chapman's Challenge
 School Dinner Initiative
 IQ Cards

Week Beginning 29th October 2018

School Dinners

Week 1



Forest School
 Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

October

10th Year 1 and 2 Design & Technology Day
 12th Last day of term
 29th Children return to school
 30th Year 1 & 2 visit to Natural History Museum
 30th EYFS Parent/carers for lunch - Hedgehogs
 31st Year 1 & 2 Dinosaur Workshop

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

Wow, where has the time gone?! We cannot believe that this is the end of the first half term already! We have had a marvellous start to this new academic year and it has been wonderful to see all the work and learning that has been happening in all the class rooms. Our children in Hedgehog, Squirrel and Rabbit class have settled into school very well and are already demonstrating our school values. We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful half-term break and we are looking forward to the next term where we have lots of exciting things planned. This includes Year 1 and 2 visiting the Natural History Museum, the whole school going to the pantomime, visiting the church, EYFS Christmas performance and the Christmas Market with Years 1 and 2 singing around the Christmas tree!

We are currently enjoying some glorious weather and coming to school in just school jumpers and cardigans but soon we are going to be needing our hats, gloves and scarves. Please can we therefore ask you during the half term holiday to prepare your children to return to school with appropriate named clothing. Thank you in advance.

Parent Helpers

Thank you very much to our parent helpers who gave up their time to come into school yesterday to help children with making their sock puppets.

This week in school

This week in EYFS we have been learning about different families. We know that every family is unique but they all have one thing in common: Love! We've made family trees in each classroom to celebrate our families!

In Year 1 have been busy writing our own version of a Tiger who came to tea. In Maths, we have been subtracting with cheesy biscuits and we have also made our own sock puppets. What a busy week we have had!

In Year 2 we have been writing our own versions of 'The Tiger who came to tea'. In maths we have been practising our subtraction skills and in DT we made our own dinosaur sock puppets!

Parental Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on 6th & 7th November. Appointments can be booked online with our online booking system. A letter has been sent home with log-in details and booking will open today at 8pm. 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 to 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 after half term to support them in arranging an appointment.

Mr Chapman's Challenge

Further to our letter regarding Mr Chapman's challenge. The link on the letter was information regarding the condition that Olivia was suffering from. The charity that we are supporting for this condition is <http://www.abbiesarmy.co.uk>. Apologies that this was missed on the letter.



Day 1

Day 3

Age Appropriate Games

We are aware that children are playing games that are not age appropriate including Call of Duty, Splatoon2 and Fortnite. All games are given an age rating to protect your child from seeing inappropriate material. Children under the age deemed appropriate for the game should not be playing the game. If we are made aware of children playing inappropriate games, we will be dealing with this in accordance with safeguarding procedures and child protection.

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

Year 6 Liddington Residential

As the Infant School and Junior School are looking to work more closely together, Mr Chapman has kindly volunteered to agree to support the Year 6 team with this adventure so will not be in school from Monday lunchtime until Friday afternoon. If you have any queries please feel free to email the school office and he will respond as soon as he can but this may not be on the same day. If any parents/carers have any urgent concerns regarding a child's safety or well-being please ask to speak with Mrs Alsford or Mrs Boroughs who are both Safeguarding Leads within the school.

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!

Hilltots Competition

There is still time to enter the competition for designing a logo for Hilltots. Tomorrow is the deadline to submit your design. Don't forget to add your name and class to your design.

Hilltots Vacancies

We have some vacancies for positions in our preschool, Hilltots. If you are interested in applying please visit Essex School Jobs. Interviews will be taking place

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/SearchResults.aspx?Keyword=hilltots>

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.

School Dinners

Emailed home to families yesterday was information with questions and answers about the new school dinner initiative. This following feedback and views taken from families. We hope that you will support us with this new initiative. When we return after half term we will start with week 1 from our current menu. We will then follow with our new summer menu which will be sent home tomorrow. Please can you take the time over the holiday to read and discuss menu choices with your child/children. Thank you for your support.

Week 1 – 29 October				
Week 1	Meat	Vegetarian	Jacket Potato	Dessert
MONDAY	Rainbow Pasta with Schools Favourite Sauces Tomato sauce, 3 cheese or ratatouille Homemade Crusty Herb Bread, sweetcorn Salad Bar		Tuna or beans	Chocolate Brownie Glass of milk
TUESDAY	Chicken with pitta bread Herby diced potatoes, mixed salad Salad Bar	Falafel with pitta bred Herby diced potatoes, mixed salad Salad Bar	Tuna or beans	Iced Sponge
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon with pineapple ring, new potatoes, pea and cauliflower cheese Salad Bar	Sweet Potato Rosti, new potatoes, pea and cauliflower cheese Salad Bar	Cheese or Tuna	Fruit Smoothie
THURSDAY	Butcher's Sausage served in a rich onion gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans and sliced carrots. Salad Bar	Vegetable Sausage Twist, creamed potatoes, green beans and sliced carrots. Salad Bar	Beans or Tuna	Cookie
FRIDAY	Birds Eye Chunky Fish Finger with Chips and Baked Beans Salad Bar	Quorn Dippers with Chips and Baked Beans Salad Bar	Cheese or Tuna	Milkshake Cupcake

Janeway's Joke



What is a spider's favourite thing to do on a computer?

Make websites!

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 – Friday 2nd November – TICKETS SELLING FAST!

Its not too late to get your tickets! If you still need to buy your tickets please grab a from the office or email us on the details below. You will be notified by text message nearer the time if your application has been successful or not.

IQ Cards – Christmas Cards, Wrapping Paper & Gift Tags

This term we are delighted to be participating in the Christmas Card Fundraiser with IQ Cards. The funds that we raise through your purchases will be used to benefit the school. For every pack of cards sold the school earns around 30%. Shortly you will find an Order Form in your child's book bag which will need to be completed together with your Childs Design which must be drawn on the reverse. The quality of these products are fantastic. Payment must be handed in with the order form by **31st October**. If you have any queries please contact us on the details below.

Christmas Market - Tuesday 18th December

We are looking for volunteers to help make the Schools Christmas Market a success. If you can donate even 30 minutes of your time to help run a stall it would be greatly appreciated. You can email us on the address below with your contact details and someone will get in touch with you. We are also looking for Prizes for the Christmas Raffle so if you are able to donate a prize please let us, or the office staff know.



Shipmates & HJSA

One of the big topics discussed at our recent AGM was the roles of Shipmates & HJSA. We are aiming by the end of January to have closed Shipmates & HJSA to create a new Charity to serve both schools, the Hilltop Parents & Teachers Association. This has been encouraged by both Shipmates & HJSA to be able to offer bigger and better events which are consistent throughout both schools. Over the next few months we will be holding an E.G.M and electing new board members for the New Charity. Our Aim will remain the same, to raise funds for the benefit of all Hilltop children. We look forward to welcoming as many new members as possible and will keep you updated with any progress on the Newsletter.

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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A Lovely Ladies Treat!

Come along to the Wickford CLC to enjoy a **traditional afternoon tea** provided by the Wildflower Travelling Tea Party, a **fun film quiz** followed by our specially selected film, **Finding Your Feet**, starring Joanna Lumley and Imelda Staunton, a rom com feel good film.

Fundraising for the CLC is now a necessity to help the Centre meet running costs. We hope you will support this exclusive opportunity to enjoy the excellent facilities of the CLC and the services of the Wildflower Travelling Tea Party whilst helping the Centre.



Limited spaces, tables of 6 or 8 available, book as a group or just come along and enjoy an afternoon with new friends. Bring your own alcohol if you wish, plenty of tea provided!
Free parking on site. Disabled facilities and hearing loop. Large screen display.

Please book and pay on line at www.wickfordextendedservices.org.uk

Prepayment must be made to reserve your place.

Please call Rachel Voller on 07795972477 for further information.

£20 per person
Saturday 6th October
4pm to 8pm

Wickford CLC, Grange Avenue, Wickford, Essex, SS12 0LZ

Booking Deadline: Monday 1/10/18