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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 13th September 2018
Newsletter No: 2

Attendance w/beg: 5th September 2018

Whole School: 97.02%

Class of the week: Squirrel & Badger – 100%

Hedgehog 91.03%	Squirrel 100%	Rabbit 97.37%
Deer 96.43%	Fox 94.25%	Owl 99.44%
Badger 100%	Otter 96.11%	

Week Beginning 17th September 2018

School Dinners

Week 3



Forest School
Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

September

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 9-11am Year 2 English Workshop

20th 7:30pm Shipmates AGM

25th 4pm, Year 2 Sleepover Meeting with crèche

October

2nd GB Athlete visiting for Sponsored Sport 1

10th Year 1 and 2 DT Day

Letters Home

Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Year 2 English Workshop
2018 Calendar (Friday)
Club Places (Friday)

This week in school

What a marvellous week we have had. In Hedgehog, Squirrel and Rabbit classes we have been busy meeting and making lots of new friends, practising our sounds and working on our counting skills. This week the children have stayed for school dinners and today we used our new dinner trays. We are so proud of how well all the children have settled into school.

Over the last week, Year One and Two have been learning lots of new things! We've had a great start to our Dinosaur Topic so far. We have been learning a story about a dinosaur called Tiny in English. In Year 2 we know some of the differences between what dinosaurs ate, which we learnt in Science. Ask your child what herbivores, carnivores and omnivores eat! In Maths we have been learning place value, looking at the tens and ones in two digit numbers. The children are very excited to learn lots more about dinosaurs this term! In Year One in Maths we have been ordering numbers up to 20. The children were very excited to practise their stitching in preparation for making our sock puppets.

Donations of socks

We are looking for donations of adult socks for our DT day on 10th October. Please bring any spare socks and pass them to your classroom teacher. At last a home for all the lost socks!

Year 2 Sleepover

A letter will be sent home shortly about the Year 2 sleepover that will be taking place on Friday 16th November. A meeting will be held on 25th September and this meeting must be attended if your child will wishes to come to the sleepover.

San Marie Scholarship

Congratulations to Daisy in Deer class who was the lucky winner of the San Marie Scholarship competition.

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.

Clubs

Letters will be sent home tomorrow letting you know which club your child has successfully gained a place at. If your child has been unsuccessful gaining a place your child will be on the waiting list.

School Counsellor

I am Kerry Westbrook, your school counsellor. In 2000, I studied and gained qualifications in psychology. It then felt a natural progression to take up a diploma in therapeutic counselling, after which I qualified as a therapeutic integrative counsellor in 2006. I worked for St. Lukes Hospice and Thurrock Mind during my time studying and then CAMHS. After joining the Wickford Cluster schools in 2012, my portfolio has increased to 7 schools across the area.

I am very passionate about supporting the emotional well-being and promoting good mental health of our young people, their families and the school staff, taking care of them during the school day. Married with 3 grown up sons, I have a vast amount of life experience to draw on, as well as my counselling skills and having connections with many outside agencies to be able to offer holistic support that is child centred.

Please ask a member of staff for me to contact you if you would like to book a confidential consultation.

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.

Staff Training

Yesterday staff Hilltop Infant and Junior School received training on Stonewall. Stonewall is an organisation to help prevent the bullying or discrimination towards any person regardless of sexuality, ethnicity, religion, etc. The very sad statistics demonstrate what a serious issue bullying can be with over 25% of young Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual people attempting to take their own lives due to discrimination. The aim of Stonewall, as well as HEARTS, is to make our schools and communities a safe and loving environment for everyone to feel accepted in so that we can all be who we are. The main theme which we encourage all parents to share at home is 'Everyone is different, Everyone is special'.

We will be holding a parent workshop at the beginning of next half term for parents/carers to raise awareness of LGBTQI and explain how we will be 'addressing and teaching this in school through PSHE lessons and our behaviour management policy and expectations.

Parking

Unfortunately, on two occasions this week I have been contacted by our neighbours about the parking around school. We need to show respect to our neighbours and community so please be considerate parking your car when dropping and collecting your children at school. Mr Chapman will be out with his traffic warden hat in the next couple of weeks along with the publication of cars parked badly on the newsletter. If the same car is photographed 3 times we will contact the police and pass our concerns on to them.

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. Please can you ensure that all sponsor forms and money are returned to school by **Monday 24th September**.

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



Why did the elephant paint his toenails red?

To hide in the cherry tree

Mr Ashman

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

Welcome back to school, and welcome to all our new parents and carers.

We are looking for new committee members and volunteers, all positions are up for re-election. If you would like to join please don't hesitate to contact us. Letters will be in the school bags soon for our AGM which is being held on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm at the school. Letters will explain a bit more about us too.

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

Shipmates email: Shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com