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# Hilltop Infant School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
 Newsletter No: 10

**Attendance w/beg:** 12<sup>th</sup> November  
 Whole School 96.08%  
 Class of the week: Rabbit - 100%

Hedgehog 93.6%	Squirrel 99.2%	Rabbit 100%
Deer 95.17%	Fox 94.48%	Owl 94.67%
Badger 98.0%	Otter 94.14%	

### Letters Home

Parent Local Advisory Board Member  
 Mr Chapman's Challenge

### Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### School Dinners

Week 2



**Forest School**  
 Group A



### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### November

#### December

4<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisations  
 7<sup>th</sup> Non-School Uniform Day  
 10<sup>th</sup> Pantomime at Towngate Theatre  
 11<sup>th</sup> Visit to St Catherine's Church  
 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day  
 17<sup>th</sup> EYFS Nativity Performance, 1:30pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> EYFS Nativity Performance, 9:30am  
 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Market  
 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### This week in school

In EYFS this week we have been sharing autumnal stories and getting ready for winter. We have been exploring addition using adding machines, writing autumn poems and making bird feeders! We have also begun learning our Christmas performance songs.

In Year 1 we have been learning how to divide by sharing cheesy biscuits. In English, we wrote a narrative about Mary Anning's life. In Art, we have been painting our seasons.

This week in Year 2 we have been learning how to divide in maths by making and drawing arrays. We started writing our narratives about Mary Anning's life and practised our best joined up handwriting. In Science this week, we have continued learning all about the four seasons. This Friday, Year 2 Owl class will be visiting the Year 3 children for their paired reading.

### Year 2 Sleepover

Wow, what a fantastic time we all had. The children had a fantastic time making pizza, painting the Sistine Chapel, dancing and songs round the campfire. Thank you very much to all our wonderful staff who gave up their time to support with the sleepover.

### Applying for places Reception

Parents of children born during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 can apply for primary school places between 12 November 2018 and 15 January 2019. You will need to apply for a place online [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Please call the school office to arrange for a tour of the school.

### **Applying for places Year 3 2019**

Applications for Junior Schools at Essex County Council opened on Monday 12th November and the statutory closing date for applications is 15th January 2019. If your child is currently in Year 2 you will need to apply for a place online [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) for Year 3 admissions.

### **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](mailto:k.love@heartsacademy.uk)

### **Parental Survey**

Please find below links for a survey regarding the October half term holiday dates. We would be grateful if you would take the time to complete this short survey.

#### ***Reception***

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9Q3B5Y2>

#### ***Year 1***

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9WDL996>

#### ***Year 2***

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9WMVZMN>

### **EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance**

Online booking will open on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November for the EYFS Christmas Nativity, you will need to use the same logging on details that you used for booking parent consultations. Families will be allocated two seats. There will be a crèche available for this workshop and places must be booked and paid for in advance. Please book places via the main office. We will only be able to run this crèche if we have a minimum of 6 children as we need to cover staffing costs to run the crèche.

### **Pantomime**

The whole school will be going to the pantomime Snow White at the Towngate theatre. Letters will be sent home this week with permission slips and lunch requests. Please can these be returned to the office by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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!

## Parking

Residents around Hilltop Infant and Junior School have been complaining about the parking around the schools. Please can we remind you to be considerate of our community when parking your vehicle. Please can you pass this message onto other family members if they collect your child/children. Thank you for your co-operation.



### **Mr Chapman's Challenge**

Mr Chapman's beard is growing well (in patches!) and we are really hoping that we can raise enough money to shave his head! Thank you very much to everyone who has already sponsored Mr Chapman. We have also set up a Just Giving page where donations can be made online.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mr-chapman>



### **Janeway's Joke**



**Why can't Elsa hold onto a balloon?**

*Because she will let it go!*

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



## Non-Uniform Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

We are having a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December in exchange for Chocolate for the Christmas Market. Please can children take their donations to their classrooms on Non-Uniform Day.



## Christmas Market - Tuesday 18th

This year Shipmates will be supporting the schools Christmas Market however we need some volunteers to help the event run smoothly, if you would like to get involved please contact us on the email address below. These events cannot run without your help!

If you are a local business who would like to run a stall at our event then please get in contact via [shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com](mailto:shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com) and we will send you a booking form. Please note you need to have your own insurance in place.

## Wine & Raffle Donations

We are also looking for Prizes for the Christmas Raffle & bottles of wine so if you can donate a prize please let us know.

## Teddy Tombola

This year we are hoping to run the popular Teddy Tombola at the Christmas Market, if you have any teddies you would like to donate, please get in contact with a Shipmate of a member of HJSA.

## 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 your feedback at [shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com](mailto:shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com) or leave us a letter in our post box in the Office.