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Weekly Newsletter

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Attendance w/beg: 28th January 2019
 Class of the week: Rabbit – 99.20%

Hedgehog 89.60%	Squirrel 96.25%	Rabbit 99.20%
Deer 89.31%	Fox 88.97%	Owl 97.93%
Badger 94.67%	Otter 95.00%	

Week Beginning 4th February 2019

School Dinners
 Week 2 – New Menu



Forest School
 Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

February

15th Last day of term
 18th-22nd Half Term
 25th Children and staff return
 25th& 26th Parent Consultations

Whole school attendance

93.79%



We need to improve this next week!

Letters Home

Yoga Club

This week in school

In EYFS we have been continuing our work on construction and building. We have made bridges and tested them and thought about how builders keep safe. We have pretended to be builders and interviewed each other using question words: who, what, why, when, how, where. We have also learned about time. We have been using ordinal numbers in races and when sequencing instructions.

In Year One we have been learning to find the difference between two numbers. In English we have been looking at snow poems and collecting new and interesting vocabulary. We have also been using the dictionary to look up the definition for some of the words. In computing we have been using the internet safely to research Antarctic animals. It has been a very busy week in Year 1.

In Year 2 this week, we have been learning about poetry in English. We have been exploring different poems about snow and winter and have discovered lots of new and exciting descriptive vocabulary. In maths, we have been using standard column method to subtract two digit numbers and in Science we have been investigators when we carried out an experiment to find out where ice melts quickest. What a busy week we've had!

Deer Class

We are very pleased that Freya Jemson will be spending three weeks in Deer class after half term. Mrs Jemson is training as a teacher and we will all welcome and support her during her time with us.

Week commencing 4th February 2019

Week 2	Meat	Vegetarian	Jacket Potato	Dessert
MONDAY	Meat Free Pasta Garlic Bread G L M VEG		Cheese or beans	Muffin E G L M
TUESDAY	Crispy Chicken Nuggets with Sweet and Sour sauce (optional) & noodles (allergen info to follow) Salad bar	Sweet Chilli Sauce (optional) Quorn Strippers & noodles (allergen info to follow) Salad bar	Tuna or Beans E M F MUS	Pineapple and Ice Cream Pot
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding, gravy, roast potatoes, Mixed Veg E M Salad bar	Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding Gravy. Roast Potatoes, Mixed Veg E M VEG	Coleslaw & Beans M VEG	Ice Cream Pot M L G
THURSDAY	Beef Burger in a Bun, Sweetcorn Salad Bar S G L	Veggie Burger in a bun, sweetcorn & Salad S G VEG	Tuna/Cheese E M F VEG MUS	Fruit Cocktail G L
FRIDAY	Fish Fillet Crispy Chips, Garden Peas G F Salad Bar	Quorn Dippers, chips, garden peas E S G M VEG Salad Bar	Beans or Tuna F M	Shortbread Biscuit G L M

Peanuts=P
Sesame=S
Lactose=L
Vegan=VGN

Tree Nuts=TN
Soya=S
Celery=C

Eggs=E
Gluten=G
Mustard=MUS

Sulphates=SUL
Vegan=VGN
Sulphates=SUL

Sulphates=SUL
Vegan=VGN
Vegetarian=VEG

Fish=F
Shellfish=SH
Molluscs=MOL

Change to Menu

Please note there is a change to the menu for Tuesday to celebrate Chinese New Year. There will be crispy chicken nuggets with sweet and sour sauce (optional) or sweet chilli (optional) Quorn strippers served with noodles.

Spare Clothing

If your child has been sent home with spare clothing please can you ensure that these are washed and returned to school. We are also in need of girls' tights and underwear, if you have any spare we would be very grateful of any donations.

Yoga

In assembly yesterday we had a special visit from Amie May who will be running a Yoga club on a Friday morning at 8am. Spaces are limited to 15 and will be allocated on a first come basis. Please complete and return slips and payment to the school office. This club will start next Friday 8th February.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place after half term on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February 2019. A letter will be sent home with log-in details at the beginning of February.

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

Cold Weather

As the weather has turned very cold please can you ensure that children come to school in warm, named clothing.

Attendance

At Hilltop we believe that every day in school is important. Children who come to school every day, on time and suitable equipped for school will have the very best opportunities to achieve.

We expect every child to have 100% attendance. Don't forget that with school holidays, non-pupil days and weekends you have at least 175 days to take holidays, visit the dentist or have routine appointments.

Children should not attend school if they are too ill to do so. If you are in any doubt please see this handy list of childhood illnesses and the latest NHS advice.



What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off ill feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with "whooping" sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

Tesco Bags of Help

Hilltots Preschool has been successful with the Bags of Help funding with Tesco and our token boxes are now in 5 local stores - please look out for our box and vote for us!!

Our 5 stores are:

London Road South Benfleet Express, SS7 5TH
Pitsea Extra, SS13 3JU
Rayleigh London Road Express, SS6 9BN
Silva Island Wickford Express, SS12 9NR
Southend Road Tesco Express, Wickford

Extreme weather

As we move into the colder months of the year we are reminding parents and carers of our policy on school closure during critical incidents and extreme weather. During these times our key priority is keeping pupils and staff safe.

1. Our school rarely closes. We are a service funded by the taxpayer and we have a duty to open in all but the most extreme circumstances.
2. We make decisions based on the level of service that we can provide.
3. Headteachers make decisions at the time of need.
4. All notices to close will be announced on twitter accounts first, then texts/emails/class dojo.
5. If there are no announcements the school is open.
6. If the school is closing, we will make all efforts to let you know as early as possible. Usually by 7.45 am. We do not make closure announcements the day before except in the most extreme cases.
7. Site staff/senior staff assess the site only and not the surrounding roads.
8. It is up to parents to make their own risk assessment and decide whether it is safe to travel to school.
9. If schools need to close during a school day parents will be informed by the same means identified at point 4.
10. School staff stay at school in all critical situations until the last pupil has left. If there is an emergency and they need to move pupils from the site parents will be informed via twitter/class dojo/text.
11. During critical periods school staff are very busy keeping the site and pupils safe. Please do not call to ask if the school is closing. In many cases the answerphone may be on. Monitor your twitter/dojo/texts. This helps us to keep pupils safe and focus on their needs and not on answering individual calls. During these busy times the telephones may be on answerphone.

Janeway's Joke



What do hungry snowmen put on their ice-burgers?

Chilly sauce

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.

Attendance

The following children have supported the whole school attendance by being here 100% with no lates.
Well done to all of you!

Hedgehog	Ruby, Samuel, Sianna and Vinny L
Squirrel	Harvey
Rabbit	Ava, Charlotte and Jessica T
Fox	Graye, Ty and Molly
Deer	Mason, Lucy, Jack, Poppy M, Alexander and Poppy T
Otter	Sophia, Ava-Rose, Joey and Toby
Owl	Lauren, Jamie, Lola, Serenity and Sadie
Badger	Ryley, Oscar, William, Ollie, Isla-Rose, and Connie