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Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 8th February 2018
Newsletter No: 20

Attendance w/beg: 5th to 8th February 2018
Whole School: 97.2%
Class of the week: Maple and Willow - 100%

Chestnut 92.50%	Cherry 97.83%	Oak 97.00%
Ash 97.00%	Birch 95.16%	Elder 98.75%
Maple 100%	Willow 100%	

Lunchtime Craze of the Week KS1
Top Trumps

Letters Home

E-Safety Event
Homework Project for Year 1
Homework Project for Year 2

Week Beginning 19th February 2018

School Dinners

Week 1

Forest School

Class	Group
Chestnut	A
Cherry	A
Oak	A



Upcoming Diary Dates

February

19th Booking opens for Parent Consultations
21st Year 1 and 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo
27th & 28th Parent Consultations

March

1st World Book Day
1st & 2nd School Nurse Team in for EYFS
5th 9:15am Parent Workshop – Zone of Regulation
7th 1:30pm Parent Workshop - English Workshop
9th Spring Assemblies
12th Year 1 and 2 History Day
15th Whole Class Photos
15th 6:30pm – Breck Foundation Presentation
21st 1:30pm Maths Workshop

We hope all of our families and staff have a wonderful and safe half term. We look forward to another exciting term in school.

NPSCC Number Day

What a wonderful day we had in school last Friday for NSPCC Number Day. We raised an impressive £206! Thank you very much to all our parents and guardians who spent lots of time making some amazing numbers on the children's tops. We "tweeted" a few photos.

Holiday Dates

A text message has been sent home yesterday with a link to a survey regarding term dates for next year. Please can you take the time to complete this short survey. This survey will close on 21st February.

World Book Day

A letter will sent home after half term with more information but we will not be dressing up this year for World Book Day. Children are invited to bring their favourite book and teddy into school on 1st March.

GDPR

As some of you may know from your work life, new data protection legislation called General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will come into force across all of Europe on May 25th 2018. Many aspect of these Regulations will be the same as those in the current Data Protection Act (DPA) but we will be ensuring that we review all of our current practices and update them so that any personal data we hold about children, staff and families is looked after appropriately. In the lead up to these changes, it may be necessary for us to send out paperwork for you to sign and we may need to ask you to update the information we hold. Thank you for your understanding.

Rodent

There has been a sighting on school grounds today of a rodent. We have contacted pest control who will be coming into school to deal with this as soon as possible. Please be vigilant when collecting your children today.

PE Kits

PE kits will be coming home today. Please ensure that they are returned to school on the first day back. Can we also ask that children have the correct PE kit. Please see the section on our website regarding uniform.
<http://www.hearts-hilltopinf.uk/uniform.html>

Reading Diaries

Don't forget to tick on the reading challenge when you have heard your child read. This can be found in the front of your child's reading diary.

Display

We are planning a new display for the school foyer and would like to enlist your help. At Hilltop we are proud of our children and their hobbies, we feel this makes them different and unique; could we ask that a photo is sent in showing your child performing this unusual special interest to display in school.

Thank you for helping highlight our children's talents.

Mrs Thompson

Birch and Willow Class

To enhance practice across the school after half term Mrs van Rooyen will be the Teaching Assistant in Birch class and Mrs Hunter will be the Teaching Assistant in Willow.

Parent Workshops

There will be two parent workshops next term on English and Maths delivered by Mrs Neve and Miss Field. A letter will be sent after the holiday with further details. The dates for these are 7th March and 21st March, both at 1:30pm.

Colchester Zoo

The deadline for requesting a school packed lunch has now passed. If you have not requested a lunch you will need to provide your own. Please can they have this in a named carrier bag so that they can be thrown away they have eaten.

EYFS Clubs

Text messages have been sent home informing parents and guardians on which club their child has successfully gained a place at. Please collect children from their normal classroom doors at 3:30pm.

Wednesday 15th March, 6:30pm

The Breck Foundation is raising awareness for playing safe whilst using the internet. Breck Bednar was a 14 year old boy, from Caterham, Surrey, who loved technology and online gaming. He was groomed via the internet and tragically murdered on 17th February 2014 by someone he met online.

Lorin LaFave, the mother of Breck Bednar, will be delivering a presentation about e-Safety on Wednesday 15th March at 6:30pm and we invite you to attend.

Zone of Regulation Training

Specialist Teacher Nicola Durrant, will be running a training session on Zones of Regulation on 5th March at 9:15am The Zones of Regulation helps students gain skills in consciously regulating their actions, which in turn leads to increased control and problem solving abilities. Using a cognitive behaviour approach, the curriculum's learning activities are designed to help students recognise when they are in different states called "zones," with each of four zones represented by a different colour. In the activities, students also learn how to use strategies or tools to stay in a zone or move from one to another. If you would like to attend this workshop please let the office staff now either in person or by email hilltopinf.admin@heartsacademy.uk

Twitter

Mrs Alsford is very happy as we currently have 110 followers on Twitter! Let's try and get another 40 by half term, so spread the word and we'll "tweet" you soon. Don't forget to follow us on twitter @HilltopInfant. We share news and updates along with photos of what has been happening in school.

Change to dinner menu

Please note there will be a change to the dinner menu for Week 2 on Thursday's. Instead of Chicken casserole and vegetable goulash it will be Chicken Fillet Burger or Veggie Burger. Both served in a bun with sweetcorn and mixed salad.

Janeway's Joke



'What do you call an ewok with no teeth?'

A gummy bear!

Joshua from Elder

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.

Questions to ask your child after school instead of 'How was your day?'

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class not in today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today? Why?
- What was the easiest rule to follow today? Why?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile today?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?
- What was your favourite thing on the playground today?
- What was the most popular game today?
- Did you help anyone today?
- Did you tell anyone 'Thank you'?
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- Teach me something I don't know
- What made you feel proud today?
- What made you feel happy today?
- Did you learn any new words today?
- What is your favourite part of the school building?