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Weekly Newsletter



Friday 15th December 2017
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Attendance w/beg: 11.12.17
Whole School: 96.14%
Class of the week: **Ash – 99%**

Chestnut 91.20%	Cherry 95.42%	Oak 94.40%
Ash 99.00%	Birch 97.10%	Elder 97.67%
Maple 95.86%	Willow 97.24%	

Lunchtime Craze of the Week KS1
YoYo's

Letters Home

School Dinner requests
Maple Class

Week Beginning 1st January 2018

School Dinners

Week 1

Forest School

Class	Group
Chestnut	A
Cherry	A
Oak	A



Upcoming Diary Dates

January

2nd Return to school
5th Premier Sport - Dodgeball

Merry Christmas

Mr Chapman and All The Staff and Local Advisory Board Members would like to wish everyone in our Hilltop Infant School Community a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy start to the New Year.

Christmas Dinner, Tuesday 12th December

What a delicious Christmas Dinner we had on Tuesday! The children really enjoyed the experience of being waited on by the staff and governors. Many thanks to the Hilltop Junior School Staff who cooked our meals.

Volunteers

At this time of year we would like to thank all the people who give so generously of their time to support the children at Hilltop Infant School. Governors, Shipmates, classroom volunteers and others (including Father Christmas) give a huge amount to our school community and enrich the work we do.

Christmas Parties

All children have had lots of fun at their Christmas parties this week. They all had fun dancing, playing games and eating cake!

Mrs Jackson

Sadly today we say goodbye to Mrs Jackson. Mrs Jackson has worked at Hilltop Infant School for over 2 years as a class teacher and Deputy Headteacher. We wish Mrs Jackson all the very best the future.

Clubs

Premier Sport Clubs start again on Friday 5th January
Gym Trail (invitation only) - Monday 8th January
Choir – Monday 8th January

Sharing Christmas with our Community

On Monday our school choir walked in the snow to Silvana Court Nursing Home to sing for the elderly residents. The children sang beautifully and were treated to afternoon tea in the residents lounge. This morning the whole school performed a concert for our neighbours. Thank you to Tolu, Isabelle, Jake, Harry and Thomas who read some Christmas poems with confidence and expression. Both events have been a perfect opportunity for our children to share Christmas spirit with members of our local community. Wonderful examples of the HEARTS values of spirituality and service.

Maple Class

I am very excited to tell you that Maple class will be taught by a new addition to our staff from January. Jane O'Connor, an experienced teacher, is currently packing her bags in preparation to move to England over the festive period from her home in Australia.

Ms O'Connor has taught for several years in Australia across the whole Infant school age range and earlier this year completed supply work whilst living in England.

We will of course be supporting Ms O'Connor through her induction into the school, including extra support from the HEARTS Director of Learning and Lead Practitioners to help her transition to the high expectations held at our school.

She is very keen to meet all the children and become part of the Hilltop family where I am sure we will all make her very welcome.

Warm clothing

Hopefully all of our children will have hats and gloves ready for the start of the new term. If children don't already have some then it might be possible for Father Christmas to include some if he comes to visit. Would all families remember to name all outdoor clothing as well as school uniform.

Trust News

You may recall that the Trust held a Parents' Forum in September to meet with parents/carers and give an opportunity to discuss both the operational and strategic direction of the schools. The Trust are planning to hold a further meeting on Tuesday 9th January at 6pm at Hearts House, 2 Mount Road, Wickford, SS11 8HE. All parents are welcome to attend, but places must be pre-booked by emailing admin@heartsacademy.uk. We hope that families at Hilltop Infant School will be represented at the meeting.

Whilst we sincerely hope that all our families have a happy and peaceful Christmas, we are aware that sometimes events take a downturn. You, or someone you know, may find these numbers helpful over the Christmas period:

Basildon housing advice: 01268 533333
Basildon housing emergencies (homeless only) 01268 533333
Essex social care: 0345 603 7634
Essex social care outside office hours: 0345 606 1212
Domestic abuse: 01702 318027
Rochford housing emergencies: 01702 318157

Janeway's Joke

'What is a dog's favourite Christmas carol?'

Bark! The Herald Angels Sing.....



Jokes

How many letters are there in the alphabet at Christmas?

The Christmas version has no L (Noel)– *Mrs Mackenzie*

Why are Christmas trees like bad knitters?

They both drop needles – *Mrs Alford*

What do you get if you eat tinsel?

Tinsillitis! – *Mrs Neve*

Why is it always cold at Christmas?

Because it's in Decembrrrrrr – *Mrs Bouwer*

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas ?

A mince spy – *Mrs Marsh*

Who delivers presents to baby sharks?

Santa Jaws – *Mrs Marsh*

What carol is heard in the desert?

Oh Camel all you Faithful – *Mrs Marsh*

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?

A Christmas Quacker! – *Miss Kennedy*