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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th November 2018
Newsletter No: 9

Attendance w/beg: 5th November
Whole School 96.98%
Class of the week: Owl – 99.33%

Hedgehog 98.8%	Squirrel 96.0%	Rabbit 94.8%
Deer 97.59%	Fox 94.83%	Owl 99.33%
Badger 97.0%	Otter 97.24%	

Reminder

Please can all Christmas dinner request and flu vaccination form be returned to the office by Friday.

Letters Home

Toy Donation for Hilltots
School Packed Lunch for Pantomime

Week Beginning 19th November 2018

School Dinners

Week 1



Forest School
Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

November

16th Year 2 Sleepover

December

4th Flu Immunisations

10th Pantomime at Towngate Theatre

11th Visit to St Catherine's Church

13th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

17th EYFS Nativity Performance, 1:30pm

18th EYFS Nativity Performance, 9:30am

18th Christmas Market

19th Last Day of Term

This week in school

This week we have been exploring the story of The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. We have been retelling the story, describing the characters and exploring the outside. We have been on a Gruffalo hunt around the grounds too. We have also been thinking about Autumn and how Winter is nearly here. In maths we have begun learning about addition and recording our work.

In Year 1 this week we have been doing lots of research on Mary Anning and what made her famous. In Maths we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and finding the doubles of numbers up to 10. In Science, we have been using our senses to write about Autumn.

In Year 2 this week we have been finding out facts about Mary Anning. We have learnt lots about her from our research. In maths, we have learnt about multiplication, including showing this on a number line and with arrays. In PE, we've continued our Dinosaur dance.

Year 2 Sleepover

We are very excited about welcoming 48 of our Year 2 children to the school sleepover tonight. It is going to be a very fun night with lots of giggles and fun (and hopefully some sleep)! Please make sure that your child brings everything on the pack list with them and that they all have a full meal before coming back to school at 5pm.

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. 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 for Year 3 admissions.

Flu Immunisations

Your child will have brought home a consent form for the flu immunisations being held in school on **Tuesday 4 December**. Regrettably the nurses cannot administer the immunisation without your consent, therefore, the forms must be **returned by Friday 16th November**. If you do have any queries or concerns please call the Mid Essex Team on 01376 302769.

School Photos, Kittle

School photo proofs have been sent home in book bags. These can be ordered online or by returning to the school office by Wednesday 21st November as they are being collected on Thursday 22nd November.

Girls underwear

We are in need of girl's underwear and tights, if you have any spare clothing please can you bring this to the school office. Thank you

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>

Church Visit

We have had to change the date that we are going to visit St Catherine's Church. We are now going on Tuesday 11th December. If any parents/carers would like to accompany us walking to the church on this visit please let your class teacher know.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

We have decided to move our Christmas Jumper Day to coincide with our Christmas Dinner. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper or t-shirt instead of a school jumper, the rest of uniform should be worn.

EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance

Online booking will open on Monday 26th 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.

Year 1 and 2 Carol Concert

Year 1 and 2 will take part in carols around the tree at the Christmas Market on Tuesday 18th December after school. We hope to see you all there.

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 4th 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!

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



What's faster, cold or hot?
Hot, because you can catch a cold!

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 7th December

We are having a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 7th 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 December 5-7pm

We are currently busy planning the Christmas Market and are looking for helpers and volunteers, 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 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 are able to donate a prize please let us, or the office staff know.

Teddy Tombola

This year we are hoping to run the popular Teddy Tombola at the Christmas Market, if you have any teddys you would like to donate, please get in contact with a Shipmate or 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 or leave us a letter in our postbox in the Office.

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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