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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2017
Newsletter No: 10

Attendance w/beg: 13.11.17
Whole School: 94.26%
Class of the week: **Cherry**

Chestnut 95.20%	Cherry 99.58%	Oak 91.60%
Ash 93.33%	Birch 90.97%	Elder 95.00%
Maple 91.72%	Willow 97.59%	

Lunchtime Craze of the Week KS1
Yo Yo's

Letters Home

Week Beginning 20th November 2017

School Dinners

Week 1



Forest School

Class	Group
Chestnut	A – Morning (Friday)
Cherry	A - Morning
Oak	A - Morning



Upcoming Diary Dates

November

24th Dress Down Day for Christmas Bazaar, donations of chocolate

24th 2:30pm EYFS Workshop - Maths

December

1st Christmas Bazaar

11th 2:15pm EYFS performance with Crèche

12th 9:15am KS1 performance with Crèche

12th Christmas Dinner

13th 9:30am EYFS performance

13th 2pm KS1 performance

14th 9:15am KS1 performance

15th Last day of school

Poetry Slam

On Tuesday all of Year 2 visited the CLC for a Poetry Slam with other Wickford schools. Our children recited their poems with confidence and it was wonderful to hear some amazing poems.

KS1 Around the World

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came into school on Monday afternoon to view all the marvellous homework that our Year 1 & 2 have created. The children have researched some amazing facts about lot of different countries.

Football Festival

On Tuesday Tolu, Jacob, Harry, Alfie and Isaac went to Wickford Football Club to participate in a Football Festival.

The children participated in some warm up activities and then played mini games against Oakfield Wickford Infants and Grange. Isaac and Tolu both scored goals! The event was organised by Mrs Ford from School Sports Partnership and Clive from Wickford Town Football Club.

The children played brilliantly and were a real credit to the school. Thank you to all the parents who transported to this event.

Colder Weather

Now that the weather has started to get a little colder, please ensure that you send your child to school with warm outdoor clothing. Please can you make sure that all hats, scarves and gloves are clearly named.

School Photos

Kittle will be coming to collect any photos that have been returned to the school office. Please can you ensure that you bring them back to school by Tuesday 21st November. Photos can also be ordered online.

Christmas Performances

The online booking has now opened for the Christmas performances. If you have any problems booking your tickets please contact the school office.

Premier Sports Football

Please ensure that your child comes to school with warm clothing for clubs as football is often outside and the weather is getting colder.

Premier Sports Dodge Ball

Due to the Christmas Bazaar taking place on Friday 1st December, there will be an additional dodge ball session on Friday 15th December.

Absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness you need to follow the absence procedures that can be found in the HEARTS Attendance Policy on our website.

If a child is absent from school the parent/carer must follow the following procedures:

- Contact the school on the first day of absence before 9am. The school has an answer phone available to leave a message if nobody is available to take your call, or call into school personally and speak to the office staff. If we do not hear from you we will make a home visit and, if necessary, contact the police or social care.
- Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9am
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible

If your child is absent we will:

- Telephone, text or visit you on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you
- Make a home visit to ascertain the safety of the child if we have concerns for their welfare
- Contact the police at the end of the first day's absence if we do not know of your child's whereabouts
- Write to you if your child's attendance is below 95%
- Invite you in to school to discuss the situation with our pastoral/attendance worker or Head of School if absences persist

Refer the matter to the Local Authority to request a formal School Attendance Meeting if attendance deteriorates following the above actions The Missing Education and Child Employment Service Parents are expected to contact school at an early stage and to work with the staff in resolving.

Janeway's Joke

'Why do bees have sticky hair?'

Because they use honey combs!



Shipmates Newsletter



AGM – Thursday 23rd November

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our AGM where we will once again be providing complimentary cheese and wine. This is a meeting where we elect our Board Members for the upcoming year. Although this may sound boring it is a great chance for parents and carers to come along and introduce yourself and get to know a bit more about Shipmates and the people involved.

Mrs Mackenzie has very kindly donated a magnum of Harrods Champagne which will be raffled off at the AGM, everyone who attends the meeting will receive a free raffle ticket. We hope to see many of you there!

Non Uniform Day – Friday 24th November

We are having a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 24th November in exchange for Chocolate for the Christmas Bazaar. Please can all children take their chocolate donations in to their classrooms on the day.

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 1st December

It's that time of year again when we ask for your support at our biggest fundraising event of the year! If you are able to help set up, man a stall or clear away, even if it's just for an hour, your help would be greatly appreciated. We are still very low on numbers and without your support we are unable to run these brilliant events for the families of Hilltop. Please send your contact details to hilltopshipmates@gmail.com

Cake Competition!

Following last years success we have decided to give the children some fun at home and ask their parents/carers to help bake a homemade cake for the Christmas Cake Competition. The Cake doesn't need to represent Christmas- any design will be fine. Please bring cakes to the school office on Friday 1st December. The cakes will be judged and a winner from each class will receive a prize. The cakes will then be sold on the refreshment stall at our Christmas Bazaar that day.

Wine Donations

We are looking for Wine Donations for the Christmas Bazaar for one of our most popular stalls. If anyone would like to donate any wine, please take this along to the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

