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Weekly Newsletter

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Attendance w/beg: 7th January
 Whole School 95.68%
 Class of the week: Deer 99.66%

Hedgehog 89.6%	Squirrel 94.4%	Rabbit 95.2%
Deer 99.66%	Fox 95.86%	Owl 93.0%
Badger 99.33%	Otter 95.86%	

Letters Home

Week Beginning 21st January 2019

School Dinners

Week 2



Forest School Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

January

21st 9am, Road Safety Presentation, Hedgehog

22nd 9am, Road Safety Presentation, Squirrel

28th 9am, Road Safety Presentation, Rabbit

February

25th & 26th Parent Consultations

This week in school

EYFS have been very busy launching our topic of Buildings and Construction.

We have been sharing the book Let's Build A House. We have been making our own building site and writing labels, captions and lists for it.

In maths, we have been measuring and comparing buildings that we have made. We have also been measuring objects we have found in the classroom.

We have also been exploring properties of materials and have been testing which materials are waterproof.

In Year 1, we have been portioning 2 digit numbers and finding one more and less than numbers up to 70. In English, we have been writing the Happy Feet story. In Geography, we have been learning about the Antarctic and Artic.

In Year 2, we have been learning how to partition numbers in different ways and in English we have started planning our Happy Feet stories. In RE we have been learning all about good leaders, linking this to Islam.

Contact Details/Information

Please can you let the office know if you have any changes to the details we currently hold for you and your child. It is very important we keep this information up to date in the event that we need to contact you in an emergency. Please also ensure that all alternative emergency contact details are up to date.

Cold Weather

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

Spring Dinner Menu

There will be a new spring dinner menu that will be starting w/c 28th January. Copies of the menu will be sent home on Monday.

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.

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.

Rabbit Parent/Carer lunch

Thank you very much to our parents and carers who came for our Rabbit class parent lunch yesterday and for your valuable feedback. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying lunch with your child. Please find below some of the comments, we will also be looking at all comments to help improve the lunchtime experience.

	Excellent	Good or better	Satisfactory or better
Portion size	77%	91%	100%
Quality of food	64%	96%	100%
Lunchtime Environment	64%	100%	100%

"Happy friendly environment, dinner ladies and teachers are helpful."

"The smell of the dinners remind me of the dinners that I had when I came to this school."

"Really good to see all the children with lots of choice and eating their veg."

"I was impressed with the lunch service."

"Nice to see the teachers sitting with the children."

"It was a lot more calmer than I expected, I love that the dinner ladies know each child's name."

"Good to see the children doing things for themselves."

Tesco Bags of Help

Hilltots Preschool has been successful with the Bags of Help funding with Tesco and our token boxes are now in 4 local stores - please look out for our box and vote for us!!

Our 4 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



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

Janeway's Joke



How does a Snowman get to work?
By icicle!

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

Committee Members

It is with regret that we announce that our current committee members have stepped down from their roles. Vicky Pearce, Anna Crocker Wheatley and Mandy Hayden have been a part of the PTA since their children started Hilltop in September 2017 and have enjoyed the work that they have been involved with. We will soon be holding an AGM however we need new committee members, please take a look at the job descriptions listed below to get an insight into what the role involves. Unfortunately, unless these roles are filled, we will have to close the Committee and the Charity will be dissolved. For further information please contact us on the email address below or speak to the Office.

Chairperson

Main Duty: To have final say on PTA decisions where a democratic decision cannot be made by the Committee.

Key Jobs: To make all committee members feel welcome and valued, to set the PTA Agenda, to provide leadership, liaises with the school, delegates tasks to other members and volunteers, arrange the meetings, ensure the association is GDPR Compliant.

Skills Needed: Enthusiastic, calm, good listener, decisive, organised.

Treasurer

Main Duty: To oversee the PTA's financial affairs.

Key Jobs: To manage the Accounts accurately and efficiently, do the banking and maintain up to date financial records and reports of profits after each event and annually at the AGM including receipts and invoices, ensures best practice procedures for counting and banking money after events are in place and followed, completes the Charity Commission annual return.

Skills Needed: Organised, Reliable, Good with Numbers and Microsoft Excel

Secretary

Main Duty: To keep up to date records of PTA Activity

Key Jobs: To assist in organising the Meetings, to record minutes from each meeting and distribute to all members, to liaise with the school, prepare the Newsletter and other relevant paperwork, makes sure the association is GDPR compliant, assists the Chair and Treasurer, handles written and email correspondence received for the association

Skills Needed: Organised, Good with Time Management, Friendly, Good with Microsoft Word

Fundraising for the school can be very fun and it gives you a real sense of achievement, without the work of the PTA we would not have been able to send the whole school to the pantomime every other year or have such brilliant school Discos! We have purchased a lot of needed equipment such as IPADS and Laptops which have been crucial to the children's education. If you would like anymore information regarding the above roles, please get in contact at shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com and we will be happy to help. If no one takes on the above roles the committee will close and the Charity will be dissolved.

Thank you for your support.

Shipmates.

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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