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# Hilltop Infant School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018  
Newsletter No: 35

**Attendance w/beg:** 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
Whole School: 92.4%  
Class of the week: Birch 100%

Chestnut 90.0%	Cherry 87.5%	Oak 87.5%
Ash 89.17%	Birch 100%	Elder 98.33%
Maple 90.52%	Willow 93.97%	

### Letters Home

Tidiest Class Award

### Reminder

Tonight, meeting at Hilltop Junior School for Year 2 Parents, 7pm

### Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**School Dinners**  
Week 1



**Forest School**  
Group B



### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### June

21<sup>st</sup> Thriftwood Year 2  
21<sup>st</sup> Meeting at Hilltop Junior School  
28<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Dance Festival  
29<sup>th</sup> New Entrants Meeting, 10:30am  
29<sup>th</sup> Summer Fete

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> New Intake – Story Under a Tree  
6<sup>th</sup> Wickford Transition Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Open Evening 5-7pm  
12<sup>th</sup> Helpers tea  
16<sup>th</sup> Hilltop's Got Talent, Y2  
17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Leavers Assembly with crèche  
17<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### Sports Day

Mr Chapman was very upset that he didn't attend his first sports day. Unfortunately Mr Chapman was taken ill and had to return home. Children and staff had a fantastic time with skipping, bean bag on head, sack race, dress up and running races. A great time was had by all and we hope you enjoyed watching all the children enjoying this event. The children really appreciated having all parents and carers there to support them and celebrate their achievements.

Special thanks needs to go to some children in Elder class who found some money on the playground and handed in to the office. The parent who reported earlier that she had lost some money was very happy to hear that it had been found.

### Colchester Castle

What a wonderful time Year 1 and 2 had at Colchester Castle on Monday. Children explored the castle and learnt very interesting facts about Colchester Castle. The children were brilliant knights defending the castle. All of our children behaved impeccably and are a credit to our school. The castle staff commented that we were the most behaved school they have seen. Well done Year 1 and 2!

### **Big Summer Reading Challenge**

Wickford Library will be holding a "Mischievous Makers" Summer Reading Challenge from 14 July - 1 September. Children will be asked to read books and with the help of Dennis, Gnasher and other classic Beano characters, find the treasure in Beanotown. Children over 10 can take part in the ImagiNation challenge where they can create artworks or write reviews inspired by the books they have read. There will be a library assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Cardboard**

KS1 are building model castles next week. Please can you save any cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes be brought to classrooms.

### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be arriving next week and will be in the hall after school from 3:10-3:40 from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. All books will be half price!

### **Tidiest Class Award**

Congratulations to Maple class who have won the tidiest class award. They will be rewarded with a trip to the cinema on Monday. We would like to say a great big thank you to all the children at Hilltop Infant School for helping to keep their classrooms tidy. I wonder who will win next year?

### **Leave of Absence**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the law does not give any entitlement to parents to remove their child from school during term-time for the purpose of a holiday. Head teachers may only grant leave of absence where an application has been made in advance and the head teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

If an application is not authorised and the holiday is taken this will be recorded in the register as unauthorised. If the period of unauthorised absence is taken and it is for 5 consecutive days (10 sessions) or more then we are duty bound to refer the case to the Missing in Education and Child Employment Service.

The Missing in Education and Child Employment Service may issue a penalty notice to each of the parents of £60 for each child, to be paid in 28 days. If this penalty notice is not paid within this timescale it increases to £120. If this is not paid the Missing in Education and Child Employment Service will then instigate legal proceedings against you in the magistrates court, under the Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly.

### **Water bottles**

Please ensure your child's water bottle contains plain water and that they come to school with a replenished bottle each day. As the weather warms up we will be ensuring the children are hydrated throughout the day.

### **Induction Meeting**

On Monday our new EYFS children came into school and spent time in their new class and stayed for lunch with their grown-ups.

### **Thriftwood – Today!**

Children need to arrive between 5:30 and 6pm; children will not be admitted before 5:30pm and we ask parents to wait patiently outside Oak Lodge. Please ensure you bring all items for the pack list. We are all very excited!

## Janeway's Joke



**What is a dogs favourite swimming stroke?**

*Front paw!*

*Grace, Hilltop Junior School*

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.

Thank you for your continued support in purchasing ice lollies! We will be selling ice lollies again this week, weather permitting.



# Shipmates Newsletter

## **Sports Day**

Well done to all of the children for their sports day efforts this week. It was lovely to see everyone taking part and having so much fun.

Thank you all for supporting Shipmates in purchasing lots of pastries and refreshments at sports day – we hope you enjoyed the day as much as us!

## **Volunteers**

Thank you very much to all the teaching staff who have kindly volunteered to help with stalls for the school fete!

We are still in need of volunteers for the Summer Fete to run some stalls and activities. If you can spare a little time at the fete to help with running a stall, even if only for half an hour, we would be extremely grateful! We rely on volunteers to make school/shipmates events possible and we are hoping to offer a broad selection of stalls and fun activities for everyone to enjoy, so please do get in touch if you can help make this happen.

## **Summer Fete**

Just a little reminder that School Summer Fete will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June and will start at 3.30pm. Shipmates will be selling ice lollies from 3.00pm which will hopefully keep you all refreshed whilst waiting for the fete to start

## **Inflatables Wristbands**

Shipmates will be selling wristbands for the inflatables after school most days next week

## **Summer Fete Raffle Tickets**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased raffle tickets for the summer fete, we have had an amazing response and are very grateful for your support. Please do get in contact if you would like more tickets! We will also be selling raffle tickets on the day. We have some amazing prizes on offer so make sure you don't miss out! If you wish to purchase tickets, please fill in the information requested and return the ticket stubs, along with the correct money in an envelope. Please keep the main part of the ticket for your own reference. There will be a post box located by the notice board outside of school in which you can post your entries – please return all tickets by the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck!

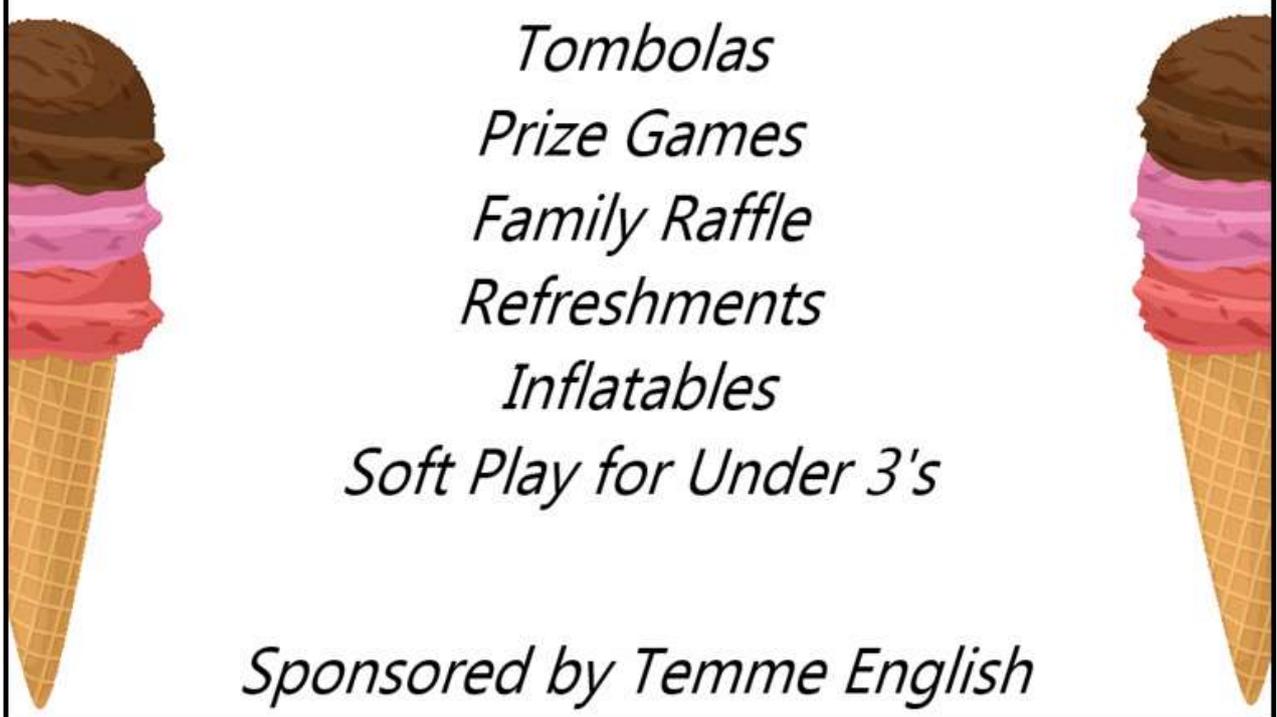
## **Freeze Pop Friday**

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# HILLTOP INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS SUMMER FETE

Friday 29th June 3-30 - 5.30pm



*Tombolas*  
*Prize Games*  
*Family Raffle*  
*Refreshments*  
*Inflatables*  
*Soft Play for Under 3's*

*Sponsored by Temme English*

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.  
Thank you for your continued support.

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