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# Hilltop Infant School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
 Newsletter No: 25

**Attendance w/beg:** 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Whole School: 95.16%  
 Class of the week: Oak 100%

Chestnut 92.5%	Cherry 88.54%	Oak 100%
Ash 99.17%	Birch 97.5%	Elder 94.17%
Maple 94.58%	Willow 93.97%	

### Letters Home

Year 1 & 2 – Little Musketeers Club  
 Year 1 & 2 – Southend United Soccer School  
 Scarlet Fever  
 EYFS Technology Questionnaire  
 Holiday Dates 2018/19

**Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### School Dinners

Week 3

### Forest School

No Forest School this week.



### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### March

23<sup>rd</sup> Shipmates Easter Disco  
 29<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
 29<sup>th</sup> Egg Rolling Competition

#### April

16<sup>th</sup> Return to school  
 16<sup>th</sup> National Offer Day  
 20<sup>th</sup> EYFS at CLC  
 27<sup>th</sup> EYFS at CLC

### Year 2 Sleepover

What a wonderful time we all had! The children had lots of fun painting, making pizzas, dancing, playing on the Wii, scavenger hunt and singing round the camp fire. Lights went out at 10pm and it didn't take long until the sound of snoring was heard across the hall. We are now looking forward to our next adventure at Thriftwood at the end of the Summer term. More information will come out after Easter.

### Early Years Reading

Due to celebration assembly on Friday afternoons we have decided to cancel early years reading on Friday afternoons as a couple of parents were getting upset at missing this great opportunity to read with their child. Remember children love to read and you can encourage them to do it all the time – a fun game in the car or walking down the road is to count how many times you can spot certain sounds e.g. 'th' or 'ck'.

Can we remind all parents and carers that mobile phones are not to be used during these reading sessions due to safeguarding.

### Clubs

Just to remind you all that the only clubs taking place next week will be Premier Sport Football and Dance as these didn't take place due to the weather. Premier Sport will be giving refunds for Dodgeball for the last session. Invitations to KS1 maths, writing and phonics will be sent home for next term along with EYFS club options.

### Holiday Dates

Attached to this newsletter are the agreed holiday dates for 2018/19. A copy has also been sent home in book bags today.

### **Parking around school**

This morning we were shocked and very concerned to see several cars parked with younger children left in the cars. According to gov.uk, it is illegal to leave a child alone if it places them at risk (either physical or emotional).

Parents can be prosecuted if they leave their child unsupervised 'in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health'.

When left alone in a vehicle, young children can very quickly start to get anxious and distressed. Even if they're sleeping peacefully when you leave they could well wake up and get very upset when you're not there to look after them. They would not be able to protect themselves in an emergency and may even try to leave the vehicle to find you.

The NSPCC states that 'babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone'.

If staff witness a child left alone in a car, they do have a duty of care to safeguard all children and will complete a safeguarding form which will be held by the school.

### **EYFS – CLC**

EYFS will be going to the CLC on 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. Mrs Boroughs is looking for some parent/carers to come along and help on this visit. Volunteers must have a current DBS, if you are able to help please let the office staff know.

### **Egg Rolling competition**

Don't forget to bring your hardboiled eggs into school by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please label the eggs with your child's name. Children will be decorating the eggs in school reading for the egg rolling competition on Thursday.

### **School Disco**

There are still tickets available for the Easter Family Disco this Friday. Booking forms can be collected from the school office. There will be two discos, EYFS – 5:30-6:45pm and Years 1 & 2 7-8:30pm.

### **Smiles Group Runwell**

For anyone that is not familiar with this, it is for parents that have children with SEND and live in the Wickford area. They meet here and discuss different topics and support each other.

The next meeting is on the 30th April at 9.30-11.30. Nicola Durrant will be discussing Zones of Regulation.

### **Maths Workshop**

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers that attended the Maths workshop led by Mr Chapman yesterday. Please find below a link to some games to practise multiplication facts.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/playgame/306>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/331>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/playgame/318>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/245/Bubble-Pop-Multiplication>

<http://www.learnyourtables.co.uk/en/index2.htm>

<https://www.nationwideeducation.co.uk/www/flash/bs0/bs0-flash/index.html>

## Janeway's Joke



**'Knock knock'**

**'Who's there?'**

**'Boo'**

**'Boo who?'**

**'Well there's no need to cry about it!'**

***Ben, Chestnut class***

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

### **Shipmates Chair Resignation**

We are sorry to announce that our Chair – Denise Lowery has resigned. Denise has been with Shipmates for 5 years and has achieved so much for us and Hilltop Infants School, and she will be missed by all of us. Shipmates Vice Chair – Vicky Pearce will take on the role of Chair until September when we have our AGM.

### **Smarties Challenge**

Next week all the children will receive a tube of smarties to take home and enjoy! Once all the smarties have been eaten the challenge begins.....We are asking the children to help with jobs around the home or garden in return for some coins to fill their tube. This can be as little or as much as you feel is appropriate. The tubes should then be returned to school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and the coins will be added up per class. The winning class that collects the most will receive a prize.

### **Summer Fete**

Shipmates are pleased to announce that this year we will be having a joint Summer Fete with Hilltop Juniors. This will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup>. More information will be posted nearer the time.

### **Volunteers**

We are always looking for help with our events and any new ideas for future events. You can do as little or as much as you can for us. We will particularly need help with our Summer Fete!

If you would like to volunteer for Shipmates, please leave your name and a contact number in the post box within the reception area.

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

# Holiday Dates 2018/19



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July 2019						
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August 2019						
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	School closures
	School closed for staff development