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# Hilltop Infant School

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## Weekly Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
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**Attendance w/beg:** 14<sup>th</sup> January  
 Whole School 95.68%  
 Class of the week: Deed 99.66%

Hedgehog 89.60%	Squirrel 94.40%	Rabbit 95.20%
Deer 99.66%	Fox 97.24%	Owl 93.00%
Badger 99.33%	Otter 95.86%	

### Letters Home

Outdoor Toy Donations  
 HEARTS Heroes  
 Spring Menu

### Week Beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**School Dinners**  
 Week 1 – New Menu



**Forest School**  
 Group B



### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### January

28<sup>th</sup> 9am, Road Safety Presentation, Rabbit

#### February

15<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> Children and staff return

25<sup>th</sup>& 26<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations

### This week in school

EYFS are really enjoying our work on buildings and construction. We have dressed up as builders and built houses using the wooden blocks, we then wrote instructions for how we built the houses. We have been sequencing instructions to make jam sandwiches too!

We also had to become detectives this week when a crime scene appeared in each classroom! We have been looking for clues, measuring the footprints found at the crime scene and measuring our own prints to check that nobody in EYFS was to blame!

We also enjoyed the snow on Wednesday! What a busy week!

In Year 1 this week we have been working hard to solve problems in Maths. In English, we have finished writing our Happy Feet stories. In Art, we have used clay to make penguin sculptures.

In Year 2 this week we have been adding 2 digit numbers using standard column method. We have been writing wonderful stories based on Happy Feet and we've also been learning about sculptures in Art. Some children visited Wickford C of E school on Tuesday for a Maths Masterclass morning, which was great fun! Well done to those children who took part.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> January. Copies of the menu will be sent home today.

### **Donations**

We are looking for donations of crayons for children to use at lunchtime. Please can you bring these to the school office.

### **Spare Clothing**

If your child is has been sent home with spare clothing please can you ensure that these are washed and returned to school. We are also in need of girls' tights and underwear, if you have any spare we would be very grateful of any donations.

### **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.

### **Road Safety Presentation**

Thank you very much to all the parents and carers from Hedgehog and Squirrel class who took the time to attend the Road Safety presentation this week. For more information please visit <https://www.think.gov.uk/> We look forward to seeing parents and carers from Rabbit class on Monday.

### **Parent Consultations**

Parent consultations will take place after half term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. A letter will be sent home with log-in details at the beginning of February.

### **Tesco**

Thank you very much to Tesco Mayflower for the continued support. They have very kindly donated some outdoor equipment for our preschool.

### **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](mailto:k.love@heartsacademy.uk)

## 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



## Janeway's Joke



**How do snowmen greet one another?**

*They say "Ice to meet you"*

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](mailto: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.**

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