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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 30th November 2018
 Newsletter No: 11

Attendance w/beg: 19th November
 Whole School 95.72%
 Class of the week: Squirrel – 98.8%

Hedgehog 91.2%	Squirrel 98.8%	Rabbit 96.0%
Deer 97.93%	Fox 90.34%	Owl 96.67%
Badger 98.0%	Otter 96.55%	

Reminder

Flu immunisations will be taking place on Tuesday 4th December.

Letters Home

Squirrel Class Parent Lunch

Week Beginning 3rd December 2018

School Dinners

Week 3



Forest School
 Group B



Upcoming Diary Dates

December

4th Flu Immunisations
 7th Non-School Uniform Day
 10th Pantomime at Towngate Theatre
 11th Visit to St Catherine's Church
 13th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
 17th EYFS Nativity Performance, 1:30pm
 18th EYFS Nativity Performance, 9:30am
 18th Christmas Market
 19th Last Day of Term

This week in school

This week in EYFS we have been sharing the story of The Gruffalo's Child. We have been thinking about the changing seasons from Autumn to Winter, exploring seasonal changes in the outdoor area and enjoying hot chocolate!

In Year 1, we have been reading and acting out the story "A snowy night". In Maths, we have been counting on to add and counting back to subtract. On Wednesday, we have been visiting lots of different countries around the world on our Geography day. The children enjoyed sharing facts about their homework projects with their class. It's been an exciting week!

In Year 2 this week we have started learning a new story in English. As Christmas is fast approaching us, we are learning 'The Snowman' and the children are writing their own versions of the story. In maths, we have been solving missing number problems and we had a very exciting day on Wednesday when we took part in our Geography day. The children loved sharing their homework projects with their friends and we learnt lots about other countries!

School Clubs

Next week will be the last of our current school clubs. Southend United Football club and Fencing will still continue until the end of term. Letters for clubs for the Spring term will be sent home week commencing 10th December. Bookings for these clubs will be made using our online booking system. We will be resending home your codes. You will need to keep these codes for the entire time that your child/children are at Hilltop Infant School.

Choir

On Sunday Mrs Walter had the pleasure of leading our lovely Year 2 choir at the Barleylands Christmas fair. Our children sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of them all, well done Hilltop Infant Year 2 choir.

I would also like say a big thank you to all our parents who brought their children to this event and to everyone who came along to support us it was really appreciated.

Finally a big thank you to Mrs Walter for preparing the children for this fabulous event and for all the staff who attended too.



Christmas Cards

The post box will be in the entrance hall on Monday. Cards for your child's own class should go straight to the classroom. All other cards can be put in the post box in the entrance, they will be collected daily and given out. We have had a few requests from parents and carers asking for class lists to help with writing Christmas cards. Unfortunately, for reasons of security and confidentiality we are unable to do this. If your child would like to write a few cards to friends in their class or within the school, we suggest that you have a chat with them about who they would like to send cards to. It is particularly good if the children write cards themselves, with your help if necessary. The school postman is very good at delivering cards, even if the spelling is not entirely accurate, as long as the class name is clear on the envelope.

EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance

Online booking is now open for the EYFS Christmas Nativity, you will need to use the same logging on details that you used for booking parent consultations. Families will be allocated two seats. There will be a crèche available for this workshop and places must be booked and paid for in advance. Please book places via the main office. We will only be able to run this crèche if we have a minimum of 6 children as we need to cover staffing costs to run the crèche.

Change to School Dinner Menu for w/c 10th December

Christmas dinners will be taking place w/c 10th December for both the Infant and Junior Schools. Therefore we have had to change the menu for this week. The changes are as follows:

For Reception children

Tuesday 11th December - Meatballs or vegetarian meatballs or Jacket Potato, Dessert of the day

Wednesday 12th December – Chicken Goujons chips and beans, Quorn dippers or Jacket, Dessert of the day

For KS1

Tuesday 11th December - Meatballs or vegetarian meatballs, Dessert of the day

Wednesday 12th December – Chicken Goujons chips and beans, Quorn dippers Dessert of the day

Cashless System

In January we will be moving over to a cashless system. This will be used for payment of school trips and any other occasions when money is requested.

Pantomime

The whole school will be going to the pantomime Snow White at the Towngate theatre. Letters will be sent home this week with permission slips and lunch requests. Please can these be returned to the office by Tuesday 4th December.

Hilltots

We are really looking forward to welcoming our younger children in January when our preschool opens. There are still a few spaces available so if you are interested please contact the school!

Squirrel Parent/Carer Lunch

Thank you very much to our parents and carers who came for our Squirrel 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	60%	87%	100%
Quality of food	53%	93%	100%
Lunchtime Environment	53%	100%	100%

“Very nice happy meal”

“Very tasty and all very organised”

“Great quality of food, salad cart is a superb idea”

“I loved how my child knew exactly what to do and he does really well with his lunch”

“Staff were lovely”

“Very happy with everything”

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

Admissions consultation - 28th November 2018 - 9th January 2019

In line with the admissions code, all schools within the Trust are undertaking a consultation regarding their admissions policies. The proposed admission policy for Hilltop Infant School is listed on the Trust website at <http://www.heartsacademytrust.co.uk/latest-news.html> If you have any comments to make at all, please email them to Penny Partridge at admin@heartsacademytrust.co.uk by 11.59pm on 9th January 2019.

Mr Chapman's Challenge

Mr Chapman's beard is growing well (in patches!) and we are really hoping that we can raise enough money to shave his head! Thank you very much to everyone who has already sponsored Mr Chapman. We have also set up a Just Giving page where donations can be made online.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mr-chapman>



Janeway's Joke



What says Oh Oh Oh?
Santa walking backwards!

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

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 7th December

We are having a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 7th December in exchange for Chocolate for the Christmas Market. Please can children take their donations to their classrooms on Non-Uniform Day.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be going home in bookbags very soon! We have some brilliant prizes this year including entry passes to Marsh Farm, Rayleigh Mega Centre and 360 Play. We also have a wonderful Christmas Hamper among the many other prizes to be won.



Christmas Market - Tuesday 18th

This year Shipmates will be supporting the schools Christmas Market however we still need volunteers to help the event run smoothly, if you would like to get involved please contact us on the email address below. These events cannot run without your help!

If you are a local business who would like to run a stall at our event then please get in contact via shipmates.hilltopinfants@gmail.com and we will send you a booking form. Please note you need to have your own insurance in place.

Please look out for updates on the Shipmates Notice board.

Thank you for your continued support.

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