



# HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



## **Welcome Back!**

It has been wonderful to see all of our Year 1 and 2 children back at school this week. It has been a fantastic start to the new academic year. Welcome to Mrs Boroughs our new Early Years Foundation Stage Leader and English Lead Teacher who will be teaching in Class 2. Welcome back to Mrs Mead who will be teaching in Class 8 on Thursday and Friday. Sadly, we have said goodbye to Mr O'Leary our caretaker but are delighted that Mr Girling has taken on this very important role in school. Miss Andrews and Miss Morley will be joining our midday staff next week.

We are looking forward to the children in Classes 1, 2 and 3 joining school tomorrow. They will be starting for half days tomorrow and most children will be full time from Friday 16th September. This is a very exciting time for all the new children in our Early Years classes and we wish them all well as they move onto the next stage of their education.

Mrs Mackenzie

## **School Garden**

Thank you very much to Luke's grandparents who came into school over the summer to water our garden. We were delighted to have so many raspberries, tomatoes, beans and pumpkins. Our home-grown tomatoes have been included on the salad cart this week.

Luke and his class enjoyed some of our raspberries this afternoon!

One of our pumpkins has grown very large, take a look if you get a chance.

## **Reading Books**

There will be no reading books going home this week while staff are organising our new reading system. As you know, we are ordering a large number of new books and are happy for parents and carers to take any of the books that are on the trolleys outside Class 2 today.

## **Ghana**

"Tuma Tuma" (ask your children!) I had a wonderful time in Ghana with the "Let's Read" project and have really enjoyed chatting with some of you about my experience. I would like to thank our School Community for all the donations of books, stationery and glasses that you gave me to take to Sirigu. I will be posting information about my trip on my blog over the next few weeks.

## **Earrings**

In line with Essex Policy children must remove all jewellery for all PE lessons. Tape is not permitted. Staff do not remove earrings so please ensure you remove your child's earrings on the day that they are doing PE. Many children are able to remove earrings themselves if they are shown how to do so.

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## **Letters sent home this week:**

Outdoor Learning - Class 6

New 2 week lunch menu

Year 1 & 2 Collection List

## **Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2**

The craze for next week will be Top Trumps.

## **Clubs**

Letters for clubs will be sent home next week.

## **Dates**

Please look on our website for important dates for the year.

## **Equipment**

Please do not let children play on the outdoor equipment outside Classes 1, 2 and 3. Staff spend time before school setting the equipment ready for the school day.

## **School dinner requests**

Dinner request forms for weeks 2 and 3 are in book bags today. It is a good idea to take a photo on your phone (if you have a smart phone) so that you can refer back if you forget what you have requested.

**Please see next page for further news.**

### **School Nurse**

The school nurse team are available at a drop in session at the CLC every Thursday between 15:30-16:30pm. The offer support and advice on the following topics and any other health issues which may be concerning you:

Weight and dietary issues

General health concerns

Problems with sleeping

Appointments are not necessary, for further information call 01268 587251