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HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School Dinners - **Next week will be week 3**

Information about children's learning

At the beginning of March teachers will be holding consultation sessions for all families. There will be some after school appointments as well as evening times on 8th March - we are aware that some families find daytime appointments difficult owing to work or other commitments. These meetings are an opportunity for teachers to update you on your child's progress and future learning. More details about these consultation sessions will be available nearer the time. Last year it was felt that parents of children in reception classes might need an opportunity to discuss progress before March and we introduced daytime sessions as an addition to existing provision. As a result we have released each teacher for a morning in January to meet with families by appointment. No evening opportunities are available in January. If you have any concerns about your child in between consultations please do not hesitate to speak to the teachers at any time. They will be able to give you information, advice and support. Mrs Mackenzie is very happy to help with queries and concerns but does not have in-depth information about the progress of each child in the way that their teacher does.

Mrs K Mackenzie

Attendance

Attendance last week was 95.9%, this is a little lower than previous weeks. Well done to Classes 1 and 4 who had 100% attendance and will be receiving certificates from Mrs Jo Bagridge our governor with responsibility for attendance.

Admissions for September 2012

The closing date for applications for children starting school in September 2012 is this Sunday, the 15th January 2012. If you have not applied for a place for your child you will need to contact the Planning and Admissions Service on 0845 603 2200 or apply online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. If you have any queries please contact the school office. If you know anyone whose child is due to start school in September please would you let them know about this deadline.

Earrings

In line with Health and Safety guidelines children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons. On PE days children should come to school without earrings in or should be able to remove them by themselves - most children including Early Years are usually able to do this if they practice at home. School staff will not remove or replace earrings; if you are considering having your child's ears pierced please wait until the start of the summer holidays so that they have a chance to heal before term starts in September.

CLC

Next week Year 2 children will be visiting the CLC as follows:

Class 3 - Wednesday 18th

Class 2 and yr 2 Class 1 - Thursday 19th.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you would like a packed lunch provided by the kitchen please speak to the office staff.

Epipen Training

As we have some children in school with severe allergies staff have had Epipen training from the school nurse team this week.

Shipmates

Quiz Night - Adults only Friday 27th January 7.15 pm. Teams maximum of 6 - £2.50 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles and have a real fun and enjoyable night out. Look out for order form coming soon. If you would like to come but don't have a team, please let the office staff know and we can try to match you up.

Shipmates meeting at school on Monday 16th January at 7.15 pm. Everyone welcome so why not pop along and meet our amazing team and join in the fun. We will be discussing how to spend the money raised so come along and share your ideas.