



# HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



School closes for the Christmas break at 3.05 pm on Friday 16th December and re-opens on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

Dear Families,

What a wonderful term! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this Autumn such a wonderful time for everyone. Children, families, staff, governors and all the friends of the school help to make our school community such a wonderful place to belong to. I would like to wish all the Hilltop Infant families a very Happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2012.

*Karen Mackenzie*

We were delighted to welcome some of our neighbours into school this morning. They were treated to some carol singing along with Christmas readings by some of our Year 2 children. Early Years children had made some biscuits for the refreshments and presented each of the visitors with a pot of bulbs. Thank you to all the neighbours who came along to share our Christmas.

This afternoon a small group of Year 2 children walked to Silvana Court to sing carols for the residents there. Well done to all of the children who have been involved in all these community events.

### Attendance

Class 7 had the highest attendance last week at 99%. We are delighted to announce that Class 7 also have the highest attendance this term, 98%.

### Nestle Box Tops

We are collecting Box Tops again this year, the collection box is in the school lobby. Every token is worth 20p towards the cost of a book for the school library.

### Christingle Services

Everyone's welcome to celebrate Christingle at St Catherine's Church on Christmas Eve. Services are at 2pm, 3pm and 4 pm. All children will be bringing home an envelope for you to donate to The Children's Society which helps vulnerable children across the country. You can hand your envelopes in at any of the services or return them in to school.

### Helpers

Thank you to all the Shipmates who have helped with serving refreshments at school events this term. Also, thank you to all the wonderful parents/carers who have helped in classes this term.

### Eco Committee

Thank you to everyone who has sent in pink sacks. 68 sacks have been collected. We will let you know how much is raised in the New Year.

### Staff Changes

After Christmas Mrs Bagridge will be the TA working in Class 1 and Mrs Wragg and Mrs Walter will be the TA's in Class 2.

Wednesday 14th Dec 2011

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School Dinners - **First week back will be week 1**

### Dinner Money

From the New Year please would all families send in your child's dinner request and money envelope on a Monday. Money is only credited to their account once a week so any money handed in late will not appear on the system until the following week and may result in you receiving an arrears letter. First week back will be Tuesday.

Thank you.

### Christmas Cake

Unfortunately, Mrs Wragg's beautiful Christmas Cake has not been claimed. We have now decided to auction it with the money raised going to Shipmates. If anyone would like to make a bid please write the amount of money you would like to offer on a piece of paper and seal it in an envelope with your name and phone number on the outside. Please do not put any money in the envelope. The person making the highest bid will be informed on Friday morning at 9.30am and can collect the cake later in the day.

### PE

Please would all families make sure PE kits still fit especially plimsolls. We would be very grateful if all children could have some tracksuit trousers in their PE bag in January. All children will be having outdoor PE during the Spring Term.

**Society of Hilltop Infant School  
Parent Association  
Hill Avenue, Wickford, Essex SS11  
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# Shipmates Newsletter

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Issue 2

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Shipmates Newsletter.  
Full of information of upcoming events, contact details and important dates for your diary.

## Christmas Fete

Friday 2 December 6.00pm - 8.00pm  
What an amazing attendance and positive response we have received.  
We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves and that there was something for everyone on the night.  
The children sang beautifully (as always) and made the evening feel even more Christmassy than it already was.  
We are so proud to announce that the final figure you helped us raise from the Christmas Fete and raffles is:

**£ 1,490. 42**

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## 100 Club

The winner of Novembers draw of £ 33.50 was: Michelle Barber - Congratulations  
The winner of Decembers draw of £ 67.00 will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the winner will be notified by phone.

Numbers are no longer available.

## Dates for your Diary and Upcoming Events

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Quiz Night – Adults Only

The Staff need to be beaten !!!! Who's up for the challenge ? Bring your own drinks and nibbles and have a real fun and enjoyable night out.

Tickets £ 2.50 each – teams maximum of 6  
Tickets on sale w/c 16<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March (TBC)

Easter Hat Family Disco Night with AJ  
Decorate your Bonnets and Hats, bring them along and enter our best Easter Hat competition

Look out for further details nearer the time

Shipmates Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm at school.  
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. All new members are welcome and all new ideas are considered and discussed.

**Shipmates would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**