



# HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### Workshops for Early Years Parents and Carers


Friday 25th November - with a focus on writing.

There will be a set of further workshops after Christmas when parents and carers of Classes 4,5 and 6 will be able to be involved in writing activities within the classroom.

### Friendship Week

The week beginning 28th November will be our Friendship Week. Children will be focusing on friendship matters including anti-bullying work.

### Friday 18th November

 More than £195 was raised on Friday. The children and staff all looked wonderful in their fancy dress.

### Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, for reasons of security and confidentiality we are unable to give out lists of children in class. 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). Cards for your child's own class should go straight to the post box in their classroom. All other cards can be put in the post box which will be in the entrance hall from the 1st December.



### Attendance

Congratulations to Class 4 where everyone currently has attendance over 90%. Attendance last week was 94.9%. This level of attendance is very low. If children are clearly unwell then they do need to stay at home until they have recovered but it is not necessary for children to be off school if they are a little under the weather. Children who have sickness and/or diarrhoea should be off school for 48 hours. No holiday absence will be authorised later in the academic year unless a child's attendance is above 90%. Regular attendance at school is vital if children are to make the best possible progress. Please speak to Mrs Mackenzie or one of our office staff if you have any concerns about your child's attendance. Class 7 had the highest attendance last week at 98%.

### Warm Clothing

Please make sure your child comes to school with warm outdoor clothing, including hats and gloves.

### Pirate Escapades!

Today and tomorrow the children in classes 1,2,3,7 & 8 will be experiencing pirate life. Captain Coburn and her crew visited school today and the children had a great time! Please remember to send in your contribution for these workshops.

### School Closure

Due to industrial action the school will be closed on Wednesday 30th November. Please see separate letter that was sent out yesterday.

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School Dinners - **Next week  
Week 2**

### Christmas Dinner Tuesday 13th December.



Last chance to order a Christmas Dinner for your child. We will not be able to order any more dinners after 10.30 am Friday 25th November. Pick up a new form from the office if you have mislaid yours.

### Christmas Performances

Please hand in your request slips as soon as possible. **Friday now full, other days with limited numbers.**

### Ticket Colours

We will soon be sending out your tickets. Please keep them in a safe place.

White/Red - Tuesday 6th  
Green - Wednesday 7th  
Purple - Thursday 8th  
Cream - Friday 9th

### Christmas Book Fair

#### **Week beg 21st November**

The book fair will be open every night after school. There are some books at only £1, ideal for stocking fillers. Please use the side hall doors.

**p.t.o. for Shipmates news**

**Shipmates Christmas Fete**

Friday 2nd December 6-8 pm

Please keep sending in your donations for the "Rainbola" stall. Any small item would be very much appreciated, i.e. biscuits, ketchup , sweets, candles etc. We still have plenty of books of raffle tickets available, so if you would like more ask at the school office. There is a separate girls/boys raffle, look out for Kelly and Tristan from Shipmates who will be selling raffle tickets.