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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2017
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Attendance w/beg: 15.05.17
Whole School: 93.41%
Class of the week: Class 1 - 99.20 %

Class 1 – 99.20%	Class 5 – 93.33%
Class 2 – 88.75%	Class 6 – 96.00%
Class 3 – 96.00%	Class 7 – 95.48%
Class 4 – 95.67%	Class 8 – 83.55%

Handwriting Awards

Children are continuing to work to achieve their handwriting awards.

Letters home

3 Week Menu
Letter re HEARTS Academy Trust (by e-mail)

Week Beginning 5th June 2017

School Dinners

Week 1

Craze of the Week

Yo Yos

Forest School

Group A



Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note all dates are on our website

May

29th – 2nd June – Half Term

June

5th Inset Day, no children to attend.

28th Sports Day

30th Shipmates Family Disco

July

5th Open Evening 5-7pm

7th Wickford School Transition Day

Half Term

Wishing you all a very happy half term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 6th June.

Class 6

Many thanks to Mrs Fisher who has taught Class 6 throughout this half term. We wish her well as she moves onto another Essex Primary School. We are delighted that Miss Miles will be returning to work after the holiday. Miss Miles and Mrs Jackson will be job sharing in Class 6 throughout next half term.

Year 2

We have been so proud of our Year 2 children over the last two weeks. They have all been taking part in the National Tests (SATs) and have behaved wonderfully. What a wonderful time the children all had at the woods on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to all the staff who planned and delivered some wonderful outdoor learning opportunities.

3 Ts Cricket

On Tuesday the 23rd of May Daisy, Ben, Isabella, Mia, Isaac, Maisie and Grace joined Mrs Marsh at Grange Primary School for a session to learn and play 3 Ts Cricket. Grange, Cray Hill and Abacus schools also attended.

After a quick warm up the children learnt some of the skills needed for 3 Ts Cricket. They participated in a variety of activities to improve retrieving, throwing, catching and batting. Finally, they played a game with children from Crays Hill which they won. By accurately hitting the ball Ben scored two 6's and a 2, our total score was 111.

Thank you to all the parents who transported the children there and to Isabella's mum for washing our brand new kit.

Take One Picture

Thank you to everyone who sent in modelling materials for today's "Take One Picture" art day. The children in classes 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 have been very creative and have produced some wonderful art related to "Penelope and her Suitors". We are so pleased to be taking part in this National Gallery project.

Plastic containers

After half term Year 1 will be learning about capacity. We would be grateful for any empty plastic containers, e.g. milk cartons, yoghurt pots to be brought into school on Tuesday 6th June. Thank you.

Premier Sport

Instead of sending home the paper form for booking Premier Sport clubs this can now be done online at www.premiersport.org.

EYFS Health

Our Early Years children will have received a letter from the school nurse team and you can contact them on 01268 318318 to find the details of measurements that were taken.

Would you like to support your child to increase their fitness or more towards a healthier weight? If so, you may wish to attend Fitter Families with Mrs Marsh. These sessions will take place on Thursdays after school until 4pm on the following dates:

15th June, 22nd June, 29th June and 6th July.

A parent or carer must attend and the rest of the family are welcome too. Places are limited to a maximum of 10 families. Each week Fitter Families will start with a healthy snack, then one of the following events; scooter course, 3 Ts cricket, tennis and a walk to park and play on equipment.

There will also be recipes to take home and try and a chance to take Fitness Bear home. If you would like to join Mrs Marsh on Fitter Families please inform the office staff or by email admin@hilltop-inf.essex.sch.uk

Menu change

There have been slight changes to the dinner menu.

- Week 2, Tuesday, instead of chicken and oriental noodles it will now be a chicken wrap with rice.
- Week 2, Friday the dessert has changed to fruit smoothie.
- Week 3, pasta day will now be on Tuesday and sausage and mash on Monday.

Suitcases!

If anyone has any old suitcases that they no longer need Mrs Walter would love them. She will be using them for outdoor learning making various different things for the children, from planters to settees! Please bring any donations to the school office.

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Dear Parents and Carers of all of our schools,

We are delighted to let you know that the Regional School Commissioner for the Eastern region has agreed that Hilltop Infant and Junior school will join the HEARTS Academy Trust and work more closely with the other HEARTS schools including The Wickford Church of England school which is very close geographically and already shares some families and pupils.

We expect this to happen by the 1st July 2017. However, the general election may get in the way of this and it could be the 1st September.

Multi Academy Trusts such as HEARTS are set up to enable school to school support and collaboration, the sharing of good educational practice and economies of scale which allow the vast majority of current scarce funds to be focused on achieving great leadership of schools, teaching and outcomes for pupils. Hilltop Infant headteacher is a National Leader of Education and the school is a National Support School bringing capacity and expertise to the Trust. Hilltop Junior also has experience and skills to share with other schools across the Trust.

We understand that structural changes are sometimes a worry for parents and for that reason we are inviting parents from the schools most closely affected to meet with us on Wednesday 14th June at 6.30pm. The meeting will be held in Hilltop Junior School. The headteachers of the Hilltop schools and senior leaders from the HEARTS Academy Trust will be available to answer questions and meet any parents who wish to attend.

If you would like to attend please complete the form below and return to the school office. If you have any questions please submit them by email to head@hilltop-inf.essex.sch.uk

Please register your attendance in advance.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Young & Mrs K Mackenzie

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

I/We will/will not be attending the meeting at Hilltop Junior School on Wednesday 14th June at 6:30pm.

Please complete and return to Hilltop Infant School by Monday 12th June.