



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



### KS1 London Trip

Thank you to everyone who has returned their slips and payment for our March visits to London. Although the deadline for returns is 1st March, we are concerned that we do not yet know the number of children who are coming unaccompanied on each visit. If not enough parents/carers are able to accompany children, or if we do not receive sufficient trip donations, we will not be able to go. Ideally, every child will have a 'special adult' to look after them during the trip. To ensure that the trip goes ahead we ask that the reply slips are returned by Monday 8th February, even if payments are to be made in instalments. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Learning at Beauchamps

We were delighted to be made aware that Beauchamps run a whole range of learning opportunities for members of the community. Courses are FREE and cover a wide variety of subjects, all of which award certificates or qualifications. Participation in these activities could help you to learn a new skill, meet new people and would certainly be a wonderful addition to CV's or job applications. Leaflets about the courses can be found in the Hilltop Infant School entrance.

### Minibook Laptops

If you have had one of our laptops on loan for more than two weeks could you please return it the school office as we have a waiting list. Thank you.

### Community Cohesion

You may have seen or heard the phrase "Community Cohesion" in the press or on the news. This describes the range of things that we do in school to help children learn about the world around them and to understand about their own needs and interests as well as the needs and interests of others. We work with our local community in a range of ways such as inviting our neighbours to school events, singing at Silvana Court and working with Hilltop Juniors and other local schools. As you know we recently received the International Schools Award at Intermediate Level. We continue to work on a range of international activities which are greatly enjoyed by the children. Our most recent link is with a school from one of the London Boroughs and Mrs Mackenzie will be visiting the school later this term. Community Cohesion is also about ensuring that the children and families at Hilltop Infant School receive the support they need. The development of Shipmates will also help with this work.

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School Meals - next week will be Week 1

### Chinese New Year Lunch Friday 12th February



Crispy Chicken Chow Mein

or

Vegetarian Egg Fried Rice

Sweetcorn &

Shredded Cabbage

Chocolate Fudge Slice

Jacket potato with cheese/tuna also available

Please order in the usual way.  
Thank you.

### National Storytelling Week

We are delighted that three of our children have won prizes in the Wickford Library competition. The prizes will be awarded in the celebration assembly next Friday.

### Debutots

On Tuesday all classes had the opportunity to take part in drama workshops. The proceeds from the sale of "We Are Writers" were used to finance these sessions.

### Class Stories

Each class has learnt to retell a story. These have been shared with each other and with some junior children who came down to tell and listen to stories as well.