



HILLTOP INFANTS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



### Wickford Library

To link with National Storytelling Week the Library are holding an event for children on Saturday 30th January, 2-3 pm entitled Once Upon a Time. The theme is traditional fairy stories and they will be having storytelling and lots of fun activities, including making a tiara/crown, colouring, word searches, quizzes etc. and to add to the fun they would like everyone to go along dressed as their favourite fairytale character.

### Questionnaire

The South West Essex Parenting Group have asked us to distribute a survey which will be used to help them provide parenting support for families in our area. We know that bringing up a family is not always easy and that some extra help and support can often be very useful. The questionnaire is being sent out today and we would be very grateful if you would spare a few minutes to complete the questions and return the sheet to the school office. The surveys will be collected from us at the end of January so please return them before then. Thank you for your help.

### Clubs

We still have a few places left for the next sessions of Multisports and Gymnastics if any Years 1 and 2 children would like to attend.

### Bad Weather Arrangements



In the event of school closure due to bad weather a text will be sent using the numbers you have already provided.

Announcements will also be made on the Breaking News section of our website. There will also be information broadcasts by local radio stations on:

Heart FM on 102.6 and 96.3 fm  
BBC Essex on 103.5 and 95.3 fm

The school will be open unless you are sent a text message or information is updated on the website, or the local radio. Thank you to all families for their understanding during this period of uncertain weather conditions.

### Absence

If your child is away for any reason please phone before 8.45 am. If we do not hear from you the office staff will need to phone and confirm the reason why your child is not at school. This can cause a considerable amount of extra work at a very busy time.

### Cold Weather

The children have loved playing in the snow at breaktime today. Nearly everybody had warm clothing to wear which meant that they could enjoy being outside. It would be wonderful if all the children could be reminded to bring their hats, scarves and gloves to school every day throughout the winter.

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School Meals - next week will be Week 3

### OFSTED Outstanding Providers Celebration Lunch

On Thursday 21st January Mrs Mackenzie will be travelling to London to attend a lunch which has been organised by OFSTED. This celebration is being held for schools which achieved Outstanding Inspections during the academic year 2008-09.

### Early Years Consultation Meetings

If you are a parent or carer of a child in Class 4 or 5 please check in your child's bookbag for a letter about consultation sessions which are taking place over the next two weeks.

### Mrs Langridge

Mrs Langridge who has been working with Mrs Bagshaw and Mrs Crocker in Class 5 has recently made the decision to remain at home full time with her family. Mrs Langridge has worked as a Teaching Assistant at Hilltop Infants since 2001 and we shall miss having her in school. We all send her our love and wish her a happy time with her daughter. We are delighted that Mrs Crocker has agreed to work all 5 days in Class 5.