



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



Starting School

The children from Classes 1, 2 and 3 started school last week looking wonderful in their new school clothes. What a lot of new shoes! Wearing uniform with our special logo helps the children to feel they belong to Hilltop Infant School. Thank you to everyone who has remembered to send their children in to class with a named bottle of water, a PE kit and a book bag that is also clearly labelled.

The children have made a wonderful start to life at Hilltop Infant School and we look forward to the full-time start on Friday.

We expect that children in reception will be having free school meals every day but there may be one or two of you who will be sending in a packed lunch. Please remember that there should be no sweets, chocolate, chocolate biscuits or fizzy drinks in lunch boxes. Nuts, in any form are not permitted in school. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, bakewell tarts etc. One of our pupils and a teacher are highly allergic to nuts and could become very ill if nuts are included in lunch boxes. If you have any concerns about school dinners please speak to one of the school staff who will be happy to help you. Please don't forget to let us know about any allergies as they can all be accommodated within school meals.

Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent out to all families each Thursday and is also posted on the school website. Please would all families pass on information from the website to everyone who is involved with school. Childminders, nurseries, grandparents and other carers will need to know about issues covered in our weekly updates.

Reading Books

As you know the school is currently purchasing a large number of new reading books. The Governors have made £8,000 available for this purpose. We hope that the new books will encourage the children to read even more at home. We do expect families to try and read five times a week at home with their children. This is in line with the expectation at Hilltop Junior School. During the re-organisation of our reading system we have changed the colour bandings please do not think that your child has books from the wrong band if they appear different from last year. Teachers are working with the new system from this week.

Weather

While the weather remains hot and sunny please ensure to send your child into school with a sun hat and apply sun cream before school. Unfortunately the weather looks set to change soon, once it does please make sure children come to school with a coat every day.

Thursday 14th September 2016

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[School Dinners](#)

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Letters sent home this week:

Clubs for All Year Groups

EYFS Forest School Information

Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2

The craze for next week will be cheerleading .

Dates - Amendments

Please note that there was an error on the website for a couple of dates. Sports day will be Wednesday 28th June and Wickford Transition Day 7th July. The website will be updated as soon as possible.

Early Years Equipment

The staff in classes 1, 2 and 3 arrive at school early in the morning to lay out equipment ready for the school day. We know it is very tempting, but please would all parents and carers make sure that children do not play with this equipment before and after the school day. The early years team will be very grateful for your help.

Please see next page for further news.

Parking

Please would all parents and carers think very carefully when driving to school to drop off and pick up.

No cars should be parked in the hammerheads at the top of Glencoe Drive and Redgate Close or on the yellow lines during restricted times. I would urge all families to avoid entering Glencoe Drive or Redgate Close unless absolutely necessary.

Maintaining good relationships with our neighbours is very important to us so please show consideration when parking in the roads surrounding the school. This week, one of our neighbours was prevented from leaving her drive when she needed to go to work. Another person was prevented from getting on to her drive.

I am sure that all families would prefer me to focus on the needs of their children at school rather than having to deal with complaints from members of our local community.

No-one should be using the school car park unless they have prior permission from the school office. Disabled bays are available for those who hold a Blue Badge. Please arrange this with the school office in advance so that we can ensure that people are entitled to use the disabled bays. There should be no movement of cars in the car park between 8.40 and 9.10 in the morning and 2.45 and 3.15 in the afternoon to ensure the safety of all children.

It does not help children to follow rules at school and elsewhere when they observe their special adults from home breaking rules about parking. It also endangers the lives of children when people park on bends and yellow lines.

Mrs Mackenzie



Tears and Tissues Coffee Morning 9am

We would like to welcome all our parents and carers to our annual coffee morning. Pre-school children are more than welcome, there will be activities available for them and tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake are available for all.

From the proceeds raised at tomorrow's coffee morning, 50% of the donations will be going to St Luke's Hospice and the other 50% to Shipmates.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

We would also welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits, please them to the school office, tomorrow morning is not too late!

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Monday 3rd October 2016 from 7:30pm, a letter with full details will be sent home in book bags at the beginning of next week.