



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



Open Afternoon

Thank you to the members of Shipmates who provided refreshments at the Open Afternoon yesterday. It was lovely for the visiting families to have the opportunity to meet current parents as well as having a cuppa. Thank you to the children from Class 6 and Class 8 who acted as tour guides for this event. If you have a child who is due to start school next September, you should have already received a letter from Essex County Council giving you details of the application process. Please contact Essex if this letter has not been received.

Christmas Bazaar

Please don't forget to come along to our Christmas Bazaar today after school. This is a highlight of the Hilltop Infant School social calendar so please come along if you can. Further details on the next page.



Health and Safety

This week, Mrs Mackenzie who is our Health and Safety Manager and Mr Girling who is our school caretaker attended Health and Safety training with Essex County Council. This training is updated regularly and helps us to ensure that Hilltop Infant School is a safe place for our children. As you know, we do encourage risk-taking and it was wonderful to confirm that Essex actively encourage this. If you are ever concerned about any Health and Safety matters please email Mrs Mackenzie on head@hilltop-inf.essex.sch.uk

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. At Hilltop Infant School we treat all concerns about bullying very seriously and act very quickly when we are aware that there is any kind of problem. Mr Ashman, who is one of our Midday Assistants, is employed for a period of time each day to provide support for children when behaviour difficulties have caused problems at lunchtime. This week in school the children have been learning about what bullying is, how they can be a good friend and what they can do if they are worried about the behaviour of others. Staff at school are always vigilant but we do not always see or hear everything and would urge families to let us know if they are ever worried about bullying. As part of our work in school we help children to understand that they should tell a trusted adult if they are worried about anything.

Online Booking for Christmas Performances

Bookings for our plays will be made through the online booking system that we currently use for parent consultations and can be made on Monday 21st November from 8pm. It is the same user details that you use for parent consultations but a letter with these details will be sent home on Monday in book bags.

This year Classes 1, 2 and 3 will be performing "Our First Nativity" and Classes 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 will be performing "Hey Ewe". Two tickets per family will be available at each performance in which they have a child.

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Letters sent home this week:

New three weekly menu

Florence Nightingale Day KS1

Props and Frocks

Attendance w/beg 7/11/16

Whole School 95.79 %

Class of the week 7

Class - 98.00 %

Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2

The craze for next week will be Yo Yo's.

Staff changes

Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants in school who have shown much flexibility this week during a period of staff absence. Their support means that children are able to carry on with their learning and other school activities without interruption.

Please see next page for further news.



There are a range of props and simple costumes that need to be made for our Christmas performances. We would greatly appreciate some help with making these and wonder if any of our parents, grandparents, carers or other adults might be able to help.

Mrs Walter is available on Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon next week to help start you off. Biscuits, tea and coffee will be available for you. If you are able to come on Monday morning or Tuesday afternoon next week please let the office staff know.

Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Walter



Don't forget Hilltop Infants School Christmas Bazaar on today! We have some wonderful stalls for children to enjoy but not forgetting the adults. They are as follows:-

INTERNAL Stalls	External Stalls
Lucky Dip	Made with love by Bea
Lucky Lolly Pops	Button Rose
Chocolate Cards	Simply Bows
Sweet Tombola	Toys and Mini Figures
Teddy Tombola	Wreath and letterbox decorations and decorative glassware by C Demartino
Lucky Snowball	Advent Houses, Lightup Santa House and Snowman by Sue Stone
Reindeer Hoopler	Grown your own creatures, Dolly Handbags & finger Puppets
Craft Stalls	Forever Living by Grace Segger
Decorate a biscuit	Handbags, Scarves and children's clothing by Tracy Walsh
Brick a Brack Stall	
Sports Tombola	
Wine to Water	
Refreshments -	

Raffle Prices

Business:	Prize
Headlines Hairdressing	Cut and Blow dry
Pastels to Paint	£40 Gift card towards a canvas
Angelas Florist	Fresh Flower arrangement
Harvester - Festival Leisure	20% off
Nandos - Festival Leisure	£20 gift card plus Sauces gift set
Marsh Farm	Unlikely - Not received as of 9th Nov
Grand Central	Breakfast for 2 x adults / 2 x children
Holiday Inn	Afternoon Tea x 4
Forever	Forever Living Gift
Avon	Avon Gift
Base Jump - Rayleigh	2 x Free Jump Sessions
Bottle of Champagne X2	David Lloyd Family Pass
Bottle of Sherry X2 (1 large, 1 small)	Secret Life of Pets DVD
2 Week Family Pass for David Lloyd - Basildon	Thornton's Chocolate Reindeer
£50 Voucher for Picture Perfect Photo Shoot X3	Kinder Teddy
Bottle of Cava	Large box of Smarties
Box of Chocolate Biscuits	2 Tickets for Sleeping Beauty at Towngate Theatre
Ornamental Plate	Beauty By Vicky Voucher
DVD Set - Fast n Loud	Kim Chubb Beauty Voucher
Make your own snow Globe kit	Daisy Jane Voucher
Yankee candle burner	3x Picture Perfect Vouchers
Crayola Collage Creations X2	
In the Night Garden Story Book Collection	
Winnie the Pooh DVD	
Jeremy Clarkson DVDs X2	
Disney Playing Cards	
Crayola Flash Cards	
Christmas Bottle labels X2	
Pencil Cases X2	

Thank you to all who have reserved a Santa slot. Text messages are going out if you have not already received one. We have tried our best to accommodate your preferred time but on occasions this may not have been possible. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Bazaar on Friday.

Kind Regards

Shipmates