



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



Newsletters

We have had a wonderful start to this academic year and children have worked hard this half term. We hope that all of our families have a happy break with some restful times.

Earrings

If Parents and Carers are considering having their child's ears pierced, please would they remember that school and Essex Policy is that earrings **must** be removed for all PE lessons. Mrs Mackenzie has confirmed this with the Health and Safety Team at Essex County Council today. We always advise parents who are considering this procedure to have it carried out at the Summer holiday so that ears can be fully healed by September and earrings can be removed. Thank you for your help with this.

Spellings

Spellings for Years 1 and 2 will be sent home from school tomorrow. We hope that this will give you a chance to start working on some spelling activities with your children over the half term break. Each week, starting last week, we are posting suggestions on the newsletter for homework activities to support spelling. Please see page 3 for this week's idea.

Consultation Cancellations

Teachers are very concerned this week about the number of families who are cancelling consultation appointments or are failing to attend. All of our teachers work very hard and this situation is increasing their workload. We understand if you or your child are ill but ask that you do try to turn up when you have an appointment booked. We look forward to seeing more of you this evening.

Class 7

As Miss Wood is still unwell, we are unable to give you a re-arranged date for parents consultations yet. These will be re-booked as soon as we possibly can.

Accidents before school

If your child has an accident before the start of the school day please let us know, particularly if your child requires first aid. If any minor injury occurs before 9am, please take your child to the school office where we can offer you wipes and plasters. If your child has bumped their head, please let us know so that we can monitor their well-being.

Non-Uniform Day—Thursday 3rd November

We are having a non-uniform day on Thursday 3rd November in exchange for chocolate and sweets for the Christmas Bazaar. Please can the children take all donations to the classrooms on the day.

Thursday 20th October 2016

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[School Dinners](#)

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Letters sent home this week:

New Dinner Menu

Attendance

Premier Sports—Clubs

Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2

The craze for next week will be Cheerleading.

Friday EYFS Workshops

These workshops will be held in the school hall and pre-school children are welcome.

21st October, 2:25pm

Phonics - Mrs Boroughs

4th November, 2:25pm

Maths - Miss Field

Mud Kitchen

Many thanks to Mrs Marsh's father who very kindly built our new Early Years mud kitchen.

Mrs Marsh would like to ask our parents and carers for donations or any pots, pans, utensils or cooking implements for our mud kitchen. Thank you.

Please see next page for further news.

KS1 Science

In Science after half term we will be learning about hygiene. The children will be carrying out an investigation about how germs spread. In order to do this the children will be using hand cream and glitter. If your child has any allergies to E45 Hand Lotion please inform the office staff or your class teacher.

Miss Kennedy

Photos—4th November

Individual and family photos will be taking place on Friday 4th November. Families are welcome to come as a group from 8am. We welcome younger and older children but it is very important that no children arrive at other schools late as a result of being in photographs here. Individual photos and family groups of children who are at Hilltop Infant School will be taken throughout the day.

Coats

As the weather is now becoming very variable and unpredictable, please would families make sure that children are bringing coats to school every day. Hats and gloves will also be needed very soon.

EYFS lunches

Thank you to all our EYFS grown ups who came to a lunch over the past few weeks. We have received some wonderful comments. Please see below all the feedback from lunches this week.

Lovely, friendly and helpful staff. Good choice of food. Food was tasty.

Food was really tasty, Great portion size and loved dessert. Amazing atmosphere

Extremely happy with the meal

Very pleased, thank you

Lovely friendly lunch area.

Delicious meal!

Very impressed with the calmness of the hall. Staff are very friendly.

A lovely calm atmosphere, not what I was expecting!

I was surprised how calm and organised it was. Also how independent the kids are. My daughter is not like that at home!

I thought it was really lovely inviting parents for dinner, was nice to see how independent they are, and also lovely that ladies know the children's names.

Was really impressed with the dinner and how my girls were so independent. Lovely to see all kids enjoying their lunch.

Silly Sentences

Write silly sentences
using a spelling word in each sentence.
Please underline your spelling words!

Write neatly!

Example: My dog wears a blue and purple
dress when he takes a bath.



Forthcoming Events

Autumn Disco Friday 21st October 2016

Non Uniform Day - Thursday 3rd November 2016

(Further details nearer to the time)

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 18th November 2016

Autumn Disco – Friday 21st October 2016

Thank you to those parents/guardians who have already returned their slips, your confirmation text will be going out today if you have not already received one. There are still places available on both sessions so if you would like to come there is still time.

Shipmates will be selling refreshments on the evening which will include, Sweets, Crisps, Popcorn, soft drinks and cans of fizzy plus Hotdogs (vegetarian option will be available).

Christmas School Bazaar – Friday 18th November 2016

We are currently in the process of organising one of the biggest fund raising events. To enable the Bazaar to be successful we do need the help from the Parents & Carers. If anybody is available to help set up, main a stall or clear up at the end of the day we would be extremely grateful. After half term there will be a volunteers list on our Shipmates notice board in the main reception, if you would like to help please put your name and contact number down and we will be in contact with you. Thank you in advance for your help.

100 Club – Win up to £50 a month!

THERE IS STILL TIME

We will shortly be displaying the grid in our notice board outside the main entrance. If you still fancy your luck there are still numbers available.

Please complete the 100 club form that was in your child's book bag last week (copies can be provided) and return as soon as possible. First draw will be at the end of October, good luck everybody.

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You should have received, a letter and form in your child's book bag at the end of last week explaining about our yearly 100 Club.

If you still fancy your luck there are still numbers available, please complete the 100 club form that was in your child's book bag last week (copies can be provided) and return no later than Thursday 22nd October 2015. First draw will be at the end of October, good luck everybody.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support, without your support we would not be able to fund these events and raise necessary funds for the school so that Shipmates can contribute to essential equipment / experiences for the children.

If you have any queries or would like to talk to Denise or Jo, please feel free to contact us.

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Jo Lucas - 07528 388728

Kind Regards

Shipmates