



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



Open Morning

Thank you to the members of Shipmates who provided refreshments at the Open Morning on Tuesday. 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.

Letters

There is a very important letter in your child's book bag today about a special event taking place in school next Tuesday evening.

Christmas Bazaar

Many thanks to the Shipmates for organising our wonderful Christmas Bazaar on Friday. Thank you to everyone who made donations, came and helped on the day or attended with their children. Further information from Shipmates is on a later page.

Little Havens Hospice

On Monday afternoon Mrs Walter and Mrs Webb along with our School Council went to visit Little Havens Hospice. They had a tour of the building and took part in some arts and crafts that will appear in their Christmas display. It costs approximately £46,000 a week to keep this wonderful place running and they rely on donations. The School Council thought it would be a nice idea to create a hamper for Little Havens with art and craft materials. We would like to ask for donations of any type of art and crafts to add to our hamper. Please bring these to the school office by Friday 16th December 2016 so that we can build a hamper and take it over to Little Havens.

Christmas Cards

The post box will shortly be in the entrance hall. Cards for your child's own class should go straight to the post box in their classroom. All other cards can be put into the post box in the entrance, they will be collected daily and given out. We have had a few requests from parents and carers asking for class lists to help with writing Christmas cards. Unfortunately, for reasons of security and confidentiality we are unable to do this. If your child would like to write a few cards to friends in their class or within the school, we suggest that you have a chat with them about who they would like to send cards to. It is particularly good if the children write cards themselves, with your help if necessary. The school postman is very good at delivering cards, even if the spelling is not entirely accurate, as long as the class number is clear on the envelope.



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Letters sent home this week:

Booking for Christmas

E-Safety letter

Bauble letter

Attendance w/beg 14/11/16

Whole School 96.06 %

Class of the week 2

Class - 97.05 %

Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2

The craze for next week will be Top Trumps.

Online Booking for Christmas Performances

Booking has now opened for the online booking for our Christmas Performances. If you have problems please contact the office staff who will be able to help.

Handwriting Award

Congratulations to Brody for achieving his Silver Handwriting Award. One child is very close to achieving her Gold Award and many children are likely to achieve Silver by the end of term.



Please see next page for further news.

Class 7 Consultations

It has been lovely to see parents and carers from Class 7 this week for consultations. Many thanks to Mrs Lee for leading these. Unfortunately, there will be no opportunity for any additional consultations for this term. The next round of consultations for all classes will be taking place in January. Please remember that if you have any concerns about your child that you can speak to staff in class or see Mrs Mackenzie. We will all be happy to help.

Winners of the Christmas Bazaar Cake Competition

Class 1—Alexandra

Class 2—Archie

Class 3—Ollie

Class 4—Aidan

Class 5—Isabelle

Class 6—Daisy

Class 7—Paige

Class 8—Callum



Thank you to our Governor, Mrs Emma Davis, and Mrs Mackenzie who judged the competition. All of the winners were able to talk about how they had baked and decorated their cakes. Thank you to all the adults who helped them. Special thanks to the Barrett family. Although they won their own cake back in the raffle, they donated it to the staff. Today we cut the cake into 260 pieces, enough for the staff and all the children.

Please would parents and carers collect cake boxes from the school foyer.

Football

On Tuesday 22nd November, 10 children attended Bromfords Secondary School to participate in a Football Festival. Roxanne, Brody, Tate, Jamie, Luke, George, Arthur, Alan, Kai and Ronnie participated in two teams. The children participated in some warm up activities and then played games against Grange, North Crescent, Oakfield and Abacus.

The event was organized by Mrs Ford from School Sports Partnership and Clive from Wickford Town Football Club. The children played brilliantly and were a real credit to the school. Thank you to all the parents who transported to this event.

Scooters

As all the children in school are aware no one should be riding a scooter or bicycle in school grounds. This is because of the large number of people who are moving about the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. We were very disappointed to hear that two of our children were asked not to scoot by the caretaker of Hilltop Junior School today and they chose to start riding again when they were several feet away from him.

Please see next page for Shipmates news.



Thank you to everybody who helped last Friday as the Christmas Bazaar. It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves. We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the length of time it was taking to see Father Christmas. We will be looking into a better system for next year.

Everybody who won in the Grand Draw have now been contacted by text. Please could you collect your prize as soon as possible from the office.

We are in the process of calculating how much we have raised and will let you know in next weeks newsletter.

Once again thank you for all your support and donations without this we would not be able to run these events.

Kind regards

Shipmates