



HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



Welcome Back!

Welcome back from the half term break. The children have settled straight back to their learning and there have been some exciting activities taking place in all classes. As you might realise it takes a little bit of time to prepare our young children for Christmas activities so don't be too surprised to hear the words of Away in a Manager from the back of the car.

The calendar on the school website shows a range of dates for the Christmas period. Some of these dates are activities for children and staff alone but the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances will be open to families. We will be using the online booking system that has been so successful for parent consultations to issue tickets for these. We look forward to some very happy seasonal celebrations towards the end of term.

Handwriting Award

Congratulations to Archie from Year 2 who earned his Silver Handwriting Award today.



Contact Details & Medical Update

Can you please let the office staff know if any of your contact details or medical conditions for your child have changed so we can keep our records up to date.



Mrs Clark

Mrs Clark will be leaving us at the end of the month. We are very sad to see her go after 17 years at Hilltop Infant School. Mrs Clark and her husband are moving to Scotland and we wish them a very happy life north of the border. From next week Mrs Dawn Jackson will be joining Class 5 as TA. Mrs Lee will be working in Class 7 four mornings a week and Mrs Walter will be supporting Class 7 on Mondays.

Photos

The school photographer will be here to take family and individual photos. All children in school will have their photos taken. Siblings attending Hilltop Infant School will have their photo taken together during the morning. If you have younger/older siblings who would like to be photographed together we will be arranging for the photographer to be here from 8.00 a.m.

CLC

Classes 4, 5 & 8 will be visiting the CLC for an Art morning on Tuesday 8th November and will be back for lunch. Classes 7 & 8 will be going on Wednesday 9th.

Class 7 Parent Consultations

A new date has been arranged for Class 7's Consultations and a letter will be sent home tomorrow with dates and log in details.

Thursday 3rd November 2016

Newsletter No 8

[School Dinners](#)

[Wk beg 7th November week 2](#)

Letters sent home this week:

EYFS Mud Kitchen

EYFS Costumes

Class 7 Parent Consultations

Attendance w/beg 17/10/16

Whole School 95.15%

Class of the week

Class 2 - 99.19%

Craze of the Week Year 1 & 2

The craze for next week will be Circus Skills.

EYFS Workshop - cancelled

Unfortunately the EYFS Maths Workshop scheduled for this Friday has been cancelled. A new date will be advised shortly.

Kidtrpolois

Congratulations to Thomas in Class 2 who was the lucky winner of the family ticket to Kidtrpolis. We hope you all had a wonderful time.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be taking place Thursday 10th November for children who have completed a immunisation form. If you haven't completed a form please come to the office.

Please see next page for further news.

Lunchtime Heroes

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of applications for this round of Lunchtime Heroes. It is amazing to see how many children have thought hard about the questions and written some insightful answers themselves. All applications will be considered again when we appoint the next group so there is no need to reapply.

Mrs Marsh and Mr Ashman

Mini Athletics

On Tuesday the 18th of October 2016 12 children – Evie, Kai, Ronnee, Alan, Bella-Lee, Lexie, Daisy, Roxanne, Beau, Joshua and Alfie attended The Wickford Mini Athletics event at Bromfords Secondary School with children from Crays Hill, Abacus, Grange, Oakfield and North Crescent . They were accompanied by Mrs Marsh and Mrs Thompson.

After a stick toffee warm up game the children tried so hard at the different activities – Shuttle Runs, Bean Bag Throw, Standing Long Jump and Speed Bounce. Finally there were two relay races, one for Year 1 and another for Year 2.

They all tried their very best. Some of our children also achieved some special awards for their individual efforts. Evie got 3rd place for Year 2 girls, Alfie 2nd place for Year 1 boys, Luke and Alan got 1st place for Year 2 boys. Hilltop Year 1 children won the Bean Bag Throw whilst the Year 2 children won Standing Long Jump and Speed Bounce.

Well done!

Thank you to the grown-ups for transporting children to and from the event.



Mrs Marsh

Recycling Rewards Programme

Our school has joined the LMB RECYCLING REWARDS PROGRAMME!

By taking part we'll be protecting the environment, and collecting cash for our school. We are going to hold a collection day for old clothes & shoes. These will be weighed and we will be given cash to spend to benefit the school and pupils. We hope you'll help us out by having a de-clutter and donating your unwanted items for recycling.

Please fill and bring your bags to school on the morning of: **MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER** when these will be collected. We are able to recycle all clean, dry clothes including bed linen, towels, and curtains. We can also collect trainers, boots, sandals and shoes if they are in pairs. Unfortunately, we cannot collect pillows, duvets, sleeping bags, slippers or single shoes.

Hidden Words

Draw and colour a picture. Hide your spelling words inside your picture.

**Show your picture to someone
and see if they can find your hidden
words!**



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.



Clothes Collector

Recycle Clothes and Shoes to Raise Funds

Dear Parents

With your help we can exchange unwanted clothes and shoes for funds and resources that our school needs.

It is also a great way to divert waste from landfill, teaching the value of waste reduction and the benefits of recycling.

It's very easy, bring your shoes in twos, either tie the laces or put an elastic band around them, and place in the bag provided with your unwanted clothes and textiles.

Yes please

All paired trainers, boots, sandals, shoes and flip flops.

All clean clothes, bed linen, towels & bags (ruck sacks, handbags, lap top bags etc.)

No thanks

Slippers, Wellie boots, roller skates or single shoes.

Heavily stained or soiled clothes, Pillows, Duvets and Sleeping bags.

Or if your school has an internal sack, please bring your clothes in throughout the year.