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Hilltop Infant School

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2017
Newsletter No: 2

Attendance w/beg: 11.09.17

Whole School: 98.17%

Class of the week: Oak

Chestnut 99.00%	Cherry 95.00%	Oak 100%
Ash 98.67%	Birch 99.35%	Elder 95.00%
Maple 99.33%	Willow 98.62%	

Letters Home

EYFS – Cookery contribution
Road Safety

Week Beginning 18th September 2017

School Dinners

Week 3



Forest School

Class **Group**

Chestnut A

Cherry A

Oak A



Upcoming Diary Dates

September

18th Reception children full time

18th Tears and Tissues

October

12th Open morning for 2018/19 intake, 9:15am

Staffing

Below is a list of the staff who will usually be working in each class. We hope that this will help you to know who everybody is and their role in working with your child. From time to time staff will work in other classes so your child may mention working with other people.

Mrs Bouwer is our school Senco and Mrs Westbrook is our school counsellor. They also work in class from time to time.

Class	Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Chestnut	Reception	Miss Kennedy	Mrs Bennet & Mrs Doe
Cherry	Reception	Mrs Boroughs	Mrs Crocker & Mrs James
Oak	Reception	Mrs Marsh and Mrs Ready	Mrs Fraser, Mrs Thompson & Mrs Walter
Ash	Year 1	Mrs Lee	Mrs Bagridge, Mrs Cox, Miss Fusi, Mrs O'Brien & Mrs Phelan
Birch	Year 2	Mrs Neve	Mrs Fraser, Mrs Hoskin & Mrs Phelan
Elder	Year 2	Miss Field	Mrs Hoskin & Mrs Jay
Maple	Year 1	Mrs Jackson	Mrs Hoskin, Mrs Langridge & Mrs Thompson
Willow	Year 1/2	Miss Wood	Mrs Burman & Mrs Van Rooyen,

Chestnut, Cherry and Oak

Congratulations to all of the reception children who have joined us this week. They have made a wonderful start to their life at Hilltop. We all look forward to seeing them in school full time from next Monday. We are expecting children to be having one of our lovely free school dinners. If you have decided to send your child into school with a packed lunch please make sure that you follow these guidelines:

- Please make sure that children can open all the packaging independently. Staff are happy to help peel bananas but do not have time to unwrap difficult items. It would help us greatly if you would make sure that you check whether or not your child can open the bags and packets before you send them into school.
- No nuts or nut products should be in a packed lunch. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, Bakewell tarts etc. We have members of our school community who are highly allergic to nuts.
- No fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate
- We have no refrigeration facilities in school so please make sure that you only include items that will be safe if stored in the classroom temperature.

Tears and Tissues

As Monday is the first full day for our Reception class children, 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. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake are available for all. From the proceeds raised at Monday'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 on Monday. We would also welcome any donations of cakes and biscuits, please bring them to the school office.

Menu change

Next Friday 22nd September, there will be a slight change to the school dinner menu for dessert. It will change to chocolate or strawberry ice-cream with a wafer

Book Club

Mrs Jackson will be running her Book Shop on Friday 2:45pm at the back of the school hall. For the start of the new school year for this week only, all books will be half price and you will also have the opportunity to purchase a book token. There will also be available a challenge for your child to complete at home for the chance to win some book tokens.

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has come along to one of our volunteer helper meetings this week. If you are considering a role as a volunteer in school please come to the office and collect a form. We can then arrange another volunteer meeting for interested parents and carers.

Trust news

Request for parent forum members to discuss the additional non pupil days

Last term we received some representations from parents at Hilltop Junior regarding the additional 6 days which the Trust was using for training and development for staff. A survey was sent out (the results of which are below).

We will be holding a meeting for parents to share thoughts on views on this as well as give further information on the rationale behind the decision on 26th September at 6 pm at Hearts House on Mount Road SS11 8HE in Wickford. We are inviting 3 parents from each school to attend. If you are interested then please forward your name and school via email to Penny Partridge (admin@heartsacademy.uk). You will then be notified if you are one of the first three people to request attendance.

Please note that only those previously registered to attend will be allowed to attend. If you have any views that you would like taken into consideration and can't attend please forward to your school via the school administration address hilltopinf.admin@heartsacademy.uk

You will be aware that we surveyed parents about the new term dates; the responses are as follows:

Do you know about financial issues facing schools?	Yes 78%
	No 22%
Would you support the school in managing these issues through the proposed training model?	Yes 80%
	No 20%
Would this present you with difficulties if it was agreed?	Yes 40%
	No 60%