



# Weekly Newsletter

15 September 2017

Newsletter No. 2

## Attendance W/E: 15 September 2017

Whole School: 98.18% Congratulations to everyone for such an improvement from last week.

3F - 97.6%	5H - 97.5%
3L - 99.29%	5LM - 97.5%
3RL - 98.97%	5RF - 100%
4P - 98.97%	6B - 97.78%
4PD - 97.41%	6K - 98.15%
4S - 96.55%	6MT - 98.28%

Class of the Week:  
 5RF with 100% Well Done!

## School Dinners

For w/b 18 September 2017 please look at Week 3 of the menu.

Please be aware that Friday 22 September is Jeans for Genes day and there is a special menu on offer as detailed below.

## Diary Dates

- 20 Sept Upper School Curriculum Evening
- 22 Sept Genes for Jeans Non-Uniform (£1 donation)
- 25 Sept School Photographer
- 4 Oct Lower School Curriculum Evening
- 14 Nov Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5 pm
- 15 Nov Parents' Evening 3.30 pm - 5 pm & 6pm - 8 pm
- 14 Dec Christmas Lunch

## Secondary School Admissions

For parents who have children in Year 6 who will be starting Secondary School (Year 7) in September 2018 the school admission process has opened. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) and the **closing date for admissions is 31 October 2017**.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2018-19 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. Parents often contact schools with enquiries and we hope this is helpful in referring you to the information available on the website.

## Curriculum Evenings

We will be running Curriculum Evenings for parents who have children in both Upper School (20 September) and Lower School (4 October) and these meetings start at 6 pm.

Attendance at these meetings is essential as staff will be explaining the curriculum for the year together with expectations and the importance of e-safety.

We will also have sample menus of school dinners available for parents to try.

Please keep an eye out for letters coming home with children which will have a tear-off reply slip to be completed indicating whether you can attend the meeting.

## Dance Club

Please note there are still 11 spaces available for Dance Club. This is held after school on a Monday from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm at a cost of £42.50 per term payable at the end of the first lesson (Cheques payable to Mrs J Cole).

## Jeans for Genes

In recognition of the above charity we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 22 September** where children may wear something made of denim to school in return for a £1 donation.

Also on this day there will be a special menu on offer at the usual price of £2. The choice on this day will be:

Pork or Veggie Sausage in a Roll  
 with onions and sauce (optional)  
 with Sweetcorn and Chips  
 followed by  
 Chocolate or Strawberry Ice Cream Tub

If children wish to have the above meal please ensure your child's dinner account is in credit or alternatively, payment may be sent on the day in a named envelope. Students should hand this money to the teacher when taking the dinner register.

## P E Clothing

Could we please remind parents that the children do need a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor games, as the weather is now getting colder.

## 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](mailto: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: [hilltopjun.admin@heartsacademy.uk](mailto:hilltopjun.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%

## Easyfundraising

We are delighted to have received £17.29 from Easyfundraising. This has been set up by the HJSA to enable parents to shop on line with a donation from the purchase bought going directly to the Hilltop Junior School account with Easyfundraising. If you wish to participate please log on to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Thank you to everyone who has participated.