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# Hilltop Junior School

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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23 March 2018  
Newsletter No: 25

Week Beginning: 26 March 2018

School Dinners  
Week 3



**Attendance w/beg:** 19 March 2018  
Whole School: 96.32%  
Class of the week: 6B with 100%  
**Well done!!**

### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### March

27 Parent/Teacher Discussions  
28 Parent/Teacher Discussions  
29 End of term

#### April

18 Reading Challenge Meeting

3F: 92.59%	3L: 97.86%	3RL: 94.83%
4P: 95.17%	4PD: 95.36%	4S: 92.07%
5H: 95.67%	5LM: 99.31%	5RF: 97.93%
6B: 100%	6K: 97.69%	6MT: 96.55%

### Letters Home This Week

\* Staffing Update for after Easter    \* Year 6 Easter School    \* Reading Workshop

### Staffing Update for the Summer Term

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mr Botwright and Mrs How. We would like to thank them for their work at Hilltop Junior School and wish them every success in their future roles.

The new teaching arrangements in Years 5 and 6, in order to support Year 6 through their statutory assessments and secure effective teaching for after the Easter break, are as follows:

#### Year 6

6B Mrs Ray and Mrs Dunmore  
6MT Mrs Turton all week  
6K Mrs Waite will continue to teach each morning until Mr Kitchen's return, and Mrs Rattray of an afternoon.

#### Year 5

5H Mrs Leech and Mrs Ayeni (Mrs Ayeni is a new member of permanently appointed teaching staff)  
5LM Mrs Mate and Mrs Austin (in conjunction with Director of Learning and Lead Practitioners) on a Wednesday morning  
5RF Mrs Fleetwood and Mrs Austin on three afternoons (in conjunction with Director of Learning and Lead Practitioners)

We would very much like to thank all the staff in upper school for their commitment to all of the pupils across the school. Without them, and their professionalism, we would have not been able to have such a high quality structure in place for our oldest pupils.

We are also saying goodbye to both Mrs North and Mrs Robinson. Mrs North is retiring after working for 19 years at the school and Mrs Robinson is leaving after 15 years in the school office. We wish them both well in their new ventures and thank them for all their hard work in the school.

**Teacher/ Parent Discussions 3RL**

Unfortunately, the Teacher/Parent discussions for 3RL have had to be postponed until after Easter. We will, of course, be in touch to reschedule meetings on Miss Ludlow's return.

**Woodwind**

After many years teaching our children Woodwind instruments, through Essex Music Services, Mr Derek Turner is leaving at the end of term. We are currently in the process of arranging for someone else to take on the role after Easter. Regrettably, there will be no Recorder Club for the summer term.

We would like to pass on our best wishes to Mr Turner for the future, whose support and encouragement for the subject of Music has provided many children with the opportunity to learn an orchestral instrument.

**Spring Term Reports**

Your child's school report for the Spring term will be passed to you at Parent's evening next week. If you have not made an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, please contact the school office.

**Reading Challenge**

We are please to inform parents that we will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 18 April at 6 pm with regard to the Reading Challenge for those that were unable to attend the previous meeting held during the school day.

**Essex Wildlife Trust**

Hanningfield Reservoir Visitor Centre are holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 30th March and Sunday 1st April between 10 am and 4 pm at a cost of £8/child.

For more information on the Easter Egg Hunt and other activities taking place during the Easter Holidays, please go to [www.essexwt.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/whats-on) or call 01268 711001.

**Term Dates**

After consultation with staff and parents, please find attached calendar dates for 2018-2019. Trustees have agreed that the additional 6 days, in lieu of CPD, are taken as a week in October, with the sixth day being the 24th July 2019.

**Uniform Reminder**

Could we please remind parents/carers that black shoes should be worn in school. Also, long hair should be tied back from the face in a pony tail, plait or bun. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

**Cross Country**

On Wednesday 21 March some of our children took part in the Cross Country event at William de Ferrers School in South Woodham Ferrers. They represented the school fantastically showing brilliant sportsmanship and some have qualified for the finals next week. Well done, the school are very proud of you all.

**Scarlet Fever**

Please be aware that Hilltop Infant School have had a reported case of Scarlet Fever which presents as a scattered red rash and high temperature. The rash is often most marked in the creases of joints and over the stomach and usually goes white when pressed on. Someone with scarlet fever will have evidence of a streptococcal infection, usually in the throat or in the skin. If any of these symptoms develop you should take your child to your GP for examination and tell the doctor that a child at the Infant School has scarlet fever.

If your child has scarlet fever your doctor will prescribe antibiotics and they can return to school when well enough. However, they must have first finished one full day of antibiotic treatment. The bacteria are spread through contact with nose and mouth secretions and extra vigilance with personal hygiene is therefore essential. Your GP will be able to answer any further questions you may have.

**Year 2 Skipping Festival**

Well done to 5RF who helped with the Year 2 Skipping Festival, yesterday. The schools who took part have written to the school saying how wonderful the children were. They showed care and consideration for all the groups they worked with, and carefully and patiently explained the activities in a supportive way. They were described as a credit to the school. Thank you 5RF, we are extremely proud of you all.