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Weekly Newsletter

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Attendance w/beg: 29 January 2018
 Whole School: 96.01%
 Class of the week: 6MT with 100%
 Well done!!

3F: 94.07%	3L: 98.15%	3RL: 98.62%
4P: 88.62%	4PD: 99.64%	4S: 96.90%
5H: 94.64%	5LM: 91.72%	5RF: 99.66%
6B: 97.78%	6K: 92.22%	6MT: 100.00%

Letters Home This Week

Expectations letter
 Year 3 to CLC
 Year 4 to CLC
 Letter re The Breck Foundation

The Breck Foundation

Today your child will have brought home a No Tech for Breck sponsor form. Next week is Safer Internet Day and the children's computing lesson will cover aspects of being respectful online.

Over half term, we challenge the children to not use technology, just for one day, in order to raise money for The Breck Foundation - created by Breck's mother to campaign and raise funds to keep children safe whilst online.

The Foundation will be visiting our school in March to give a presentation to parents, at which point we would like to present them with the money we raise from completing No Tech for Breck. I will be challenging myself and my family to complete this too. Can you get everyone involved?

I look forward to sharing our experiences together after half term.

Mrs Turton.

Week Beginning: 5 February 2018

School Dinners
 Week 3



Upcoming Diary Dates

February:

- 8 HJSA School Disco
- 9 Non-Pupil Day
- 12-16 Half Term
- 20 Positive Body Image Workshop Year 6

March:

- 5 Class Photos
- 8 & 9 HJSA Mothers' Day Sale
- 14 Year 3 to the CLC
- 15 E-Safety talk for parents:
Breck Foundation
- 16 Year 4 to the CLC
- 19 Assessment Week
- 27 Parent/Teacher Discussions
- 28 Parent/Teacher Discussions
- 29 End of term

Choir

The school choir attended the Young Voices concert on Tuesday this week at the O2. They were part of a massed choir of just under 8,000 children. Although the day was long and tiring, with several hours of rehearsals, the children were amazing. They were extremely well behaved and sang all the songs with such enthusiasm. They were a credit to Hilltop Junior School and their parents who supported them by coming to watch the concert in the evening. In the 20+ years I have been involved in these concerts I thought that this year's was the best yet. Thank you to Mrs Leech and Mr Hillson for teaching the children the songs and dance moves and also to Mrs Greenwood for stepping in at the last moment in Mr Hillson's absence.

Adventure Island

The HJSA have bought some Adventure Island tickets at a super sale price of £15.50 (for 1.2 m+) and £12.50 (1.2 m and under). These are on a first come, first served basis. Once these are all sold the HJSA still have great value tickets available at £16.50 and £13.50 respectively (normally £30 and £25 on the gate) which is still a massive saving. Order forms were sent home on Thursday with children.

Singing Courses

Essex County Council are running singing workshops on Friday 16 February for young people aged from 5 to 18 years old who have an interest in singing. The one day event is for young people to experience different styles of singing, practice performing in a choir and gain vocal tips. There are three different workshops to meet all age groups in full-time education:

- Afternoon Fun Workshop for 5-7 years old
- Essex Training Choir for 7-11 years old
- Essex Young Singers 11-18 years old

To book a place please visit the Essex Music Hub website or for further information please contact David Arch, Ensembles and Operations Assistant on david.arch2@essex.gov.uk.

Asthma Sufferers

Can we please remind parents whose children suffer with asthma, that the school does hold an emergency pump should their child's pump run out during school hours or is accidentally left at home. Should your child require the use of the emergency pump, however, a charge of £6.50 will be required to fund a replacement.

Car Parking

Recently, some parents have been parking in the school car park. May I remind you that this car park is for **staff only**. This also applies when dropping off for breakfast club/before school clubs and collecting children from after school clubs.

It is very important to us that children and their families feel safe and happy on their way into and out of school and we shall be doing everything possible to make sure this is the case. I would, therefore, like to remind you that:

- Abusive language or behaviour is never acceptable in the school environment and the police will be contacted should this occur.
- No parents or carers should drive onto the school site unless by prior arrangement with the office staff at the Infant or Junior Schools.
- Cars should not be parked where the new markings are, on bends, across driveways or on pavements (please be courteous to those families who need to walk past with a buggy and our neighbours).
- Dogs, whether carried or on a lead, should not be brought onto the school site or tied up on the school fence. Some of our children are frightened of dogs and should not have to walk past them on their way in or out of school.
- Parents/carers should pull away from the school in their car with care as we have had reports from other parents that some drivers are speeding off once they have dropped their children endangering those crossing the road.

I am very grateful to all the parents and carers who have been so supportive and hope that we can all continue to work together to keep our school a safe and happy place for everyone.

LAB Meeting

A huge thank you to Emmi and Thomas who attended the Local Advisory Board Meeting last night to talk about our school and class councils. They were well prepared and spoke to the group about all the projects the school has been involved in. It must have been quite daunting for them, but they did it with such confidence. We are very proud of them both and would like to thank both their families for their support in bringing their children to the meeting.