



Weekly Newsletter

10 November 2017

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Attendance W/E: 10 November 2017

Whole School: 96.26%
 3F 94.40% 3L 98.52% 3RL 98.97%
 4P 93.10% 4PD 97.14% 4S 97.59%
 5H 97.50% 5LM 96.55% 5RF 100.00%
 6B 95.93% 6K 89.09% 6MT 95.86%

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

Executive Headteacher News

I am delighted to have taken up my new role as Executive Headteacher at the Hilltop Schools on the 1st November. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to work with staff from both the Infant and Junior Schools to build on the good practice that is already in place and to develop other areas. After 11 years as Headteacher at Hilltop Infant School, and several years working as a National Leader of Education, I am excited to be focusing on the learning and development of our children from 4 to 11 years.

Mr Dan Chapman has now joined Hilltop Infants School as Head of School and will be working in this role full-time from January. Mr Paul Hillson took on the role of Head of School at Hilltop Junior School last week and will be working alongside Mrs Alison Waite to lead the school on a day to day basis. Mr Hillson will be remaining as SENCo and will continue to liaise with families as he has been doing since the end of last term. I would like to welcome Mr Chapman and Mr Hillson into their new roles. As a Leadership Team, we will be focusing on ensuring that Hilltop provides the best possible education for all of our children.

With the new leadership structure in place, we would like to clarify the contact arrangements for parents and carers. In the first instance, please would you send all emails to hilltopinf.admin@heartsacademy.uk (for the Infant School) or hilltopjun.admin@heartsacademy.uk (for the Junior School). The office staff will then ensure that your email is forwarded on to the appropriate member of staff. You are, of course, able to make contact in person via the school office. Any correspondence or concerns should be directed to Mrs Waite for Years 3 and 4 and to Mr Hillson for Years 5 and 6. Teachers in both schools will be available at the end of the school day for informal conversations.

Unfortunately, I am currently on sick leave following planned surgery, but will be back at work at the end of next week, healthy and raring to go.

Looking forward to some very happy and exciting times as part of The HEARTS Academy Trust.

Karen Mackenzie

School Dinners

For w/b 13 November 2017 please look at Week 3 of the new autumn menu.

DIARY DATES

9 Nov	Flu Immunisations
13 Nov	Year 4 only - visit to the Memorial Park (pm)
13 Nov	Closing date for Christmas Dinner orders
14 Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5 pm
15 Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30 pm-5 pm & 6pm-8 pm
15/16/17 Nov	Children In Need Fundraising Stalls (lunchtime)
17 Nov	Non-Uniform Day & Special Lunch in aid of Children in Need
20 Nov	Year 5 Walk Online Roadshow at Wat Tyler Centre
21 Nov	Year 2 Open Morning - 10.30 am to 11.30 am
22 Nov	Book Fair (running to 27 Nov) 3.15 pm - 4 pm
23 Nov	HJSA Lower School Christmas Market - lunch time
24 Nov	HJSA Upper School Christmas Market - lunch time
29 Nov	Year 3 Fire Safety Talk by the Fire Service
1 Dec	HJSA Disco
12/13 Dec	Lower School Christmas Production - letter to follow
14 Dec	Christmas Lunch
15-19 Jan	Aspirations Week
30 Jan	Choir performing at the 02 Young Voices Concert

School Emails

Could we please ask parents not use the personal e-mail addresses for staff within school. We regret that staff will be unable to respond to any e-mail unless it is channelled through the correct route. Thank you.

Runwell Village Pre-School Christmas Shopping Event

The above pre-school are holding a Christmas shopping day on Saturday 11 November at Runwell Village Hall, Church End Lane, Runwell from 11 am to 2 pm.

There will be Christmas crafts, books and a nearly new toy stall as well as cakes, toiletries, make-up , a prize draw and refreshments. Lou Sutton Photography will also be available with a festive photo shoot should you wish to have seasonal photos.

School Health Drop In Clinic

If you have concerns regarding your child's health on such things as continence (night time wetting), weight and dietary issues, sleep/behaviour problems or any other general health issues, then the School Nursing Team would be happy to discuss them with you. They will be holding their Thursday Drop In Clinics at the Wickford CLC (back of Bromfords School) in Grange Avenue, Wickford on the following dates:

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm on the 16 & 30 November and the 14 December.

No appointment is necessary. Further information available by calling 01277 725907.

Hilltop Twitter

Please remember to follow us on twitter:

HilltopJunior@HilltopJun

St Luke's Hospice

St Luke's Hospice are holding a Christmas Market at Basildon College on Saturday 25 November from 11 am - 3 pm. They will have Santa's Grotto, games, a bbq, Christmas stalls, an animal nativity and entertainment on stage all day plus a memory tree. There will also be a special appearance from X-Factor Lauren Grace. For more information please contact 01268 524973.

Children in Need

We will be supporting this worthy cause with the children running stalls as they usually do on the 15/16/17 November. Mr Hillson has explained, in assembly, the procedure for running a stall and the children are currently submitting their ideas. He will then inform each group on which day they will be running their stall. On these days children are welcome to bring a small amount of change to spend, but please ensure any monies are in a named purse/wallet.

Friday 17th November will also be a non-uniform day and children are invited to wear 'spotacular' items of clothing, the spottier the better in return for a £1 donation. Please remember **no face paints or onesies to be worn.**

Lastly, don't forget that there will be a special lunch in aid of Children in Need on Friday 17th November at a cost of £2. Children should order this as normal when their class teacher takes the dinner register.