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# Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
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## Attendance w/beg: 03.07.17

Whole School: 93.25.%

Class of the week: Class 6 – 96.52%

Class 1 – 95.09%	Class 5 – 96.19%
Class 2 – 94.90%	Class 6 – 96.52%
Class 3 – 94.94%	Class 7 – 95.69%
Class 4 – 96.24%	Class 8 – 95.30%

## Handwriting Awards

Congratulations to Kier, Paige, George, Jayden and Faye from Class 7 who achieved their Gold Handwriting Award.

## Letters home

Year 2 Picnic in the Park

## Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### School Dinners

Week 3

### Craze of the Week

Top Trumps

### Forest School

Group B



## Upcoming Diary Dates

Please note all dates are on our website

### July

7<sup>th</sup> Wickford School Transition Day

10<sup>th</sup> Golden Mile with Hilltop Junior School

11<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear Festival Year 1

14<sup>th</sup> Summer Fete

17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Leavers Assembly 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> Hilltop's Got Talent

19<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Picnic in the Park

20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

21<sup>st</sup> Inset day

## Open Evening

Yesterday evening was a wonderful opportunity for families to come and look round the school, see their children's work and meet current and future teachers. It was a lovely evening and we were especially pleased to see so many of our ex-pupils in school.

## Governor Visit

Yesterday a group of our school governors came into school to carry out a "Learning Walk". They visited all classes to look at writing and phonics, took part in a handwriting award session, looked at a range of English books and met with children on the playground at break time. They were also the audience for a special mini Poetry Slam. As ever, thank you to our governors who give their time on a voluntary basis to support the children in school.

## Transition Day

Tomorrow, Wickford Schools are having their transition day. All of our Year 2 children will be going to their new schools and the September 2017 reception children will all be visiting their new classes part-time at 9:15am or 12:30pm. The rest of the children will be spending the whole day in their new classes with their new teachers. Please take your children to their new classroom doors at the usual time and collect them from the same place. Our office staff will make sure that your child's teacher is informed about the lunch orders. We are looking forward to a very happy day. It is so exciting for the children to be moving on to the next year of their education.

## Golden Mile 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Hilltop Infant and Hilltop Junior School will be taking part in a mile walk around our playgrounds and field. Please can long hair be tied back and all earrings removed. Children will not be permitted to take part in this very special event or in Sports Day, if they are wearing jewellery!

### **Football**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, eleven children attended football and fun games at Wickford Infant School. Clive from Wickford Football Club led the session with Mrs Ford from School Sports Partnership. After a quick warm up the children played a "Grab the Balls" game, then they played two games, one on a pitch with four goals. The children were amazingly well-behaved. Thank you once again to the parents who transported the children to this event.

### **85 children take part in Fun Run!**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June children from Oakfield, Hilltop Infants, Grange, Abacus, North Crescent and Crays Hill enjoyed an afternoon of running organised by Zoe Ford, Wickford School Sport Coordinator. Hilltop were represented by Finley, Rose, Megan, Vincent, Alfie, Mia, Isaac, Casey, Grace, Alan, Angel, Holly, George, James, Elissia and Olivia.

The festival started with a fun warm up and stretch led by the Year 6 Oakfield leaders. The children completed their races and received a big cheer from their friends and family as they crossed the finish line! At the end the children had a relay race. Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children and supporting them so enthusiastically.

### **Book Club**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July book club will be open after school in the back of the hall. Please bring all your unspent vouchers.

### **Diary Dates**

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Wickford Transition Day
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Golden Mile with Hilltop Juniors
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day, AM
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fete from 3:15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Teddy Bear Festival – Year 1
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Helpers Tea
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Book Club after school
17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2pm	Year 2 Leavers Assembly – to parents and carers (3 from each family, brothers and sisters may attend but must be included in the 3 family members)
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Hilltop's Got Talent, children only to attend
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Picnic in the Park

### **Leavers Assembly**

It has been necessary to move our Leavers Assembly so that families can attend this event and the Junior School Sports Day. The Leavers Assembly will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. 3 members of each Year 2 child's can attend this special assembly.

### **Water Bottles**

During this hot weather it is very important that children come to school every day with a filled water bottle. The children will be encouraged to drink as much as they need and bottles will be refilled if necessary. Water is also available every day at lunchtime.

### **Hilltop's Got Talent**

Hilltop's Got Talent Auditions will be held in school next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July for any Year 2 children who wish to participate. Children can audition individually or in small groups. If required, please help your child to decide what to do. Any costumes or music required will need to be sent in on this day (music must be appropriate for school. It can be sent in on CD or a named memory stick). If you have any questions please speak to a member of Year 2 staff.

## Reports

There has been a slight delay with the reports and Key Stage 1 Reports are not ready to go out this week. Class 1, 2 and 3 reports should be going out tomorrow (Friday) but Year 1 and 2 will not be sent out until the middle of next week.



## Summer Fete - Friday 14th July 2017

It is that time of the year whereby Shipmates are in the process of working hard to put together the Hilltop Summer Fete but we need volunteers to help set up and run stalls on the day. If anybody is able to help set up or man a stall for an hour it would be gratefully received. As a thank you, every person who volunteers to run a stall for at least an hour will be given a free wristband for the inflatables on the day.

Yale Keys - We are looking for any old Yale keys that are no longer needed for one of a game stalls. If you do have any please could you hand them into the office. Thank you in advance.

Shipmates would like to take this opportunity to thank all you Parents/Carers for the continuous support you give to raising additional funds for the school. This enables Shipmates to buy necessary equipment and resources that are much needed for the children.