



# HILLTOP INFANT SCHOOL



## **Blooming Hilltop!**

We are coming to the end of another wonderful year at Hilltop Infant School. The children have bloomed and so has our garden. Last week we were informed that we had come second in the Meadowcroft Schools in Bloom competition. Thank you to Mrs Walter and everyone else who has helped with our gardening.



On Monday our Year Two children performed the leavers assembly to their families. What a wonderful celebration of life at our school it was! I needed most of a box of tissues. We are really going to miss our wonderful Year Two children. We also say goodbye this week to the Franklin and Blackwell

families who are moving on. We wish all the children a very happy time in their new schools.

Last week we held a tea party and concert for the volunteer helpers who support children in class or during other activities. Without their help our school would not be such a wonderful place and we are very grateful for all the time they give.

Shipmates are also a huge asset to our school community and I would like to thank the committee and all the other volunteers who have planned events throughout the year. The family disco on Friday was a wonderful success.

Our School Governors also give very freely of their time and work with great enthusiasm to support the children and staff in school. Thank you to them as well.

I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy summer break. I hope that you have a chance to spend time with your families and enjoy some special time together. I am off to Ghana next week and will be taking with me all the gifts of glasses, stationery and football kits that our families have given me.

Last, but by no means least... We would like to thank Mrs Bagshaw for everything she has done for the children at Hilltop Infant School and at other schools in Essex throughout her teaching career. She truly is an inspiration to her colleagues and it has been a privilege for me to work alongside her for the last 10 years. Wishing Mrs Bagshaw a long and very happy retirement with lots of opportunity to fill her days with adventures.

Mrs Mackenzie

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## **Attendance w/beg 11/0716**

Whole School 95.02%

## **Summer Break**

School closes for the summer holidays on Thursday 21st July at 3.05pm and reopens for Year 1 and 2 pupils on Monday 5th September 2016.

## **Hilltop Has Talent**

Well done to all the children who took part in this year's Hilltop Has Talent. We were entertained by some amazing acts. The joint winners were Luke Garrett for telling jokes (see below) and Aaron Braithwaite for singing.

1) What is a cat's favourite colour?

Answer - Purrrple

2) Why do Giraffes have such long necks?

Answer - Because they have smelly feet.

3) Why are elephants so crinkley?

Answer - Have you ever tried ironing one.

## **Medicines/Inhalers**

Please collect all medicines, creams and inhalers at the end of term. Thank you.

**Please see next page for further news.**

### **Handwriting Awards**

Mrs Mackenzie has been very busy handwriting with the children the last couple of days and the following children have achieved the Gold Handwriting award: Bella-Mae, Ishraq, Anna, Peaches, Leah, Adam, Daisy, Heidi, Maisy, Ella, Ollie, Ernie, Isabelle and Ashley. The following children have achieved the Silver Handwriting award: Sophie, Noah, Lily-May, Naomi, Samuel, Vinnie and Harley. The following children have achieved the Bronze Award: Thomas, Emily, Megan and Ava-Grace,



### **Premier Sport**

Forms have been sent out this week for new Year 1 and Year 2 children. All clubs start week beginning 5th September 2016. Please ensure you return your form as soon as possible as places are limited.

### **Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 from September 2016**

#### **Free School Meals**

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3.

If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application in August if you want your child to receive a free school meal from September.

Applications can be made from 1 August 2016 online at [www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or by calling 0345 603 2200.

#### **Kids go free on Park and Ride buses this August**

Make the most of the summer holidays with children travelling for free on Park and Ride buses to Chelmsford and Colchester

With the summer holidays just a couple of weeks away, many parents will be starting to think about how to entertain their children during the long break. Taking days out can be expensive, particularly if you factor in travel on top. The good news is that getting into Chelmsford and Colchester should be a doddle now Essex County Council has launched its 'Kids Go Free in August' Park and Ride promotion.

The promotion allows under 16s, accompanied by an adult, to hop on a Park and Ride bus to Colchester or Chelmsford for free after 9am each day this August.

A daily ticket costs just £3 for adults with discounts available for weekly and monthly fares. Concessionary pass holders travel free from 9am Monday to Friday and all day Saturdays.

Chelmsford is served by two Park and Ride sites: Chelmer Valley (CM3 3PR) to the north and Sandon (CM2 7RU) to the south.

Colchester (CO4 5JA) has a large site just off Junction 28 of the A12, opposite Colchester United's Weston Homes Community Stadium.

Services run to and from each site at regular intervals throughout the day from Monday to Saturday. The Park and Ride does not run on Sunday, public holidays and Bank Holidays.

For more information, visit the Park and Ride website.

#### **Shipmates News**

I would like to say a very big thank you to all parents and carers for their continued support over the last school year. As we always say without your help we would not be able to help provide the children with much needed equipment.

Within the month of September we will be holding our annual AGM. It would be lovely to see new faces on our committee. More details will be given in the autumn term.

On behalf of Shipmates we would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break.

