



The Wickford C of E School

Newsletter



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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 97%

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE FOR

THIS WEEK: 97.9%

CLASS

ATTENDANCE:

For the week beginning 11th September 2017 attendance was as follows:

Kiboko 99.6%

Tumbili 98.1%

Tembo 95.7%

Mamba 99%

Twiga 100%

Simba 94%

PADDINGTONS:

Simba - All of Simba class

Twiga - Charlie, Holly, Isabelle and Ella.

Mamba - Connor, Teddy, Sofia and Ozzy.

Tembo - Harry, Evie, Louie and George.

Kiboko - Alfie, Sartori, Ryan and Katie.

Tumbili - Poppy, Millie, Andre and Alfie.

15th September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This week you will have received an overview of the parent surveys, thank you to our current year 1 and 2 families for their feedback. It has been a busy, fun packed week and already we are setting plans for the coming term:

BIG BREAKFAST

This year's Big Harvest Breakfast will take place on Thursday 28th September with doors opening at 7.45am. This year we are helping to raise funds for the BRECK foundation; a charity set up by a family who lost their eldest son through online grooming. We are hopefully going to be welcoming Breck's mother, Lorin, to our school to share her devastating story with parents/guardians to help keep our children safe. Details about this will follow shortly. As usual siblings are welcome and the wearing of pyjamas is encouraged - either with uniform underneath or uniform in a bag to change into.

We are asking that each class makes donations of food or drink to cater for the 200+ members of our community who come together on this day.

Donations of goodies will be as follows:

Simba - Milk and milkshakes

Twiga - Fruit juices

Mamba - Cereal

Tembo - Bread and butter

Kiboko - Jams, marmalades, chocolate spread, etc.

Tumbili - Pastries e.g. pain au chocolate, brioche, croissants.

Please bring donations into school by Tuesday 26th September.

Please remember that we are a nut free school, so please bring in only nut free spreads etc.

Many thanks for your support of this wonderful event.

[**DRUMMING** Each term the children learn African Drumming, led by Steve Cooper. This year we will have three 'performance assemblies' and the first will be for Year 2 parents *only* on Friday 8th December at 11:15am. The aim of these sessions is to share learning, have fun and include time for a greater sense of community engagement as well. We look forward to seeing you then.

MOMENTS OF LOVELINESS

Well done to all children in Simba and Twiga class who completed their first full day today, I hope they sleep well tonight. It has been a great week, a pleasure to see our new children settling in, walking around school with confidence.

The Golden Table is a weekly addition to the hall and it celebrates those children who eat with good table manners, remember to use a knife and fork and generally conduct themselves politely. This week I had the pleasure to sit with four very well behaved children, Carter - Tembo class, Ava - Mamba class Sky - Tumbili class and Mason - Kiboko class. Thank you.

It has been a pleasure to sit with the Little Teds children who stayed for lunch and worked through until 3:30pm. The children have done so well, I am very impressed.

Many thanks for your support with hair ribbons and decorations.

HIRE THE HALL

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office if you are interested.

READING We will be spending time as a staff this half term looking at ways in which we can raise the profile of Reading and I will update you of these in due course. In the meantime, we ask you to do all you can at home to support by hearing and reading with your child regularly and recording this in their Reading diaries to ensure their books are changed.

If you read with your child for 10 minutes a day, that's 70 minutes a week. Over an average term, that's over 800 minutes of reading. Over a year, your child gains nearly 2 full days of reading (43 hours!) That's a lot of awe and wonder to loose for the sake of just 10 minutes a day!

Thank you for your support with opening a door to reading and beyond. Miss Glover

You can find magic
wherever you look. Sit
back and relax, all you
need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

MILK MONEY for this half term is £10.24 for years 1&2.

MISSING UNIFORM Please could everyone check you have the correct uniform at home and make sure all uniform is named. So far, Ronnie in Tumbili class is missing a jumper, Thomas in Mamba Class is missing a coat and Emily in Tumbili Class is missing a fleece.

E-SAFETY EVENING Please check book bags as there is an important letter regarding an evening event that we would like you to attend.

HEADLICE We have had an outbreak so please, please comb, comb, comb and comb again and keep checking.

Trust news

Request for parent forum members to discuss the additional non pupil days

Last term we received some representations from parents at Hilltop Junior regarding the additional 6 days which the Trust was using for training and development for staff. A survey was sent out (the results of which are below).

We will be holding a meeting for parents to share thoughts on views on this as well as give further information on the rationale behind the decision on 26th September at 6 pm at Hearts House on Mount Road SS11 8HE in Wickford. We are inviting 3 parents from each school to attend. If you are interested then please forward your name and school via email to Penny Partridge (admin@heartsacademy.uk). You will then be notified if you are one of the first three people to request attendance.

Please note that only those previously registered to attend will be allowed to attend. If you have any views that you would like taken into consideration and can't attend please forward to your school via the school administration address.....

You will be aware that we surveyed parents about the new term dates; the responses are as follows:

Do you know about financial issues facing schools?	Yes 78%
	No 22%
Would you support the school in managing these issues through the proposed training model?	Yes 80%
	No 20%
Would this present you with difficulties if it was agreed?	Yes 40%
	No 60%

PHOTOGRAPHS The photographer will be in school on Monday. If you wish to have a sibling who is not in our school taken with your child, the photographer will be in from 7.45 to start. We will keep your child in breakfast club until the start of school so you do not need to wait around once the photo has been taken.

Whilst I fear the summer maybe behind us autumn days are rapidly approaching!

Have a lovely weekend, see you Monday.

Mrs Johnson.

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