

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school for the summer term. We all hope you had a fantastic Easter holiday.

As you know, our staff are always available to speak to if there is anything concerning you or your child. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or a senior member of staff.

A busy term beckons with lots of exciting activities and events planned for your children.

A list of summer term dates is attached to this newsletter.

Important Dates

Please note that school will be closed on

Monday 1st May 2017

As it is a Bank Holiday.

Half term is Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for supporting your children in settling back into school life. Attendance at school and punctuality is extremely important for the children's progress and attainment and we look forward to increasing numbers of children achieving 95% attendance this term.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club for children of school age, (not Nursery aged children) is run by school staff every day in the canteen from 7.45 am until the bell rings in each department.

The breakfast and care costs

£1.75 for 1 child, £2.75 for 2 children, £3.75 for 3 children

Payment for Breakfast Club should be made using a sQuid account in advance.

Parent/Grandparent Volunteers

Thank you to all those parents/grandparents who help in school in so many ways. We **really** appreciate all you do. If you haven't helped before but now have some time to spare then **we would love to hear from you**. Please ask the office staff to speak to a senior member of staff

Staying Safe on the Internet

Please be vigilant if your child is using the internet to play games at home.

Advice for parents can be found on the school website or visit www.childnet-int.org/kia

School Meals

Parents will hopefully be aware that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to eat a school meal, which is served with water, free of charge each day. This meal is cooked from fresh ingredients and the menu is designed to meet your child's nutritional needs.

School meals for junior children in year 3-6 are **£2.20** a day.

Payment for school meals should be made using a sQuid account in advance.

Please speak to our office staff for information about Free School Meals for junior children.

sQuid Payments

Thank you to all parents who have set up their sQuid accounts and are using them to make payments. Unfortunately, we have a mounting debt of non payment for school meals and breakfast club. We ask that parents please ensure that payments are made promptly. The school cannot be expected to subsidise non payment of school meals or breakfast club. If you are experiencing difficulties with payments please contact the school office where a member of staff will be happy to help. Alternatively please arrange to meet with a member of the Senior Leadership team to discuss payment.

Thank you.

Visit our school website www.Hilldene.having.sch.uk

School Uniform/Lost Property

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.
The children look very smart.

Please note:

- **Only plain black shoes or trainers WITHOUT logos should be worn.**
- **No open toe or heel sandals.**
- **Jogging or tracksuit bottoms are only to be worn for PE lessons**
- **Hair bands and bows should be either navy blue or black (no other colours or sparkles)**
- **Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish**

Uniform items are currently on sale after school every day from the office.

Lost property has increased in the juniors at an alarming rate! If your child has misplaced an item of their uniform, please check through the lost property.

Please remember to write your child's name on new items.

Driving and Parking Near School

Please consider the welfare of everyone when driving near to school, particularly when parking or reversing, paying particular attention to the care of children at this time.

Please **do not** park across the drive ways of residents.

No Cards or Toys Please

Please note that the children are not permitted to bring any toys or cards to school unless they have been requested to do so by staff in connection with an aspect of class work.

On Site Safety Before and After School

We do not want any accidents, so please ...**no riding of bikes or scooters on school premises.**
Please ensure your children **do not play on the boat or any play equipment before and after school** when it is not supervised.

Thank you for your support with this.

Year Group Assemblies

Please look at the dates to find out when your child's year group will be holding their assembly.

Read Together

Please join us for read together at the following times:

YR—Friday at 8.50am

Y1—Tuesday 8.50am

Y2—Wednesday 8.50am

Y3—Monday 2.45pm
(Maths Together)

Y4—Wednesday 2.45pm

If there are any parents of year 5 or 6 children who would like to come to read with the children then please speak to your child's teacher.

Visit our school website www.Hilldene.havering.sch.uk

P.E. Kit

Please help us by ensuring that your child has an appropriate kit in school.

P.E. kit comprises of - navy shorts, a plain white T-shirt and a pair of plimsolls/ trainers. Junior children also need a pair of jogging bottoms either black or navy, to wear for outside PE on cold days. **Football kits should not be worn.**

Please remember that children cannot take part in P.E. if they are wearing earrings.

Please help us by removing earrings for Infant pupils on P.E. days before the children come to school.

Junior pupils are expected to remove earrings themselves.

Absence / Requests for Holiday in Term Time

Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea that he or she should not return to school **until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.**

If children are ill with any other infections or viruses they should remain at home until they are free of the symptoms.

Please be aware that we are obliged to follow strict regulations regarding parent requests for their child to have a holiday during term time. Family holidays will not be authorised.

If you are unsure about these regulations please ask for more information from the office before planning a holiday.