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Hilltop Primary Academy Newsletter

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Welcome to Hilltop Primary Academy and to our half termly Newsletter. Due to Shrove Tide, we have a shorter Spring 2 half term. We are therefore sending out our Newsletter a little earlier this time.

In our Newsletter, we will be informing you of significant dates such as events that are taking place, term dates, INSET days and any news that we can share with you. However, as a school community we sometimes have to be flexible, and events / dates may change. Please continue to check our Dojo pages for information.

Firstly, I would like to thank the pupils, staff, parents, governors and Djanogly Trust for making me feel so welcome during my first half term at Hilltop Primary Academy. I hope we will continue to grow, as a team, so that we provide a safe, happy and successful environment for all the children who attend Hilltop.

Mrs Barker

Also, a very warm welcome to Mrs Green who has joined Hilltop Primary Academy as a Teaching Assistant in Carle Class. We hope you enjoy being part of the team.

It has been lovely to meet and talk with so many parents on the gate, in the morning – even though it’s been FREEZING!



We politely remind parents that they should not stop or park on the yellow zig zags, outside school. Children and other parents crossing, are not always able to see cars coming from around the corner and the bend.

Please can we ask that you check through your Arbor details so make sure that your details on the system are correct and that meals and wrap-around care is up-to-date.

We would like to let you know that every half term, each Teacher will be sending out a

Class on a Page

This will provide you with a summary of what your child’s class will be doing for the forthcoming half term.

Hilltop Primary Academy			
Year 5 Learning – Spring Term 2025			
Reading Across the weekly lessons, children build vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension through oral practice, model texts, targeted questions, and applied reading strategies.	Maths * Understand decimals up to three decimal places, equivalent fractions and decimals, thousandths, comparing and ordering decimals, rounding, and linking percentages to fractions and decimals. * Calculate the perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes, and polygons, as well as finding and estimating the area of rectangles and compound shapes.	History Overarching question: How did the Industrial Revolution improve the lives of people? We will explore this significant turning point in British history and the impact it had on people then as well as on now.	Science Overarching question: Is every change reversible? We will explore how to separate mixtures through filtering, sieving, and evaporating, as well as reversible and irreversible changes in materials.
Art / Music Art: Drawing – making my voice heard. Music: Composition – exploring the association between words and (color) (link to Hub)	RE Key Question: Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in clarity and generosity? 	RSE We will explore the theme of personal identity and body image.	Class Read

Attendance Award

We now have a weekly Attendance Award. This is based on the number of sessions missed each week, in each class. Obviously, we fully appreciate that if a child is ill, they should not be in school, but we also hope that we can work together to ensure that the attendance at Hilltop continues to improve

Friday 14th February

1st	Grey Class
2nd	Cowell Class
3rd	Carle Class

Friday 21st February

1st	Rauf Class
2nd	Jeffers Class
3rd	Cowell Class



Awards Assembly
Every Friday morning, we will be holding this Assembly.
Each Teacher will give 2 certificates for their class:

★ **Special Hilltop Award**

and ★

Star of the Week

These are to celebrate achievements in learning, work, skills and behaviour and attitudes.

We will be inviting parents of children who have achieved a certificate, to the Assembly. As we are celebrating the learning for each week, we will not be able to inform you until Thursday lunch time. We appreciate this is not much time but if you can pop into school for the Assembly, if you receive an invitation, we would love to see you.

Behaviour

Ready to Learn



Stop and Think



Time owed: 5 minutes	Name:	Class / Year group:
	Date:	Issuing teacher:
Yellow Card	Reason:	
Hilltop Primary Academy		



15 minutes	Name:	Class / Year group:
	Date:	Issuing teacher:
Red Card	Reason:	
Hilltop Primary Academy		



Parents invited into school



Headteacher's Praise Hilltop Primary Academy	Name:	Class / Year group:
	Date:	Issuing teacher:
	Reason:	




Ready to Learn

Explanation

Everyday, children's names are on **READY TO LEARN** on the Behaviour Ladder. This means every day is a new start.

Children will be able to move up the Ladder when they are working well. This could be for work they have produced in any of their lessons. Children are also noticed for their positive learning behaviours, listening skills, working well as part of team and for the effort they put into their learning. They will be moved up one step at a time.

Moving up the ladder means that they can achieve: 

- ❖ **Extra Dojo points**
- ❖ **Postcard Home**
- ❖ **Green Card / Sticker / Positive discussion with the Headteacher**
- ❖ **Special Reward (Pop and Choc with the Headteacher).** 

Equally, if children make the wrong choices, do not follow instructions, break the rules they will move down the Ladder.

Children will be given a chance to turn their behaviour round but if they continue to exhibit negative behaviours they will be:

- **Moved to Stop and Think (about their behaviour)**
- **Yellow Card - 5 minutes lost from their break or lunch break to work with Mr Bartlett.**
- **Red Card – 15 mins from lunch break to catch up on work missed with Mrs Barker.**

Again, this is one step at a time, down the Ladder. Children at any point can turn their behaviour round and move back up the Ladder.

If a child is physical with another child or member of staff (pushing, hitting, kicking etc). They will move straight to a Red Card.

If a child receives 3 Red Cards in a half term, parents will be asked to come into school to discuss their child's behaviour.

Lates and Absences

- ❖ The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am.
- ❖ We kindly ask that any parents are off-site by 9am, as this is when the final register must be taken.
- ❖ If you arrive after the school gate has closed, please sign in at the front office.
- ❖ If your child is ill and not going to be in school, please can you ensure that you phone the school stating the reason that your child will not be at school before 9am.

The above is to ensure all safeguarding procedures are adhered to.

Thank you so much for your support.

Dates

Friday 28th February

World Book Day Celebrations **

Friday 14th March

Cowell Class start swimming

Thursday 20th March

Reception Phonics Session
details to follow

Friday 21st March

NHS Measurements
Reception & Year 6

Tuesday 25th March

Primary Stars Sports Event
(Reception and KS1)

Friday 29th March

Mother's Day Breakfast (Carle Class)

Wednesday 26th March

Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 27th March

Parents' Evening 2

*Please note that we fully appreciate that QEGS offer such a large range of sporting events. As with all Primary Schools, we take up the opportunity of choosing the events that are relevant and fit in with all of the learning that Hilltop provides. This is so that we can provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all children.

** The official World Book Day is during the Hilltop half term. We are therefore celebrating this day before we break up.

Half term Dates

Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March

Return to school on Monday 10th March

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

Return to school on Tuesday 22nd April

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Return to school on Monday 2nd June

Bank Holidays and INSETs

Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday (as above)

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 27th June (INSET)

We break up for Summer at 3.30pm on Thursday 24th July 2025