



Dear Parents / Carers,

I have just listened to the extraordinary amount that Octopus class managed to squeeze into their morning through the open door of my office. As well as celebrating Roald Dahl in style, they managed to write character descriptions, finish some crucial instruction work and were fully engaged as they worked through their Maths work. They certainly need their lunch to refuel for the afternoon! Not working on Wednesday afternoons and Thursdays means there is always stacks of papers and emails waiting for me on Friday but there was a very welcome stack this morning. Head Boy and Head Girl applicants! It has been an utter joy to go through them and reply to them all personally inviting some for an interview. The interviews were held this morning and I have been told jokes, been given suggestions for how to make lunchtimes better, had fantastic trip suggestions, found out some surprising future wishes, listened to one pupil passionately explain why Head Boy and Girl should make speeches and how one applicant thought the school had improved with many examples over the last couple of years before ending the interviewing saying to me 'Thank you for your time.' I can think of no better way to spend my returning morning to school.

Mrs James

Best attendance of the week goes to
Turtle Class with 99.21%
Whole school attendance: 97.92%
(target 97%)



On line Safety



Do you know what your child is accessing on-line? Do they play online games? Who do they talk to on-line? How safe are the apps they are accessing?

The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and beyond.

Please take time to check out the link below
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Practice makes perfect

Please practise your times tables with your children.
Try out the website 'Topmarks – Hit The Button', play matching games, make up songs, as well as reciting the tables.

Roald Dahl Day

The children had a whizzbanging day, inventing new sweets to celebrate Dahl's birthday and for Mr. Wonka to sell; creating Dream Jars full of dreams, wishes and values; and filling Mr Twit's beard with weird and wonderful things.
The children looked bright and cheery in their yellow outfits and we raised £38.90

END OF THE DAY REMINDER

Please do not allow your children on the field and Trim Trail at the end of the day.
Please respect our neighbours and do not block driveways.

Upcoming dates

Monday 18th September - Evening echo for our new reception class
Tuesday 19th September - Enterprise day at KES for Year 6
Friday 22nd September - Harvest breakfast 8.15
Friday 29th September - Essex fire & rescue workshop Year 1&2
Friday 6th October – Harvest Festival (letter to follow)
Next week SCHOOL DINNER MENU – Week 3

Stars of the Week

Crab - All Crab class
Turtle - George
Octopus - Belle
Nautilus - Finley
Writer of the week – Jasmin, Scarlett and Junior
Mathematician of the week - Gui



Golds this week

Gui for showing service by helping others, Harley for showing maturity and patience

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%

Head Boy and Head Girl Corner

Well done to all the children who applied for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl.

Congratulations to the successful pair Finley and Bella. Good luck in your new role. We are sure you will do a great job.