Welcome back to school for the final term of the year! 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 available on the school website.

**Important Dates**

Please note that school will be closed on

**Friday 21st June**

for staff training.

**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 96% 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

£2.00 for 1 child, £3.00 for 2 children, £4.00 for 3 children

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

**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.

If your child has a food allergy please advise office staff immediately.

**sQuid Payments**

Thank you to all parents who use their sQuid accounts to make regular payments.

Unfortunately, we continue to have a mounting debt of non payment for school meals, breakfast club and school trips. 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 and we already heavily subsidise school trips to keep the cost to parents down.** 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.

Visit our school website www.Hilldene.havering.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).
- Advisable for long hair to be tied back.
- Children are not permitted to wear nail varnish.
- NO HOODIES

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.

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.

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. Please also be considerate when waiting with your children outside the school premises, particularly in front of the Children’s Centre.

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/ stage/ EYFS garden or any play equipment before and after school** when it is not supervised by staff. **If you are waiting to collect children from the Nursery, please do not allow siblings or other children to play in the garden area.**

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 this term.

**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

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