

Newsletter - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A warm welcome back to school for what is going to be a very busy and exciting last term of the academic year – we've even had a little bit of sunshine!

In Spring Term the children took part in the following events:

- Year 2 – The Great Fire of London
- Take One Picture Project, for the National Art Gallery
- Messy Church
- Forest School
- School Council Food Tasting
- Years 1 – 6 World Book Day at the Alhambra Theatre
- Early Years – World Book Day Cup of Tea and Read to Me
- Art with Tony Bullock
- Year 1 and Reception – The Northern Ballet
- Plummer Drummer
- Year 3 and Year 4 – Ballet
- Mother's Day Stall
- Year 5 – Rewind and Fast Forward with Low Moor
- Downs Syndrome Day
- World Water Day
- Easter service at Holy Trinity
- Easter Bonnet Parade, Decorated Easter Egg Competition and Easter Egg Hunt

Not forgetting our first ever amazing Hill Top's Got Talent Show!

### **Christian Value**

This half term our Christian Value is: Reverence and Respect. We will be looking at our value and what it means and how we can show this in our everyday life.



### **Year 6 SATS - 9<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May is the start of SATS week for Year 6 children. Please ensure your child manages to get a good night's sleep so they can do their very best. We are so proud of the hard work and effort they have put in and wish them the best of luck.

Year 6 children can arrive at school at 8:00am for the free breakfast club on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **It is vital that your child is in school and on time for their tests.** If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Greiff.

### **Year 2 SATS – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 2 SATS will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May and spread out through the whole of the half term. Once again please ensure your child is in school and on time to complete the tests. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. McKee.

### **Year 1 Phonics – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 children have been practising their phonics and reading skills ready for their Phonics Screening Check. It is really important that all the children are in school every day. If you have any questions please contact Miss Padgett.

### **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 5<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Our Year 4 children have been working really hard learning and practising their times tables in preparation for the times tables tests. Please encourage your child to practise these skills at home. If you have any questions please contact Miss Howard or Mrs. Westbrook.

### **After School Clubs**

We are running a range of after school clubs which will start next week. Please look out for letters, dojo messages etc. in the next few days. Places can be booked on Parent Pay:

| Day       | Led By               | Club            | Year Group |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Monday    | Jimmy's Martial Arts | Martial arts    | Years 1-6  |
| Monday    | Miss Dawson          | Art Club        | Years 3-6  |
| Monday    | Plummer Drummer      | Bucket Drumming | Years 3-6  |
| Tuesday   | Bradford City        | Handball        | Years 1-2  |
| Tuesday   | Miss Dawson          | Art Club        | Years 1-2  |
| Wednesday | Bradford Bulls       | Rounders        | Years 3-6  |
| Thursday  | Bradford City        | Handball        | Years 3-6  |
| Thursday  | Bricktopia           | Lego Club       | Years 1-6  |
| Friday    | Bradford Bulls       | Cheerleading    | Years 1-6  |

### **Year 6 Camp Night Residential – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 will be spending the night under the stars and canvas! Camp starts from 2.00pm, with the children having to put up their tents and taking part in lots of fun activities. It's going to be an amazing adventure!



### **King Charles III Coronation Celebration – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**



To celebrate the King's Coronation all children can wear non-uniform clothes in red, white and blue and there will be lots of Coronation themed activities to do throughout the day.

We would also like to welcome parents into school to join the children in **Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5** in their classrooms from 2.30pm to take part in craft activities with children.

**Nursery and Reception children** will have their craft activities in the morning from 9:00am – 10:00am in the school hall. We would love parents, grandparents and carers to come and join in the fun. Afternoon Nursery children may attend the morning session, instead of their usual afternoon.

**We will also be having a Coronation Celebration Picnic Lunch for all children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

### **School Council to visit City Hall - 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Our amazing School Council will be visiting City Hall in Bradford.

### **Year 6 to visit Water Treatment Works – 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 will be visiting Yorkshire Water's Education Centre in Headingley, Leeds.

### **Samba Bamba - 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Samba Bamba is a percussion-based workshop whose aim is to introduce and raise awareness of World Music and to provide an educational, inspirational and fun day of music and percussion involving the entire school. Everyone gets to participate, from nursery and reception right the way through to year 6 and beyond, not forgetting the teachers of course!



### **Class Photos – 19<sup>th</sup> May**



Our Hill Top children will be having their class photographs taken for 2022/23. Please make sure your child is wearing their school uniform, even if it is their day for PE.

### **Science Week – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

We are having an amazing week of science, which includes a visit from a planetarium, rocket launching, science workshops and a science shop, to list just a few of the exciting things! We are also hoping to invite parents after school to join in with the fun ... dates to follow.



### **Road Safety and Healthy Fortnight – 12<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be having a focus on our safety, mental health and wellbeing over the two weeks. We will have visits from Sports Champions, a penalty shoot-out with Billy Bantam, road safety workshops and some of our children will be helping the traffic wardens and PCSO's to promote safe parking and driving outside school.

### **Sports Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> June**



Sports Day for the whole school will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents will be welcome to come and watch. More information will be sent out near the date regarding the times.

## **Summer Fayre – 7<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be hosting our Summer Fayre again this year – will be having lots of stalls and activities! More details of how you can support this event will be available soon.



## **Nursery Graduation – 19<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am**



We will be hosting our Nursery Graduation event for all our little superstars who will be leaving our Nursery to attend either our Reception or other schools in the area. We look forward to welcoming all our Nursery parents to the event – don't forget to bring your tissues!

## **School Council Visit The Houses of Parliament – 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Our School Council children, Year 2 – Year 6, will be travelling to London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament. They will get to see sights such as Buckingham Palace and Downing Street – it is always an amazing day!

## **Year 6 Leavers**

Well we are almost at the time when we have to say our goodbyes to our amazing Year 6 children. To give you enough time to plan, here are some dates for our Year 6 parents:

- Transition Day to Bradford High Schools - 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Leavers Production 18th July - times to follow
- Leavers Prom Tuesday 14th July time 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Leavers Worship Friday 21st July 1:00pm

## **Shine Times and Open Mornings**

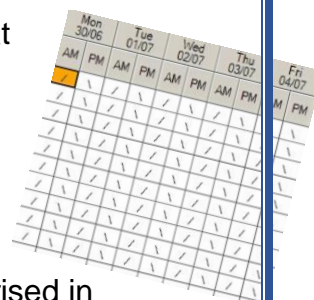
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Shine Time – pm due to SATS
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 Shine Time
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Shine Time
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 2 Shine Time
- Fri 30th June – Year 3 Shine Time
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Shine Time

## **School Closes for Summer – 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3:15pm**

## **Attendance**

We would like to thank you for your continued support in attendance and arriving at school on time. Currently our attendance is 94.5%, which is below our target for whole school of 96%, so we need your support to ensure your child/ren are in school every day.

Regular attendance at school is vitally important. Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent either via telephone (01274 678386) or by emailing the office. Can we politely remind parents that holidays will not be authorised in term time. From 1st April 2023, where families take one or more periods of unauthorised



leave, or a period of four or more weeks of leave are taken, Bradford Council will utilise the option to start legal proceedings via the magistrates' court, instead of issuing a penalty notice. This means that parents may be liable to receive a significantly higher fine (up to £2500 per child, per parent) if found guilty, as well as receive a criminal record, which may be reportable to employers (for example, via a DBS Check). In rare circumstances, magistrates can consider a custodial sentence for up to 3 months.

### **Free School Meals**

Whilst we know that all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal – this is known as the Universal Free School Meal offer – it is very important that they, as well as the parents of any Key Stage 2 children, still register via the [Bradford Council Website](#) if you receive any of the following benefits:-



- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (you will need to apply directly to the school or call the Education Service on 01274 439393)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400



**If you do have entitlement to a free school meal, we can offer you a £25 voucher each July towards the purchase of a Hill Top winter coat, fleece or uniform.**

### **School Uniform**

At Hill Top we believe that wearing the correct school uniform develops a sense of belonging and pride. This also extends to our PE kits; therefore, could you please ensure that your children are wearing the correct PE kit. Children must wear navy or black tracksuit bottoms, a jade coloured t-shirt and a navy or black plain hoodie / sweatshirt or their school jumper and not branded sportswear. If your child attends PE days in school wearing branded items, they will be asked to change into spare PE kit that we keep in school. We do have a limited amount of (pre-loved) PE kit available in school for you to purchase for 50p. Thank you for your support.



For the warmer weather in Summer Term the children may wear blue or green and white gingham dresses or black or grey shorts with the relevant polo shirt.

### **IMPORTANT – PARKING**

I continue to receive complaints about parking every week, which causes a risk to children crossing the road and an inconvenience to our neighbours, in particular when parking across their driveways. It is completely unacceptable that this is happening to our children and our neighbours, by parents from our own school community.

Consider the potential dangers to our children and do not ignore the parking restrictions outside school. These restrictions are in place for the safety of your children and the residents on Lower School Street and Common Road. Illegal parking and turning could have fatal and tragic consequences. We will continue to work with the traffic wardens and report concerns. We often get a better response when our parents also report to them. Their number is 01274 431000 Option 8. Photographs and concerns can also be sent by email to [parkingissues@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:parkingissues@bradford.gov.uk)

Further dates, and events as they arrive, will be posted onto Class Dojo.

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs. Julie Ball  
Headteacher