



**Hill Top CE Primary School and Nursery**  
Newsletter –12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to everyone. It has been lovely to have our children back in school and to catch up with all our families after the Summer break. We have had an amazing start to the new school year and the children have settled in really quickly – we are so proud of them! We would also like to say a huge welcome to our new children, who have joined the Nursery and Reception classes – we are looking forward to watching you flourish at Hill Top! This year we also welcome Mrs. Orrell our Year 3 teacher and Miss. Horner our Reception Support Assistant.

If you have any questions or worries please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If they are busy our amazing and friendly office staff are always happy to help and you can also catch me on the playground before or after school. Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to ensure that Hill Top continues to be the very special place that it is! We are all really looking forward to the year ahead!

Mrs. Ball

**Weekly Awards**

This year in our Friday Worship, we will be introducing a new Headteachers Award. If your child is chosen by their class teacher to receive the award, you will be invited into school to see it being presented. We will also be continuing with our 'Always Award' of Hot Chocolate Friday for children who are 'Kind, Respectful and Ready'.

We also have our Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond Awards for Class Dojo Points, Times Tables Certificates and Attendance Awards.

Each week we also celebrate the children who have had their birthday.

Our special Christian Value Award is given to children who have demonstrated the particular Christian Value we are focusing on in school. This half term our value is '**Friendship**' and will be exploring what this means and how we can demonstrate it in our everyday lives.



**Shine Times and Open Mornings**

Autumn Term	Shine Time or Open Morning
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 Open Morning
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Y2 Open Morning
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1 Open Morning
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Open Morning
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Shine Time

Parents Evening  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Key Stage 2  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - KS1 and EYFS

The parents evening booking system will open Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, please do not forget to book a consultation with your child's teacher. All consultations will be held in school.

### **Diary Dates**

20<sup>th</sup> Sep Messy Church  
28<sup>th</sup> Sep Macmillan Coffee Morning  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Y4 Take One Picture Project Visit to London  
6<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Festival – Faith Council Led – supported by KS2 - 9:15am  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct World Mental Health Day  
13<sup>th</sup> Oct Individual Photograph Day  
18<sup>th</sup> Oct Parents Afternoon / Evening – KS2  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct Parents Afternoon / Evening – KS1/EYFS

### **After School Clubs**

We are running a range of after school clubs which will start next week. Places can be booked on ParentPay:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Led By</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
Monday	Jimmy's Martial Arts	Martial arts	Years 1-6
Monday	Miss Dawson	Art Club	Years 1-2
Tuesday	Bradford City	Football	Years 1-2
Tuesday	Miss Dawson	Art Club	Years 3 -6
Wednesday	Bradford Bulls	Tag Rugby	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bradford City	Football	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bricktopia	Lego Club	Years 1-6
Friday	Bradford Bulls	Cheerleading	Years 1-6
Friday	Mrs. O'Connor & Miss Dawson	Choir	Year 3-6

### **Residential Visits**

#### **Y4 – Robinwood - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

This trip should now be paid in full. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September to discuss the timings and kit list.

#### **Y6 – Boggle Hole – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The initial deposit of £35 should now have been paid. The remaining balance to be paid in instalments. Please see ParentPay for payment dates and deadlines.

### **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is an app that we use right across school and is increasingly our preferred method of communication to get important information to you about school events, trips, visits, school closure in bad weather, celebrate good work etc. Please, please, please ensure you all download the app. You

should all have received an invite, via email to join your child's page – if you have not received this email or need it resending, please contact the school office. Please also refer to our Class Dojo Policy on our website.

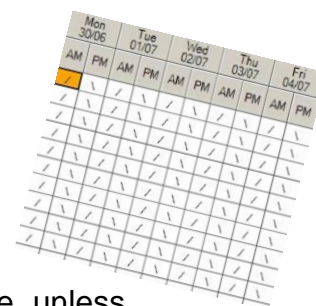
## Hill Top C of E Primary School - General

### Attendance

We would like to thank you for your continued support in attendance and arriving at school on time. Currently our attendance is 93.6%, 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, unless they are for exceptional circumstances. We have to follow the procedures and guidelines from Bradford Council and the Department for Education, who are focusing very carefully on school attendance. 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.

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### **Medication in School**

Medication is only allowed into school if it is prescribed by a doctor 4 times a day. If it is prescribed 3 times a day, the school advises that it should be administered before school, after school and at bedtime.

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If you need any further information please look at our medicine policy.

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