



Newsletter
3rd November 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A warm welcome back to school for what is going to be a very busy and exciting half term! As some of you are aware some of our children have been involved in our interview process for a new Deputy Head and after a busy few weeks of advertising, showing candidates around, shortlisting, taking up references and a thorough interview process we can confirm that our Governing Body have appointed Mr. Henry Naylor to the post from January 2024.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Miss. Padgett for supporting our school as Acting Deputy Headteacher through this time of change. Her enthusiasm and commitment has ensured a smooth transition.

Thank you for all your support with the sales for Poppy Appeal and a big thank you to our Head and Deputy Head children, who have supported the event.

Our Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 23rd November, and as in previous years, we are asking for donations towards the stalls to be brought in on non-uniform days.

We will be running two non-uniform days. On the 10th November and 17th November. On these days we will be asking for donations of:-

- Bottles
- Teddies
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Tombola Goods

We appreciate any contributions that can be made towards the Christmas Fayre. A big thank you to Miss Padgett and Mrs Sykes for organising this at such short notice.

Our Christmas Postbox

Our Christmas Postbox will be in the inner Reception area, in school, for children to post their Christmas Cards from the 23rd November. To enable our Postal Service (Year 6) to sort the cards efficiently, please encourage your child to put on the envelope the name and class of the person to whom they are sending the card.

Christmas Productions – tickets available via Google Forms

We will be distributing tickets for our Christmas Performances at the end of November.

Nursery and Reception will be performing 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' on Tuesday 5th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm. Tickets will be available from 8am on Friday 24th November via Google Forms – the link will be sent via Class Dojo.

Each family will have a maximum of two tickets that can be spread over both performances or can be both for the same performance. It will be strictly a first come, first served in terms of your preferred performance but we can guarantee two tickets per family will be made available.

Tickets will be distributed from Monday 27th November and we will contact parents if your preferred choice is full with other options.

Key Stage 1 will be performing 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' on Monday 11th December (2.15pm and 6pm).

Tickets will be available from 8.00am on Friday 1st December via Google Forms – the link will be sent via Class Dojo. Each family will have a maximum of two tickets that can be spread over both days or can be for the same performance. It will be strictly a first come, first served in terms of your preferred performance but we can guarantee two tickets per family will be made available. Tickets will be distributed from Monday 4th December and we will contact parents if your preferred choice is full with other options.

Key Stage 2 will lead the way on our 'Carols in the Playground' event on the last day of term, Friday 15th December at 2:00pm. Please come and join us for some mulled wine and a mince pie.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to those of you who have been helping to raise funds for Hill Top children by doing your on-line shopping through easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is an on-line shopping directory featuring hundreds of your favourite stores including Next, Amazon and Argos.

At no extra cost to you, Hill Top will receive a donation of up to 15% for every purchase you make. It is completely free to register and you will not pay a penny more for your shopping. In fact, you can actually save money as many retailers offer discounts and offers exclusive to easyfundraising. So, don't delay - register now and do your Christmas shopping online! and please ask your friends and family to do the same.

Here are the best ways to register and shop: -

- Click on the direct links from the school website, register and choose Hill Top C of E Primary PFA as your good cause.
- Or log on to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/hilltopschbradford> then register and choose Hill Top C of E Primary PFA as your good cause.
- Then access your favourite stores through the easyfundraising website.

Theatre Trip

Our next KS2 Theatre Trip planned is to see Life of Pi at the Alhambra Theatre on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th November – for Year 4, 5 and 6. A few places are available at £20. Children booked onto the trip will return to school at 4:30pm.

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 6th December. As Key Stage 1 and Reception children benefit from free school meals – this request will only apply to Key Stage 2. If your child is in KS2 and would like a school meal on this day and doesn't normally stay for school dinners, this can be booked via Parent Pay.

Colder weather

Please make sure your children come to school in appropriate coats and footwear as the weather begins to change. We will aim to get the children out to play and in the fresh air whenever possible and therefore need to ensure they are properly dressed for whatever our weather throws at us in the winter months.

Hill Top Lottery

We would love more supporters for our own Hill Top C of E Primary School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children.

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds to continue the transformation of our school grounds in order to create stimulating and magical outdoor areas for our children and the visiting community, thereby enriching play experiences and education. Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Please follow the link below to take part:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hill-top-c-of-e-primary-school>

There are prizes for Hill Top every week!

School Uniform

Please could you also ensure that your children are wearing the correct PE kit. Many children have been wearing branded sportswear. 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. If your child attends P.E. days in school wearing branded items, they will be asked to change into spare PE kit, that we keep in school. Thank you for your support.

Parking Outside School

We are extremely worried about the inconsiderate parking that is happening outside school. It is increasingly busy at the start and end of the day; therefore, can we please ask you not to park on the zigzags outside school – they are there to keep everyone safe. Can we also ask you to consider our community and neighbours by not parking across driveways.

A 'Heads' up on future events:

6 th Nov	Flu vaccinations for children
8 th Nov	Years 4 – 6 Alhambra Theatre visit Life of Pi (tickets via Parentpay)
10 th Nov	Year 4 at Robinwood 2 nights
13 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week – led by Head & Deputy Boys & Girls
23 rd Nov	Christmas Fayre
30 th Nov	Y6 Visit the Gurdwara Y5 Visit the Mosque Nursery to visit Church for the Christmas Story
4 th Dec	Pantomime Visit in school for EYFS/KS1/Y3
6 th Dec	Nursery Party AM (for am/pm children) Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Messy Church
7 th Dec	Ian's Christmas Farm
8 th Dec	PFA Secret Santa Reception Polar Express Christmas Party
13 th Dec	Reception Visit Holy Trinity to celebrate Jesus' Birthday KS1 – Christmas Party Hall 1:15pm -2:00pm LKS2 – Christmas Disco Y3/Y4 2:15pm – 3:00pm UKS2- Christmas Disco Y5/Y6: 3:15pm – 5:00pm
15 th Dec	Carols in the Playground at 2.00pm – all welcome

Further dates will be posted onto Class Dojo.

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs. Julie Ball
Headteacher