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Newsletter 19th February 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to school - I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. It's been so nice welcoming everyone back today!

Christian Value

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

Colder weather & snow

Please make sure your children come to school in appropriate coats and footwear for the weather. 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 next few months.



We will do our utmost to remain open this winter. However, in the event of a school needing to close, we will post a notification on Class Dojo; if you need any support connecting to the APP please do not hesitate to ask for support. You will also be able to check on: <u>Home | Bradford</u> <u>Schools Online</u> or use the QR code.

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.



Attendance

We would like to thank you for your continued support in attendance and arriving at school on time. Currently our attendance is 94.6%, 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. Attendance will be monitored closely this year and parents will be contacted if children's attendance falls below 97%. Holidays will only be authorised in special circumstances.



Holidays taken that include more than 3 school days, will be subject to a penalty notice, in line with the guidance from Bradford Council and the DfE. <u>Family holidays during school term time | Bradford Council</u>

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 <u>Bradford Council Website</u> 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.



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:

Clubs include:

Day	Led By	Club	Year Group
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	Fencing	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bradford City	Football	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bricktopia	Lego Club	Years 1-6
Friday	Bradford Bulls	Gymnastics	Years 1-6

A 'Heads' up on future events:

4th – 8th March – World Book Day Week we will be 'Bringing Books to Life'

4th March – All children can bring in their favourite book to share with their friends.

5th March – Nursery and Reception will be sharing their favourite books! We would like to invite a parent or grandparent to our 'Cup of Tea and Read with Me' event. This will take place in our School Hall – 9:00am – 10:00am.

6th March - All children will be joining in with 'The Extraordinary Adventures of Fillolog' Workshop.

7th **March** – All children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character. All children will be going outside to play at breaktimes so sensible shoes and warm clothes are a must.

8th March - All children will be taking part in a dance workshop based on the book 'Where the Wild Things Are'

8th March – PFA Mother's Day Stall

11th March – Road Safety Training for Year 1 – Year 6

13th March – Parent Consultation Meetings KS1 and EYFS

14th March – Parent Consultation Meetings KS2

18th March – Decorate an Egg Competition – Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Bring in your decorated Easter Egg – please make sure they are hard boiled. All entries n

Bring in your decorated Easter Egg – please make sure they are hard boiled! All entries need to be in by Thursday 21st March, ready for judging!

19th March – Easter Bonnet Competition – Nursery and Reception

We can't wait to see what amazing designs we have this year! We would like to invite our parents to come in and watch! Further information for tickets to follow on Class Dojo.

20th March – Messy Church

22nd March – Easter Egg Hunt

More details of times to follow.

Shine Times & Open Mornings

15 th March	Y4 Shine Time
20 th March	Y5 Shine Time
22 nd March	Y2 Shine Time
19 th April	Y3 Shine Time
26 th April	Y4 Open Morning
3 rd May	Y1 Shine Time
10th May	Y5 Shine Time
28 th June	Y4 Shine Time

We have so many exciting events happening this half term!

This term Year 3 will be taking part in Forest School, Year 5 The National Art Gallery Project and Year 3 and 4 have Art with Mr Bullock.

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

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs. Julie Ball Headteacher

Our children deserve opportunities to be creative and imaginative. Our children deserve the chance to ask questions in open, curious spaces. Our children deserve the breathing space in our curriculum to get lost in wonder and awe. Our children deserve the freedom to wrestle with ideas, to discuss and debate. Our children deserve memories that will last a lifetime.



Catch the Spirit Loving to LOVE Loving to LEARN Aspiring to SERVE

