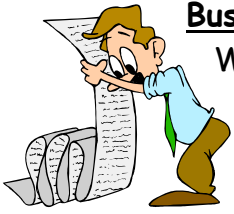


Hill Top CE Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter - 26th April 2022

Dear Parents



Busy Term Ahead

Welcome back to the Summer Term; this as always is incredibly busy. This is one of our busiest half terms, during which we have an incredible amount to get through including SATS and Assessment week throughout school, Sports Day, Platinum Jubilee celebrations, a sponsored treasure hunt, class photographs, PFA Summer Fayre - see below for further details.

This term's Christian value is....Peace

This term, through our Collective Worship and other work we do in school, we will be focusing on the value of Peace. The Christian Values Award in Shine Times will be given to those children who have demonstrated aspects of this value during the course of the school week.



After School Clubs

A whole host of after school clubs are continuing this half term. Football (with Bradford City) will run on Tuesdays (Y1-2) and Thursdays (Y3-6), KS1 Multi Skills on Wednesdays, Badminton for Years 3-6 on Fridays, as well as Martial Arts on Mondays - see Parent Pay for current availability.



The Lodge

It is with heavy hearts and an awful lot of governor discussions that we have to make the announcement that our after school care provision, The Lodge, will finish at Spring Bank.

As more parents and carers have changed their working day patterns, following Covid, we were just not getting the numbers into The Lodge to make it sustainable. We were in fact running it at a loss - it was never meant to make money for school, only pay for itself, but unfortunately, it is becoming more and more reliant on heavy subsidies from school, which we can no longer afford.

We are so sorry about this and hope you understand the position we are in. I am happy to discuss the decision with affected parents.

We will try to ensure that our after school club offer are extended further with a wider range of after school clubs, but this will not happen overnight but please be aware that many of the clubs we will be able to offer will finish at 4.15/4.30pm.

Shine Time Assemblies



Following wider opening up of the country following the pandemic, this term we will be continuing with our special Class Shine Time Assemblies on Friday mornings from 9.00 through to 9.30. Each class will be hosting special assemblies to share work they have been doing in class in an entertaining way. Previously, after Shine Time, parents were invited back into their child's classroom where they were

welcome to stay up until 10.30am. During this time, you were able to see your child at work and speak to the class teacher about his / her targets. We are not quite ready for this to happen again just yet, but we would like to think that before the summer this is possible. We know how much both parents and children enjoy this time. Shine Time dates are as follows:

Fri 27th May - Year 4 - Shine

Fri 10th Jun - Year 1 - Shine

Fri 17th Jun - Year 2 - Shine

Fri 24th Jun - Year 3 - Shine

Fri 1st July - Reception - Shine

Fri 8th July - Year 5 - Shine

Year 6 will be performing a much anticipated end of year production at some point during the week beginning Monday 18th July - the exact dates will be confirmed as we have them.

Platinum Jubilee Week



We are having a full week dedicated to celebrating our Queen's Platinum Jubilee the week beginning Monday 23rd May.

The week will include each class taking on a different decade linked to the Queens years on the throne.

We will be working with a Dance Company called Dance Days who will be teaching our children a range of dances from the decades including:

50's - Rock 'n' Roll

60's - The Twist and Mashed Potatoes

70's - Disco

80's - Fame

90's - Line Dance

00's - Street/Pop

Our children will also be working alongside our Patron of Reading, Conrad Burdekin (poet and children's writer) to create poems about our Queen.

Along with special art work, songs and a Jubilee Parade on the last afternoon (Friday 27th May) from 1.15pm (bikes, scooters and prams decorated in red, white and blue) and to which you are all invited, we will also be having a fancy dress day (Thursday 26th) where children will dress up in clothing linked to their decade. Class teachers will be in touch later this week with ideas and suggestions and to inform you of the decade that their class will be given.

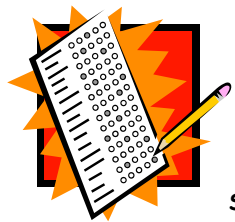
Nursery Places

We will soon be in the process of making telephone calls and sending offer letters out to all parents and families who may be wanting a place at our Nursery from September. We are often left with disappointed families who thought their children were on our list - if you are in any doubt whether or not a child is on our internal list, please speak with our office.

Can you please spread the word to any families who might not currently have children at Hill Top,



but may be wanting a Nursery place from September to contact our school office with their child's details.



SATs and other Assessments

The week beginning 9th May is an important week for our Year 6 children who will be sitting their national end of Key Stage 2 SATs, the results of which go on to their secondary schools. They are more than ready for these SATs and we are all confident that once again the children's results will be as outstanding as they always are. The SATs for our Key Stage 1 children will be more staggered throughout the month of May. Year 1 will be involved in a Phonics Screening Test and Year 4 will also be involved in a Multiplications Test in June.



School Uniform

School does not stock school uniform, book bags or pump bags. Instead you can order these on line at www.myclothing.com and just enter our school name or postcode BD12 OTL. Please ensure you order these in plenty of time for the start of the new term, and can we remind the parents of our Year 4 children that as they move into Year 5, the colour of their sweatshirt and polo jumper reverse.

Summer Fun Day - 8th July

The PFA are already preparing for the annual Summer Fun Day! They will be sending out a letter soon with details of how you can help.



Climbing Equipment and Gym Equipment

Can we remind parents that the KS1 climbing frame must not be used by children before or after school for health and safety reasons. When it is used during school hours, children are carefully monitored by staff to ensure they have the ability to use it sensibly and safely.



The same applies to the exercise equipment in the KS2 playground. We do recognise that it can be difficult to keep children off it but please also bear in mind that the gym equipment is for KS2 children only.

France Meeting

There will be a meeting about our residential trip to France for our current year 6 parents at 2.45pm on Thursday 26th May in the Year 6 classroom. Please make every effort to come or send a representative, as we will be going through a whole host of practical things in relation to the visit.



Class Photographs



Please note, the school photographer is in school on Friday 13th May to take whole class photographs.



Milk Money

If you want your child to have milk this term, please log on to www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk
All children in Nursery and those Reception children who remain under 5 years of age* are entitled to free school milk as are all children who are receiving Free School Meals via the Income Support / Family Tax Credits route.

D. Martin - Head Teacher

* milk for the under-fives is free until the beginning of the term in which the child turns five.