



Newsletter
23rd November 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Thank you for all your support with the sales for Poppy Appeal and a big thank you to Holly and Charlie, our Head Girl and Head Boy, who supervised the event.

We would also like to thank you for your generous donations for the Christmas Fayre. Thank you also to Miss Padgett, who has done an amazing job of putting it all together in so little time!

Our Christmas Postbox

Our Christmas Postbox will be in the Inner Reception area, in school, for children to post their Christmas Cards and is now ready and waiting. 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 shortly.

We are absolutely limiting numbers to 60 adults per production - this will enable two adults per child to see the productions / services.

Nursery and Reception will be performing 'Wiggly Nativity' on Tuesday 6th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm. Tickets will be available from 8.00am on Friday 25th 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 on Friday 2nd December and we will contact parents if your preferred choice is full with other options.

Key Stage 1 will be performing 'A Stable by Starlight' on Tuesday 13th December (2.15pm and 6pm).

Tickets will be available from 8.00am on Monday 28th 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 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 on Friday 9th December and we will contact parents if your preferred choice is full with other options.

Key Stage 2 (who led on the Harvest Production this year) will not be doing a Christmas Production this year – instead they will lead the way on our 'Carols in the Playground' event on the last day of term.

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.

Nursery Places for January 2022 – a few remaining

We are now 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 January. 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 staff. 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 January to contact our school office with their child's details.

Theatre Trip

Our next KS2 Theatre Trip planned is to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Leeds Playhouse on the evening of Thursday 15th December – places are now full but full payments are due by 9th December via Parent Pay.

Christmas Dinner

School Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 7th 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 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 PE kit available (pre-loved) in school, for you to purchase for 50p. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

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 from 1st November 2022, 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. [Family holidays during school term time | Bradford Council](#)

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 drive ways.

A 'Heads' up on future events:

1st December – Christmas Farm Event for all children, generously gifted by the PFA.

2nd December – PFA Secret Santa Shop.

6th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Nativity.

7th December – Christmas Dinner – wear a Christmas outfit/jumper.

13th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Production.

14th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Party.

14th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Disco. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 4:00pm – 5:30pm.

16th December – Carols in the Playground at 1:15pm – Everyone welcome.

Further dates for Christmas parties and visits to church will be posted onto Class Dojo.

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs. Julie Ball
Headteacher