



Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A warm welcome back to school for what is going to be a very busy and exciting final half term of the academic year!

Last half term was so very busy with all the exciting events we had, such as: Samba Bamba Day, Year 6 Camp Night, Science Week, Our Coronation Party and Parent Workshops, Year 6 Trip to the Yorkshire Water Centre and our amazing School Council and Faith Council visited City Hall and the Cathedral in Bradford.

A huge well done to all our Year 2 and Year 6 children for completing their SATS tests – you were amazing.

**Christian Value**

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

**Year 1 Phonics – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 children have been practising their phonics and reading skills ready for their Phonics Screening Check. It is really important that all the children are in school every day. If you have any questions please contact Miss Padgett.

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 5<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Our Year 4 children have been working really hard learning and practising their times tables in preparation for the times tables tests. Please encourage your child to practise these skills at home. If you have any questions please contact Miss Howard or Mrs. Westbrook.

**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:

Day	Led By	Club	Year Group
Monday	Jimmy's Martial Arts	Martial arts	Years 1-6
Monday	Miss Dawson	Art Club	Years 3-6
Tuesday	Plummer Drummer	Bucket Drumming	Years 3-6
Tuesday	Bradford City	Football	Years 1-2
Tuesday	Miss Dawson	Art Club	Years 1-2
Wednesday	Bradford Bulls	Cricket	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bradford City	Football	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bricktopia	Lego Club	Years 1-6
Friday	Bradford Bulls	Cheerleading	Years 1-6

## **Road Safety and Healthy Fortnight – 12<sup>th</sup> June**

We will be having a focus on our safety and mental health and well-being over the two weeks. We will have visits from Sports Champions, a penalty shoot-out with Billy Bantam, road safety workshops and some of our children will be helping the traffic wardens and PCSO's to promote safe parking and driving outside school.

## **Sports Day – 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day for the whole school will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents and carers will be welcome to come and watch.

### **Nursery and Reception: 9:15am.**

Nursery children who normally attend in the afternoon will be welcome to attend the morning session instead.

### **Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2: 1:15pm**



## **Summer Fayre – 7<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be hosting our Summer Fayre again this year – will be having lots of stalls and activities! We would be really grateful of any support you could offer us – please see Mrs. Sykes.

## **Seaside Themed Day – 12<sup>th</sup> July**

We will be having a seaside themed day, which will include a picnic lunch (fish and chips!) on our field. More details to follow soon.

## **Nursery Graduation – 19<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am**

We will be hosting our Nursery Graduation event for all our little superstars who will be leaving our Nursery to attend either our Reception or other schools in the area. We look forward to welcoming all our Nursery parents to the event – don't forget to bring your tissues!

## **School Council Visit The Houses of Parliament – 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Our School Council children, Year 1 – Year 6, will be travelling to London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament. They will get to see sights such as: Buckingham Palace and Downing Street – it is always an amazing day!

## **Year 6 Leavers**

Well we are almost at the time when we have to say our goodbyes to our amazing Year 6 children.

To give you enough time to plan, here are some dates for our Year 6 parents:

- Transition Day to Bradford High Schools – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Leavers Production – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July - times to follow
- Leavers Prom - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- Leavers Worship - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1:00pm

## Shine Times and Open Mornings

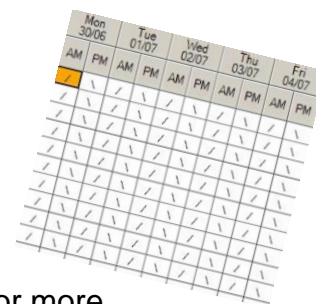
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Shine Time
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 2 Shine Time
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Shine Time
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5 Shine Time

**School Closes for Summer – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 3:15pm**

## Attendance

We would like to thank you for your continued support in attendance and arriving at school on time. Currently our attendance is 94.8%, 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. 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 - in these instances, 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 P.E. 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.



## **IMPORTANT – PARKING**

I continue to receive complaints about parking every week, which causes a risk to children crossing the road and an inconvenience to our neighbours, in particular when parking across their driveways. It is completely unacceptable that this is happening to our children and our neighbours, by parents from our own school community. Consider the potential dangers to our children and do not ignore the parking restrictions outside school. These restrictions are in place for the safety of your children and the residents on Lower School Street and Common Road. Illegal parking and turning could have fatal and tragic consequences. We will continue to work with the traffic wardens and report concerns. We often get a better response when our parents also report to them. Their number is 01274 431000 Option 8. Photographs and concerns can also be sent by email to [parkingissues@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:parkingissues@bradford.gov.uk)

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

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs. Julie Ball  
Headteacher