



Newsletter - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

A warm welcome back to Hill Top and the beginning of the summer term. As always, there are lots of exciting things planned for our final term of the academic year. Please see the information below about the upcoming events – we look forward to seeing you there!

### Christian Value



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

### Year 6 SATS

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 and Paper 2

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Reading

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Maths - Paper 1 & Paper 2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Maths - Paper 3

All tests will take place in the morning and will start at 9.00am.

Year 6 children can arrive at school at 8:00am for the free breakfast club on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **It is vital that your child is in school and on time for their tests.** If you have any questions please contact Mr. Naylor.

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – 3rd to 14th 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 Mrs. Davidson-Wood.

### Year 1 Phonics – 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<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 Mrs. Greiff.

## **Year 2 SATS – 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 2 SATS will start on the 24<sup>th</sup> June and spread out through the whole of the half term. Once again please ensure your child is in school and on time to complete the tests. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. McKee.

## **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 1-2
Tuesday	Bradford City	Football	Years 1-2
Tuesday	Miss Dawson	Art Club	Years 3-6
Wednesday	Bradford Bulls	Multi-sports	Years 1-6
Thursday	Bradford City	Football	Years 3-6
Thursday	Bricktopia	Lego Club	Years 1-6
Thursday	Mrs. Davidson-Wood	Choir	Years 3-6
Friday	Bradford Bulls	Cheerleading	Years 1-6

## **SCHOOL TRIPS**

### **School Council to visit City Hall – 22nd May**

Our amazing School Council will be visiting City Hall in Bradford.



### **Year 6 Residential – Boggle Hole Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 will be travelling to Boggle Hole at Whitby for 2 nights. Boggle Hole is tucked away in an old smuggler's cove with treasure trails, stunning sea views and wooded grounds for our children to explore and make memories with their friends.

### **Year 1 – Year 6 – visit to the seaside**

This Summer term we aim to take all our Key Stage 1 and 2 children to the seaside for the day, thanks to our School Council, who organised the Ballot and collected and counted all the votes! Coaches have been booked and buckets and spades will be at the ready!

The dates we have planned are as follows:



Year 5 - 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 - 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 4 - 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 3 - 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 2 - 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 1 - 21<sup>st</sup> June

Our Early Years Team are having a seaside day at Hill Top on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will be making sandcastles, having pony rides, fish and chips, ice-cream, a bouncy castle and lots of other fun activities.

### **Family Fundraising Events:**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April the Hill Top Family Fundraisers have organised a family ice-skating event at Bradford Ice-Skating Rink 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Tickets to be purchased in advance on Parent Pay before 12.00 noon on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Other Events**

#### **Coffee Morning:**

Parent and Carers Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 9:00am -10:30am. This is an opportunity to meet with other parents, and also to find out about events and other support in our area. We are pleased to have available for advice: the staff from the School Nursing team, Early Help team, Parenting support and advice, Work and Benefits support and 50 Things to do before you are 5 or 11. Please see Mrs. Sykes for further details.

### **Class Photos**



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May our Hill Top children will be having their class photographs taken for 2023/24.

**Any children, who missed their individual photograph in October will have the opportunity to have an additional individual photograph. Please let the office know if you require the individual photograph taking.**

Please make sure your child is wearing their school uniform, even if it is their day for PE.

### **Sports Day - 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day for the whole school will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Nursery and Reception will be at 9:15am, Key Stage 1 and 2 will be at 1:15pm. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.



### **Circus Sensible 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June**



We will be hosting our Summer Fayre with a difference this year!

Circus Sensible will be bringing their Big Top to Hill Top! On Friday all our children will watch the show and take part in two workshops, where they will learn their very own circus skills.

On Saturday afternoon, we will be inviting our families to come along to watch one of the shows and take part in some of the skills workshops.

We will have refreshments and stalls available.

More details of how you can get your tickets and support this amazing event will be available 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!



## **Year 6 Leavers**

The time when we have to say our goodbyes to our amazing Year 6 children is approaching really quickly. To give you enough time to plan for the final term's events, here are some dates for our Year 6 parents:

Leavers Production 10<sup>th</sup> July - times to follow

Leavers Disco Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July time 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Leavers Worship Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm – parents are welcome to say their goodbyes and enjoy some light refreshments afterwards.

## **Shine Times and Open Mornings**

Summer Term	Shine Time or Open Morning
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 Shine Time
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Open Morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y1 Shine Time
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Shine Time
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Shine Time

**School Closed due to the bank holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

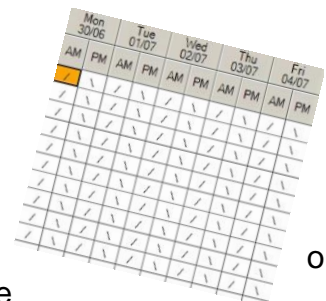
**School Closes for half-term at 3.15pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and re-opens on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.**

**School Closes for Summer – 19<sup>th</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 95.1%, which is just 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) by emailing the office. Can we politely remind parents that holidays will not be authorised in term time. Where families take one or more periods of unauthorised leave, or a period of four or more weeks of leave are taken, 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 am extremely concerned about the illegal and dangerous parking, which almost caused one of our children to be knocked down at the end of term. 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

**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**

*Learning to LOVE  
Loving to LEARN  
Aspiring to SERVE*

