



**Hill Top CE Primary School and Nursery**  
Newsletter –11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all! It has been lovely to see our children back in school and to catch up with all our families after the summer break. We have had an amazing start to the new school year and the children have settled in really quickly – we are so proud of them!

We would like to say a huge welcome to our new children, who have joined the Nursery and Reception classes, Year 1 and 5 – we are looking forward to watching you flourish at Hill Top! This year we also welcome: Miss. Addison our Year 1 teacher, Mr. Longstaff our Year 3 teacher and Mrs. Davison-Clay our Year 4 teacher. Also joining us in Reception are Mrs. Greenwood, Miss. Greenwood and Miss. West. In Year 4 Miss. Crossan will be joining the team

If you have any questions or worries please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. If they are busy our amazing and friendly office staff are always happy to help and you can also catch me on the playground before or after school. Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to ensure that Hill Top continues to be the very special place that it is!

We are all really looking forward to the year ahead!

Mrs. Ball

**Weekly Awards**

In our Friday Worship, we will be continuing to award our Headteachers Award. If your child is chosen by their class teacher to receive the award, you will be invited into school to see it being presented. We will also be continuing with our 'Always Award' of Hot Chocolate Friday for children who are 'Kind, Respectful and Ready'.

We also award our Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond Awards for Class Dojo Points, Times Tables Certificates and Attendance Awards.

Each week we also celebrate with children who have had their birthday.

Our prestigious Good Samaritan Award is given every half term to children who have demonstrated our value of 'service' by putting others first. Parents will be invited to see their child receive the award. This half term our Christian Value is 'Perseverance and Endurance' and we will be exploring what this means and how we can demonstrate it in our everyday lives.



## **Open Mornings & Shine Times**

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Shine Time or Open Morning</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Open Morning
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Open Morning
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Open Morning
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reception & Nursery – Open Morning
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Shine Time or Open Morning</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Open Morning
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Shine Time
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Shine Time
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Shine Time
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Shine Time or Open Morning</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Shine Time
<b>13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reception Shine Time

## **Parents Evening**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Key Stage 2

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - KS1 and EYFS

The parents evening booking system will open Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, please do not forget to book a consultation with your child's teacher. All consultations will be held in school.

## **After School Clubs**

We are running a range of after school clubs which will start next week. Places can be booked on Parent Pay:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Led By</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Year Group</b>
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 City	Girls Football	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	Gymnastics	Years 1-6

## Residential Visits

### **Boggle Hole – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Year 6 will be visiting Robinhood's Bay for their exciting residential.



### **Robinwood - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 4 will be attending Robinwood Adventure Centre for their residential – more information to follow soon.

## Further Diary Dates & Events

### Rock Steady Music Lessons

This Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September our Rock Steady music lessons begin for all children who have signed up to take part.



### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – My Happy Mind Launch Day

Children will be starting the beginning of our new well-being journey at Hill Top!

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Mc Millian Coffee Morning – 9:10am

Come and join us for a tea or coffee and a cake to support a worthy cause. Or grab a cups and cake to go!



### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September - School Council Visit to London

Our School Council will be visiting The Houses of Parliament and enjoying a day sightseeing.

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Rockstars Day



We are having a Rockstars day! Your child can come into school dressed as a rock star for the day.

## **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - World of Work Day**



Our children will be experiencing a world of work day, where they can learn about different careers/jobs that they can do when they are older. We would love the children to come dressed as the job they would like to do.



### **Here is a 'Heads Up' for a few dates in advance:**

Date	Event
28/11/24	Christmas Fayre
05/12/24	EYFS production 9:30am & 2:15pm
10/12/24	KS1 production 2:00pm & 6:00pm
11/12/24	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
16/12/24	Jack and The Beanstalk Pantomime for the whole school.
20/12/24	Carols on the playground – 2:15pm

### **Class Dojo**



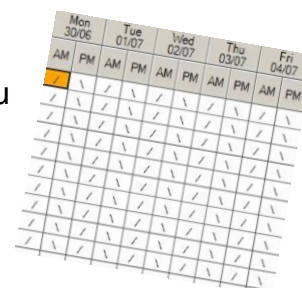
**ClassDojo**

Class Dojo is an app that we use right across school and is increasingly our preferred method of communication to get important information to you about school events, trips, visits, school closure in bad weather, celebrate good work etc. Please, please, please ensure you all download the app. You should all have received an invite, via email to join your child's page – if you have not received this email or need it resending, please contact the school office. Please also refer to our Class Dojo Policy on our website.

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### **Attendance**

Can we please remind parents to ring school before 9.30am if your child is absent for any reason with as much detail as possible. Can we also remind you that if your child is absent for more than one day you need to ring school each day to update us. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised mark. We would like to thank you for your continued support in attendance, punctuality and communication. Our target for whole school is 96% so we have much work to do.



Penalty notices are fines imposed as an alternative to the prosecution of parents for failing to ensure that their child of compulsory school age regularly attends the school where they are registered or at a place where alternative provision is provided.

The penalty is £160 if paid within 28 days of receipt, however a discounted rate of £80 will apply if the fine is paid within 21 days. The payment must be paid direct to the local authority. The parents can only be prosecuted if 28 days have expired and full payment has not been made. There is no right of appeal by parents against a penalty notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period, the local authority (City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council) must decide either to prosecute for the original offence to which the notice applies, or withdraw the notice.

Penalty notices can be issued to each parent liable for the attendance offence or offences. Penalty notices can be used where the pupil's absence has not been authorised by the school. Penalty Notices are issued to an individual parent of an individual child. If the same individual parent receives a second penalty notice in relation to the same individual child within a 3-year period, they lose the ability to pay a discounted rate, and must pay £160 within 28 days to avoid being prosecuted for the offence. Local Authorities can no longer issue a third penalty notice to the same individual parent for the same individual child within a 3-year period, parents will usually be prosecuted for the offence via the magistrates court.

### **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.

## **Medication in School**

Medication is only allowed into school if it is prescribed by a doctor 4 times a day. If it is prescribed 3 times a day, the school advises that it should be administered before school, after school and at bedtime.

If you need any further information please look at our medicine policy.

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

**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*

