



Newsletter
14th January 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to school after a really long break! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year. Thank you once again for your support with our Christmas festivities – it was wonderful to see so many of our families attending the Nativities, our Christmas Fayre and Carols on the Playground.

Thank you also for your patience and understanding with the two school closures, for illness and bad weather – your kind words and offers of support were really lovely to hear.

Christian Value

This half term our Christian Value is Hope. At Hill Top we have high hopes and aspirations for our future, our school and community. We also understand that faith gives us hope for both now and for the future, and that this hope brings confidence. Hope for us means that there is always a future whatever situation we are in, because God promised to never leave us, to always love us, and to help us in times of need.



Colder weather & snow

Please make sure your children come to school in appropriate coats and footwear for the weather. 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 next few months.

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.

Online Safety

Many children will have received new phones, tablets, computers or consoles as gifts for Christmas and as a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. Please look at [Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) for advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

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 Infant 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.



After School Clubs

We are running a range of after school clubs this half term. Please look out for letters, dojo messages etc. with information. Places can be booked on Parent Pay:

Clubs include:

Day	Led By	Club	Year Group
Monday	Jimmy's Martial Arts	Martial Arts	Years 1-6
Monday	Miss Dawson	Art Club	Years 1-2
Monday	Mrs. Smith	Cooking	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
Wednesday	Mrs. Smith	Cooking	Years 3-6
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

Wow Walk to School

Thank you for taking part in WOW in Autumn Term.

Our school has recorded a total of **3130** active trips, of which **2000** were walking all the way trips. This equates to **41% walking trips**, a **70%** increase from our baseline. Not only this, but this term our school has seen a **39% decrease in car trips** from baseline, too.

To take part your child needs to walk, scooter or ride a bike to school for **one morning** each week. I know that this is difficult for some parents, who need to drive immediately to work, however the WOW scheme suggests a Park and Stride for one day. This would involve parking at least a **5 – 10 minute** walk from the school gates.

Parking is increasingly busy at the start and at the 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 driveways or on footpaths – thank you.

A 'Heads' up on future events:

Please note as these events have been given early and that although we do our best, they may be subject to change. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo or speak to your class teacher. Thank you.

Spring Term	Shine Time or Open Morning
24th January	Year 1 Open Morning
7th February	Year 2 Shine Time
14th March	Year 4 Shine Time
28th March	Year 3 Shine Time
2nd May	Year 1 Shine Time
13th June	Reception Shine Time

Spring 1	
16/01/25	Wear Something Crazy Day
21/01/25	Author of Loving Earth - Deane Narayn-Lee visits Hill Top
22/01/25	Coffee Morning – All welcome
30/01/25	Chinese New Year Lunch
3 rd – 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
10 – 14 th February	Random Acts of Kindness Week
12/02/25	Choir – Young Voices Sheffield Arena
14/02/25	Feel Good Friday
Spring 2	
24/02/25	Welcome Back
05/03/25	World Book Day Event - Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
06/03/25	World Book Day – Dress up day
25/03/25	Easter Service at Holy Trinity
26/03/25	KS2 Parent Consultations
27/03/25	EYFS & KS1 Parent Consultations
02/04/25	EYFS Easter Bonnet Competition
04/04/24	KS1 & KS2 Decorate and Egg Competition
02/04/25	Messy Church
04/04/25	Feel Good Friday
04/04/25	Easter Egg Hunt – 3:00pm

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

Thank you again for all your support.

Mrs. Julie Ball
Headteacher