



The Hill Top Community Way

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WELCOME BACK!

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back in to school and what a super two days we have all had. The children have settled back in to new routines so quickly and have started producing some excellent work. The first day back in anywhere after a break is always a little daunting for anyone, both children and adults alike, but thank you all for preparing the children so well as the transition from the summer break back into school has been seamless for the children!

Paperwork

Unfortunately, at this time of the year, there does appear to be a massive amount of it. Yesterday you should have received an envelope containing many letters. Please complete and return these to school asap. and before next Friday (14th), so that we can ensure that all our records are absolutely in order. For the data sheet, it is extremely important that you complete that as fully as possible giving us at least two contact numbers (not for the same person), which is now a statutory requirement, so that we are able to reach an adult should we need to. If your child suffers with asthma and has an inhaler then we will need an up-to-date asthma plan signed by your GP or consultant.

The newest forms are the ones concerning Flu immunisation. These are in the packs for children in Reception through to Year 5. You can apply online as explained in the letter OR you can complete the paperwork and return to school. You don't need to do both.

Today you will be receiving the clubs letter which needs to be returned by the 12th September. Children wanting to be involved in football have already received letters as training for them starts on the 10th September. For everyone else clubs start the week beginning 17th September.

You will also receive the 'Parent Important Dates' for this year. This has been completed with the dates we have already booked in so that you are able to arrange work arrangements for the important dates for you. Could you please add that the Halloween Disco for Years 1 to 6 is on 17th October.

You will notice this year that we finish school at the end of each full term i.e. Christmas, Easter and Summer at 2pm. This has been agreed by the Governing Body. You will also see that KS1 will have a Christmas Production but that KS2 is not doing so. Last Christmas, 31 children did not return for the Evening performance (in 2016 it was 25) and, after the amount of time and effort that is put into the productions by both the children and staff, especially time out of the curriculum in the half term before Christmas, that as a staff we have decided to not do one this year. All the children in Years 3 to 4 have the opportunity to perform as Year 3 are leading the Christmas Service, Year 4 the Harvest Service and Year 5 the Easter Service at Church. Year 6 will have their Leavers Service and we are still having the Musical Extravaganza in July. I realise this will be a disappointment to many Parents and children but the trend over the last two years raised many concerns about the numbers we would have attend this year. However, it may be something we reintroduce in time.

One other date I would like to bring to your attention is for next week, the 12th September at 2pm. We are holding our AGM for Friends of Hill Top (FOHT) and we would really love for you to attend.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mr Edginton (Year 3), Mrs Walton, (Year 2), and Ms Mattinson (Year 1) onto our staff. I am sure you will give them a Hill Top welcome. As you know Mrs Lancaster is now our Deputy Principal and Miss Parkinson is now Phase Leader for Y4 -6 and Mrs Blakeley is our Phase Leader for EYFS and Mrs Lancaster will be leading Y1-3 until that position is filled.