



The Hill Top Community Way

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As we approach the end of 2018, all the Staff at Hill Top Primary Academy would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2019.



A HUGE WELL DONE FOR LEADING THE CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH THIS MORNING. YOU WERE ALL AMAZING!

I'm really sorry but we have had one or two accidents/incidences in school so we would like to bring the following to your attention.

Can I please remind all Parents/Carers that it is only the children in Years 5 & 6 that should be bringing a rucksack in to school as they have lockers. All other children in school should be using a school bag as these fit into the children's trays in the classroom. We do not have room in the cloakrooms for coats, PE kits and rucksacks on the coat pegs. PE kit should be in a drawstring bag only. Please help with this as we have had children falling and banging themselves because coats won't fit on the pegs and are ending up on the floor and are a trip hazard.



Can I also please draw your attention to the Prospectus on the website and that the length of haircut for boys should not be any shorter than a 3 and that all children with long hair should have it tied back. Children should also not be wearing jewellery to school other than what is listed in the Prospectus.

Could you please ensure that come January when we have the really inclement weather that all children have sturdy school shoes. Some of the girls are wearing very thin ballet shoes which are not suitable outside when it is raining and when we have lots of puddles on the playground. Children will play out in most weather conditions and need appropriate clothing and footwear.

Leave of Absence/Persistent Absence and Lates

We are having to send out more Persistent Absence and Late letters than we have ever done in the past. Children do need to be in school, unless they are poorly, and should be sat at their desks at 8.55am—the gates are opened at 8.45 to facilitate this. We have also altered our Policy now in line with the other Leodis schools and children are able to return to school 24 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Reminder: Holidays can't be authorised unless for exceptional circumstances but can I point out that school do not benefit in any way from the fines that are issued—these go to Leeds Authority. I do however have to justify our Absence rates with the Board of Trustees and Ofsted.

CHANGE OF DATE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the date of the MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA has been moved to **Thursday 4th July at 6pm.**

Please change this date in your diaries.



FOHT

A huge Thank You to all those who organize and help out at the different events we hold in school. Our FOHT help raise a huge sum through yourselves for all the children in school.

A massive Thank You to the very small committee who make events possible.

The Autumn Term is always our busiest for Fund Raising whether it is for school or Charities and once again you have been extremely generous.

Thank you to everyone who brought in Boxers and Socks for the Homeless. These will be very much appreciated.