



# Hill Top Academy

## Message from Mrs Macleod

Dear Parents/Carers

I cannot believe that we are through the first half of the spring term; it has flown by! All the children in school are working very hard; I am amazed at the quality of their learning.

On the 16th January we held a non-uniform day for Jean for Genes to raise money for Genetic Disorders UK, the charity that aims to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders. We also showed the film "Wonder" which highlights Treacher Collins Syndrome in an afterschool cinema event, we had a special visitor in school on 30th January Jono Lancaster who suffers from this condition, what a fantastic day we had, we helped raise £450 towards towards this charity.

I wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you when we return on Monday 24th February 2020.

*R A Macleod*

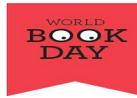
## Athletics Tournament

Congratulations to all the pupils for taking part and winning at the area finals this week at Dearne Valley Leisure Centre. We are Doncaster Champions again! The team will now go to the Sheffield Institute of Sport on 20th March to represent the school in the regional finals. Well Done - You are very talented athletes!



## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March 2020. All children can bring their favourite book to school and dress up as their favourite book character. Reading events will take place throughout the day



## Thank you

What a lovely time we had at Young Voices in January. We took over 70 members of the school choir with us; it was a fantastic day and we are very proud of them all. Once again thank you for all your support.



## International Week

Week commencing 24th–28th February 2020 all pupils will be taking part in our International Week which is a great opportunity to explore and develop the skills of Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural understanding within school. Each Year Group will be studying a different country and we have many exciting things planned for the week. There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 28th February, for which children are asked to dress in the colours of the flag from their country.

On Monday 2nd March we will be holding a celebration assembly.

**RECEPTION AND KS1** parents are invited to come along to the assembly which will begin at 9.15am.

**KS2** parents are invited to the assembly which will begin at 10.15am. For both assemblies tickets are on sale on the door for 50p per person with all proceeds going to Hill Top's Pupil Parliament. We hope you can make our wonderful celebration assembly and we look forward to seeing you there!

Nursery/Rec - Africa  
Year 1 classes - China  
Year 2 classes - France  
Year 3 classes - Italy



Year 4 classes - Brazil  
Year 5 classes - Montserrat  
Year 6 classes - Thailand  
School Office - USA

## Sports Relief

Sports Relief is on Friday 13th March and this year we are asking for a contribution of £1 for non-uniform and children to wear their P.E Kits The children will be taking part in sport activities throughout the day.



## Sporting Events

Year 1 Wednesday 4th March 2020—Multiskills  
Year 4 Wednesday 18th March 2020—Dodgeball  
Year 5/6 Friday 27th March 2020— Hockey  
Year 5+6 Thursday 2nd April 2020—Golden Boot  
Year 3/4 Wednesday 22nd April 2020— Mini Golden boot

## Diary Dates

Year 6 Monday 9th March 2020—Crucial Crew  
KS2 Thursday 2nd April 2020—Easter Disco  
Year 4 Wednesday 29th April 2020—Jorvik Centre  
Year 6 Monday 8th —Friday 12th June 2020— Residential (split between two groups)

## Parents Evening

We will be holding a Parents' Evening on **Monday 16th March 2020**; letters will be going out after the holiday please can I ask that you see your child's class teacher to make an appointment to come and discuss their progress.

## Friends of Hill Top

Friends of Hill Top will also be selling raffle tickets £1.00 for a strip of tickets for our Easter Raffle from Monday 19th March 2020; donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle would be gratefully received. With out your support and help in raising funds, which then enables Friends of Hill Top to provide children in school with Easter eggs, Christmas present and leaving present for Year 6.



## Boggled Books



Thank you to every one for taking the time to come to the Boggled Book fayre in the school hall on Tuesday 11th February and sending you child with money to purchase a book . We had a fantastic response which helped us receive 81 books for school.

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## School Holiday Pattern

2019/2020	First day of term	Last day of term	5 Training day + 3 Academy Planning Days
Autumn 1 Term	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Monday 2nd September 2019 Tuesday 3rd September 2019 Wednesday 4th September 2019 Friday 25th October 2019
Autumn 2 Term	Tuesday 5th November 2019	Friday 20th December 2019	Monday 4th November 2019
Spring 1 Term	Tuesday 7th January 2020	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	<b>Monday 6th January 2020 (New Amended day)</b>
Spring 2 Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Friday 3rd April 2020	<b>Monday 24th February 2020 (cancelled)</b>
Summer 1 Term	Monday 20th April 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020	<b>May Day Friday 8th May 2020 school closed</b>
Summer 2 Term	Tuesday 2nd June 2020	Friday 17th July 2020	Monday 1st June 2020, Monday 20th July 2020

## SATs

Our Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs Monday 11th - Friday 15th May 2020. Can we please remind you that all children should be in school. Please ensure that no holidays are taken during this week. This is an important time for our pupils and we will ensure that they are well prepared., also KS1 pupils will be doing their SATs for 2 weeks in May starting on Monday 11th May to 22nd May 2020.

## School Procedures

**Attendance— If your child is ill and unable to attend school please contact the school by 9.30am this applies to all children from Nursery to Year 6.**

If your child has a medical appointment please ensure that you show the appointment card at the school office.

**Registration— Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time;**  
**Key Stage 1 registration 8.50am and Key Stage 2 registration is 8.40am**

**Dinner Money:** must be paid for in advance on a Monday morning cost **£10.50 per week, (£2.10 per day)** via **Parent pay** - Please assist our office staff by sending monies into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and amount and handing to your child's class teacher.

## Health and Safety—Parking

We have received some upsetting reports from local residents that some parents/carers are still continuing to park their cars in a dangerous and inconsiderate manner along Hillside Drive and Edlington Lane; some residents have also received some very unpleasant comments and remarks when they try to address this with parents. Please can I make you aware that the local police have been informed and are regularly patrolling the area and have informed us that they will issue fixed penalty notices to anyone who is parking illegally. Please remember to park in a safe manner to ensure the safety of all pedestrians including parents/carers and children.

## Health and Safety—Jewellery

For Health and Safety reasons pupils are not allowed to wear jewellery. Only a small watch is permitted. This is following guidance from the Local Authority.

If a child has had their ears pierced during term time, then they must bring their own plasters (school will not provide plasters for this purpose) to put over their ear-rings, **plasters are only permitted to be worn for six weeks,** otherwise the child is not allowed out at playtimes. **After the period of six weeks the earrings must be removed before coming into school.** Class teachers will be monitoring this on a daily basis.

We are sure you are aware that the school must guarantee the safety of all children, at all times. We must follow the guidance at all times with regards to Health and Safety and reduce the potential risk of accidents.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Health and Safety—Trim Trail

Please could we remind all parents/carers that children must not use school equipment e.g The Trim Trail before or after school unless they are under the supervision of a member of staff from school i.e. an out of school club. We hope you appreciate that these measures are in place for the safety of pupils and parents.

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**Please read this information carefully.**

When your child becomes unwell with diarrhoea it is important to help prevent the spread of infection within schools all children should stay away from school until **48 hours after the diarrhoea has stopped.**

If your child has been vomiting your child should be away from school for **24 hours after the sickness has stopped.**

If your child develops vomiting or diarrhoea it is important to contact the school to tell them the exact diagnosis once known, as it will help in deciding whether any further action is necessary.

### Conjunctivitis

Children whose eyes are sticky or producing pus should stay away from school until the infection has cleared. Children who have "pink eye", but whose eyes are not producing pus do not need to stay away from school.