

Hill West Weekly Bulletin

Kindness, Compassion, and Connection at the heart of 'Our School'

Week commencing: Monday 9th September



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION; at a glance

Monday 9th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Reception children begin full time education (8.55am – 3.15pm) • 24 Year 5 children taking part in Bikeability training • 3.20pm - 4.20pm Gymnastics club for Years 3 to 6, Kidslingo French club and School Football Team training for Years 5 and 6 begins today.
Tuesday 10th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RELAX KIDS for participating children in Years 1 and 2 • 24 Year 5 children taking part in Bikeability training • 3.20pm -4.20pm Choir, Multiskills for Year 1 and 2, and RELAX Kids for Years 3 to 6 begins today.
Wednesday 11th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Year 5 children taking part in Bikeability training • 3.20pm - 4.20pm Gymnastics club for Years 1 and 2 begins today. • 3.30pm-4.30pm Parent Drop-in session. All parents welcome.
Thursday 12th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.45am-8.45am Netball Team training for Years 5 and 6 begins today • 3.20pm - 4.20pm BoxFit club and Kidslingo Spanish club for Years 3 to 6 begins today.
Friday 13th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.20pm - 4.20pm Dance depot for KS1 children begins today

PARENT DROP-IN

If you are able, we would like to invite you into school on Wednesday 11th September to have an informal catch up with your child's class teacher. This will enable you to ensure they have made a successful transition and are happy and settled in their new class. Please make your way directly to classrooms through the front door of each building. We look forward to welcoming you.

RECEPTION WORKSHOP

We look forward to welcoming all our new reception parents into school on Wednesday 18th September for our Phonics, Early Reading and Behaviour Workshop followed by a delicious lunch prepared by our Kitchen Staff.



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HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

We would like to invite you all to review and agree to the terms in our Home School Agreement for 2024-2025. Please take a couple of minutes to read through with your children and sign as an acknowledgement.



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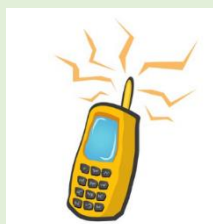
YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY REMINDER

Twenty-four of our Year Five children will be taking part in a Bikeability Level 1&2 course beginning on Monday 9th September and running until Wednesday 11th September 2024. Children can leave their bicycles in or adjacent to our outdoor classroom if they wish but we cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage. **Please note, children should have a basic proficiency, their own bike and a helmet. They should wear their PE kits to school.**



MOBILE PHONES

We would ask that children **do not** bring mobile phones to school with them. If a child forgets and happens to bring one into school we will store it away safely. Parents can then collect from the main office in the KS1 building at the end of the day.



GOODBYE AND GOODLUCK

Towards the end of this month we will be saying farewell and good luck to Miss Gursharan Kaur, who is currently a teaching assistant in one of our reception classes. We wish her well in her new position, working in a school office.



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut free school and would ask that no products containing nuts are brought into school.



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MILD ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As we welcome children back for a new school year, we know the focus on school attendance is more important than ever.



We are therefore taking this opportunity to remind you of the clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Additional information can be found in the NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Please follow the link;

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

BALANCEABILITY

Through our partnership with the Wilson Stuart Active Society, we have secured spaces for every Year one children to take part in a Bikeability Balance Bike Training beginning Monday 16th September 2024.



Bikeability Balance Bike training helps children make the transition from a balance bike to an ordinary pedal bike much easier in a safe, challenging, and fun way. It focuses on basic bike skills, takes away the use of stabilisers and promotes the fundamental skill of cycling.

Please ensure that your child is provided with suitable clothing. Balance bikes will be provided by the instructors and your child is always expected to wear an appropriate cycle safety helmet. Helmets are also provided, but if you would like your child to wear their own helmet, please ensure they bring this to school on the training dates.



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