



Hill View Primary School

Reach For The Stars

SLT Update

As we reach the end of the term and prepare for the Christmas break, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for your continued support of the school. The partnership between home and school is essential, and your cooperation has contributed greatly to the smooth running of our activities and the progress of our pupils.

This term has brought many opportunities for learning, growth, and achievement. From classroom projects to extracurricular events, your involvement has helped create a positive environment where pupils can thrive. We appreciate the time and effort you dedicate to supporting your children's education, whether through attending meetings, supporting educational visits, encouraging participation, or reinforcing learning at home.

We would especially like to thank you for the trust you place in us each day. Your encouragement and commitment make a significant difference in the lives of our pupils, and we value the strong partnership we share with you.

Also, a huge thank you to our PTFA volunteers for making the children's experiences greater. You are all truly appreciated.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable holiday season. May the new year bring continued success, good health, and rewarding experiences for your families. We look forward to working together again in January as we build on the progress made so far.

Miss Buckland
Headteacher



Christmas Holiday:
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

INSET Day:
Monday 5th January 2025

INSET Day:
Friday 13th February 2025

Half Term holiday:
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

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Christmas holiday:
Monday 22nd December– Friday 2nd January

Coming Up w/c 5th January

Monday 5th – INSET Day (School closed for all children)

Tuesday 6th – All Years Back to school

Friday 9th – Year 1 Trip to Redhill Fire Station

Friday 9th – Attenborough Class Swimming

Reminders

Year 2 – SeaCity Trip £16 payment due Fri 2nd Jan

Year 4 – Paultons Trip & Play in a Day £32 payment due Fri 13th Jan

Year 4 – Residential Trip £40 instalment payment due Monday 2nd February

Year 6 – Residential Trip £50 instalment payment due Monday 2nd February



Pupil Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please inform the school office:

Tel: 01202 514109

E-mail: office@hillview.bournemouth.sch.uk

Office open hours:

8.30am – 4pm. Mon – Fri. Term-time only

If leaving a message or sending an e-mail, please give the child's name & class. We are required to record the **reason for any absence**. Please let us know your child's specific symptoms e.g. temperature, cold/flu symptoms, vomiting etc.

The [NHS website](#) has advice regarding keeping your child away from school if they are unwell.

Signing in and out of school

Please may we remind you that if your child arrives late, or leaves early from school, you must sign them in or out on the screen at the main office. This is essential for attendance and evacuation purposes.

Thank you.

Spring Term Hot School Lunch Menu

The Spring Term lunch menu is now live and ready for ordering with Forerunner. Please [click here to log in](#) to the Forerunner website.

The deadline for ordering meals for the first week back after Christmas will be **midnight on Monday 29th December.**

Please ensure that you receive a confirmation e-mail to check that your orders have been correctly processed. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail it's likely that you haven't fully completed the checkout process.

Small Trinkets and keyrings

Please may we remind all parents and carers that small trinkets and keyrings should ideally not be brought into school. These small items are a potential choking hazard for our younger children and are items that we are frequently notified of as being lost/misplaced.

Children can have one key ring on their bag, but no other toys and trinkets should be brought in to school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Hil View Primary PTFA

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at Hill View Primary, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to our amazing PTFA team.

We are deeply grateful for their hard work and the support they provide for our children and our school. The PTFA team all give their time freely as volunteers, to plan, promote and enable many exciting and fun events to take place for the children and our parents, carers and friends at Hill View Primary. Thank you for your tireless dedication and energy. You are the backbone of our school events, and we couldn't provide these enriching experiences for our children without you. Your passion truly makes a difference!

In addition, your commitment to fundraising for our school is deeply appreciated by our children and staff. Without you we wouldn't have a brand-new minibus, or a new computer suite to benefit our children's education.

Thank you once again for all that you do!

According to Humphrey Books

We sent an e-mail this week to inform you of an important matter regarding a series of children's books.

We have been made aware of a national issue affecting several titles in *Betty G. Birney's According to Humphrey* series, which are aimed at primary school aged children. Some editions of these books contain a printed weblink on the back cover which no longer directs readers to information about the books. Unfortunately, this weblink has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate online content that should not be accessed by children. While the books themselves remain age appropriate, the presence of this weblink presents a potential risk.

As a precaution, we have taken the following actions at school:

- We have endeavored to remove all affected copies of the *According to Humphrey* books from school libraries, classrooms, and any other areas accessible to children.
- Staff have been reminded to ensure that any resources containing online links are checked carefully before use.

We also advise that parents and carers check whether your child has any of these books at home and remove any affected copies from their bookshelves.

If you have any questions or would like advice on talking to your child about online safety, please contact the School Office and a member of the Safeguarding Team will arrange a time to talk with you.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our pupils safe.



PTFA Update

Hello from the PTFA!



Christmas hampers

Thank you for all the lovely donations to the Christmas Hampers and congratulations to all the lucky winners! We hope you enjoy your festive treats!

Preloved School Uniform

Just a reminder that preloved school uniform is available in the school office. Please bring cash to pay for items. All proceeds go straight to the school.



Christmas Story Event

Thank you to everyone that came to last night's Christmas story reading event. It was so lovely to see the children enjoying stories in their cosy pyjamas.

Y6 Leavers Hoodies

All of the Year 6 children's Leavers Hoodies have been distributed today. We hope you love them!



Leavers hoodies can be worn by children on PE days only from January 2026

General Reminder

We value our strong partnership with you in creating a safe, happy, and positive environment for all our children and their families. We kindly ask everyone to uphold our school's values by demonstrating **respectful behaviour and language** towards all staff and volunteers, setting a positive example for our children.

Let's work together to ensure our school remains a place where everyone feels welcome and secure. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a community of kindness and mutual understanding.

Future events

Going forward, we will no longer be accepting cash payments for events. Paying on Classlist ensures that both parties receive confirmation of a successful transaction. Please also remember that deadlines for events are in place to allow our volunteers time to manage the final stages of the organisation process. The PTFA Committee have their own jobs and their own families to juggle on top of supporting and running these events. We also have to adhere to safeguarding and health and safety policies to ensure the wellbeing of our children, and others at our events.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PTFA Committee



Uniform Preloved & NEW!

We have a wide range of stock available of new Uniform to purchase from us. Please see our updated price list below or by [clicking here](#) to view on the school website.

Hill View Uniform Price List
Available to purchase from the P.T.F.A.

We can now send you a link for payment with easy collection from the school office

Sweatshirt	£13.00
PE T-Shirt	£8.00
Cardigan	£15.00
Ties	£5.00
Book Bag	£10.00
Polar Fleece	£17.00

Cardigan	22" (3-4yrs), 24" (4-5yrs), 26" (5-6yrs), 28" (7-8yrs), 30" (9-10yrs), 32" (11-12yrs), 34" (13yrs), 36" (5 Adult)
Fleece	3-4yrs, 5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-12yrs, 13yrs
Sweatshirt	24" (4-5yrs), 26" (5-6yrs), 28" (7-8yrs), 30" (9-10yrs), 32" (11-12yrs), 34" (13yrs), 36" (5 Adult)
PE T-Shirt	3-4yrs, 5-6yrs, 7-8yrs, 9-10yrs, 11-13yrs, S, M & L

To place orders, please contact us by Email: hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk or our Facebook page: Hill View Primary School P.T.F.A. Cash and Card payment accepted

All profits made from sales go back into the school to benefit all pupils

We continue to have stock in the main office for pre-loved items. An honesty box is at the reception desk. We only accept cash for pre-loved.

'Pre-Loved' Uniform Price List 2024
Available to purchase from the rail in the school office

Items	Price (Cash)
Book Bags	
PE T-Shirts	
Pinafores	
Shorts (all inc PE)	£1 EACH
Skirts	
Shoes (& Plimsols)	
Summer Dresses	
Ties	
Trousers	
Cardigans / Sweatshirts	£4 EACH
Coats / Fleece	
White Shirts	2 for 50p

Cash Payment: There is an honesty box in the school office

Donations: We are always pleased to receive uniform donations. These can be left under the clothes rail

Thank you for your support

All profits made from sales go back into the school to benefit all pupils

If you have any clean, good quality items for donating, please leave in a bag under the existing clothes rail. All donations are gratefully received. **Thank you.**

Classlist

If you haven't already done so, please [sign up to Class List](#). This app helps keep track of events and enables you to book tickets and pay for PTFA events.

How to reach us:

Email: Hillview.ptfa@hotmail.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/hillview.primaryptfa/

Classlist: <https://classlist.page.link/6d9FBeD11FcyAUrCZ>



Navigating parenthood PARENTKIND WEBINARS

- How to exercise more without really trying**
24/01/2024 | 7.30 - 8.15pm
- An introduction to autism**
06/05/2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm
- A nutritionist's guide to dealing with fussy eating**
26/01/2024 | 12.30 - 1.50pm
- Stress management**
07/03/2024 | 10.00 - 11.00am
- Helping your child achieve in school**
30/01/2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm
- Neurodiversity in children matters - behaviour management for SEN children**
11/03/2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm
- Building resilience**
06/02/2024 | 10.00 - 11.00am
- Supporting your child's mental health**
20/05/2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm
- Helping your child succeed in KS1 English**
09/02/2024 | 12.30 - 1.50pm
- Helping your child succeed in KS2 English**
22/03/2024 | 12.30 - 1.30pm
- Keeping your child safe online**
28/02/2024 | 7.30 - 8.30pm

Parent WhatsApp Groups



To aid communication between parents and carers many of our classes or groups of parents have set up WhatsApp groups, which OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY of the school. We know these offer a great way to support and communicate with each other.

Unfortunately, we have been made aware that someone outside of school has found access to one of the parent WhatsApp groups and has sadly scammed a parent out of some money.

We strongly advise that an admin of any of our School Parent WhatsApp groups check the privacy and security settings for the group.

Ensure that only trusted individuals are invited to your group(s)

Your WhatsApp group's security largely depends on the people you allow in. A 2023 survey found that 60% of WhatsApp group hacks occurred due to careless invitation practices, including sharing links publicly on other social media pages or forums.

Admin Approval: Enable this feature to vet all potential members before they join. Group admins receive requests and decide who can access the group. This prevents bots or malicious users from joining unnoticed.

Invite Links: Share links responsibly and avoid posting them publicly on social media or forums. Consider revoking expired links to prevent unauthorised access. For instance, if a company WhatsApp group link is shared internally, ensure it expires after a week to limit exposure.

Limit Admin Privileges

Assign admin roles selectively: Only grant admin privileges to trusted members who understand the responsibilities and will use them wisely.

Enable "Only admins can change group info" setting: Prevents unauthorised members from changing the group's name, description, or picture, which can be exploited by hackers to mislead other members.

Use "Delete for everyone" feature: Allows admins to delete inappropriate or offensive messages for everyone, maintaining a cleaner and safer environment.

As a reminder, it is never acceptable to use the group to raise complaints about the school, or teachers. If you have a concern, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. The group should not be used to share gossip or private messages. Do not use inappropriate language, personal attacks or insulting messages.

The school weekly newsletter is a hive of information – please refer to it where possible for the answers to most of your questions - especially regarding the school calendar and key dates for upcoming events. Please also remember that our school website has copies of all letters sent to parents/carers.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST) IN SCHOOLS

MEET YOUR EDUCATION MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER (EMHP)



JENNI PHILIPPS

WHAT IS AN EMHP?
An EMHP is an Educational Mental Health Practitioner. We are here to help children and young people and their school community with their mental health and wellbeing.

WHAT DOES AN EMHP DO?
We work 1-1 with students who need extra mental health support. We also offer staff training and support with difficulties within your classroom as well as running groups for students, parents and carers. We can send out information for you to help your students' mental health via email on a regular basis.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?
Send us an email: dhc.mhsteam.bcp@nhs.net
Give us a ring: 01202 129150

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
bit.ly/dorset_mhst

@DORSETMHST

Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

NHS
Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

ParentLine 5-19

Confidential text messaging advice service for parents and carers of children aged 5-19.

Message us for confidential advice on

07312 263131

to chat with a member of the School Nursing team



How to size a child's bike

It can be difficult to work out what size bike is the right size for your young person. While a lot of bikes are advertised as suitable for children of certain ages, this isn't always the best way to determine what size a child needs. A badly fitting bike can lead to a bad cycling experience, it can be uncomfortable and even dangerous to ride.

We've put together this handy guide to help you get the best fitting bike for your young person.

The most useful thing to know when working out what size bicycle your young person needs is their inseam/inside leg measurement and height.

- The lowest height you can set the saddle from the ground should not be any more than the child's inseam.
- A beginner rider should be able to sit on the saddle with their feet flat on the ground.
- A more experienced rider should be able to sit on the saddle while keeping their tip-toes on the ground. This is usually their inseam measurement plus roughly five to ten centimetres.

Wheel Size (Suggested)	Age	Inseam	Height
12"	2-3 years	38-46cm	91-99cm
14"	2-4 years	38-51cm	94-112cm
16"	4-6 years	41-56cm	104-122cm
20"	5-8 years	49-64cm	114-137cm
24"	8-11 years	58-71cm	124-150cm
26"	10+ years	64+ cm	142cm + cm

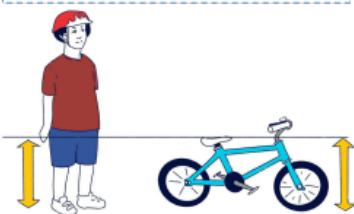
The table above gives a rough idea of what size wheel bike you should start looking at, based on your child's inseam. Most manufacturers don't advertise the minimum seat height of their bicycles, but your local bike shop will be happy to help with this and you'll know to bring along a tape measure if you're shopping for a second hand bike!

One easy way to measure a child's inseam is to have them hold a book between their legs just below their crotch. Measuring to the top of the book from the floor will give you an accurate measurement.



Wheel diameter is based on the metal part of the wheel—Tyres can vary quite a bit so don't measure these!

NB: Balance Bikes! If you're looking at a balance bike (one without pedals!) then you need to make sure the seat height can be set just under the child's inseam measurement.



Tips for buying a child's bike

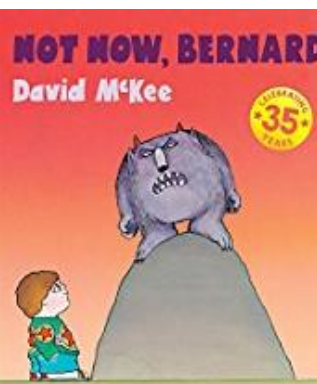
- **Weight** - very important. Can your child lift it? Heavy bikes can be hard to handle and can put children off cycling.
- **Brakes** - make sure your child can reach and operate the brake comfortably without having to overstretch their hands.
- **Gears** - keep it simple. Single-speed for under 6s and rear gears only for older children. Make sure they can operate the gear shifters easily. Avoid front gears, they're difficult to operate and just add more weight to the bike.
- **Suspension** - avoid suspension unless you're planning on riding off-road. It adds more weight and makes the bike harder to handle.



Recommended Read Book of the week (YR)

Not Now Bernard By David Mckee

Bernard's got a problem. He's found a monster in the back garden but his mum and dad are just too busy to notice. So Bernard tries to befriend the monster... and that doesn't go quite to plan.



This week's WIZARDS



- YR – Raynah M
- Y1 – Carla G
- Y1 – Reggie C
- Y2 – Charlotte H
- Y2 – Finley H
- Y2 – Josh B
- Y3 – Dexter S
- Y3 – Mako R-E
- Y3 – Robyn D
- Y4 – Penny S
- Y4 – Cody PV
- Y4 – Leo V
- Y5 – Isaac F
- Y5 – Juliet B
- Y5 – Charlie E
- Y6 – Ellie R
- Y6 – Monroe R
- Y6 – Sophie G



Community Food Support



Please click on the [Food Map](#) for local community food support such as food banks, community fridges and social supermarkets

Maths Badges



SMILE Badges:

- Y4 – Benjamin L
- Y4 – Teddy W

- Y4 – Evelyn D
- Y4 – Austin G



Attendance Cup Winners

W/C 15th December

YR - DONALDSON 97.1%

KS1 – KUSAMA 96.8%

Lower KS2 – **ATTENBOROUGH 98.9%**

Upper KS2 – **PANKHURST 97.4%**

