

10 SEPTEMBER 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – KINDNESS

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer

Welcome back, I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. The sun shone as our pupils returned smiling and eager and looking so smart in their new uniforms.

This week has been wonderful in so many ways. Many of the Covid measures have been removed so children can sit in groups, rather than rows, can move more freely around the building and can now benefit once again from exciting trips and visitors in school. We have already planned an exciting schedule of activities (including a whole school trip to the Belgrade Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast!) and a full list of dates so far can be found on the newsletter and on our website.

Thank you to Morrisons Supermarket for a generous donation of stationery items for Hill Farm pupils. If you shop at the Morrisons you can join their "it's good to grow" scheme. More details are included on the newsletter.

Well done to our youngest pupils in school who settled in so beautifully this week. It was wonderful to see how quickly they made friends and immersed themselves in our nurturing, learning environment.



Over the summer, we have had lots of changes to the school environment to make it an even more inviting and inspiring space for our pupils. You may have seen on the KS1 playground the start of our nature trail. This extends all around the school site and links to our Forest School curriculum. We have a pond dipping platform and even have fish! Planters for each year group have been built so that our children can start to grow vegetables too.



The new school lunch system has launched and children are already saying how much nicer the meals



are – they really do look delicious and have many more traditional items such as sponge and custard! Vegetables are freshly prepared on site and there are lots of choices so children should always be able to

find something they like. Check on the SchoolGrid App for more information and menus.



The serving hatches have been given a makeover! Meet our kitchen team too.



Your children look so smart in their uniforms, please remember to clearly name every item. Please note that black school shoes should be worn **(or school shoes that are a trainer style but should be all black)**. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact the office. We will once again be collecting non-perishable items for donations to the local food banks as part of our Harvest Festival. Donations can be brought in from Monday 13th September until Friday 24th September. Mrs Leetch and Mrs Stapleton have decided to move onto pastures new and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best in their new ventures. Both have worked at Hill Farm for many years and their dedication and commitment to the pupils of Hill Farm will be sadly missed.

Finally, thank you for continuing to use the one-way system when entering school to help the flow of parents when on site and allow social distancing more easily. At Hill Farm, the safety and welfare of all our pupils is of paramount importance and therefore some measures will remain, such as frequent handwashing and hand sanitiser at entry points. Please look at the parent information booklet for all the measures currently in place.

We would ask that if your child shows any Covid-19 symptoms, you take them for a PCR test and inform school of the result. It is no longer necessary for close contacts of positive cases to self-isolate. If there were a number of cases in school, then we would seek advice from the local authority and public health and some safety measures could be re-instated. If you have any queries or concerns about this or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH SYSTEM

You should all have received an email by now, from SchoolGrid, with all your necessary log in details plus a link to enable you to pre-order meals and manage your child's account online.

If you have not received an email, please check your junk folder. Also if you encounter any problems please ring Dolce's customer care team on 01942 707709 (Opt 1) or email: customercare@dolce.co.uk.

This process must be carried if you require your child(ren) to have a school lunch.



CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS



Extra-Curricular Activities

Your child brought home a letter this week detailing all the co-curricular clubs that will be running this half term, starting week beginning

Monday 20th September, 2021.

Please make sure you return this form promptly as the places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

MEDICATIONS



If your child requires medication to be left in school, such as inhalers and epi-pens, please could you make sure it has been brought in. Please could you also check that the medication is in date.



POTTY TRAINING

It's Potty Time!

If you would like help, support and advice around potty training your child or tips for helping your child adjust to using the toilet at school, check out the ERIC organisation on the link below:

<https://www.eric.org.uk/>

GOOD TO GROW



It's Good to Grow from **Morrisons** is a school's collection scheme giving away **FREE** gardening equipment to get children **growing!** Morrisons will donate gardening equipment to schoolchildren across the UK in the hope of educating children about where their food comes from.

The scheme will see customers gain one 'It's Good to Grow' token, in their My Morrisons account via the app and website, for every £10 spent in store or online, which can then be donated to any school to redeem equipment such as gardening tools, composting bins and seeds to get growing.

So if anyone shops at Morrisons, we would be very grateful for any donations made to Hill Farm Primary school.

FLU VACCINATION



Coventry's Immunisation team are visiting school on

Monday 20th September 2021 to give the Flu vaccine to all children from Reception to Year 6, whose parents have completed the on-line electronic consent form.

NO child will be given the vaccine without the consent form being completed.

The form will be sent via email to everyone shortly.

READING BOOKS



Watch this Space for information on the importance of reading and what books your children will be bringing home with them this term.

ROALD DAHL DAY



You should have received a letter this week saying that we're starting the new academic year off with a whizz-popping bang, because on

Monday 13th September 2021, our school will be taken over by a whole host of mischief-making Big Friendly Giants, Oompa-Loompas and Matildas! It's all part of The

Dahlicious Dress Up Day, where children can come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character, for a 50p donation, and learn a little more about the author himself and his incredible tales.

FOREST SCHOOL



Over the Summer, we were incredibly busy enhancing the already amazing out door space that we have at Hill Farm. You may have noticed the nature trail set up around school, celebrating the wonderful world we live in.

We've used the beautiful illustrations from the book 'Slow Down' by Rachel Williams to educate our children on the wildlife in our outside spaces.



We've also been busy restructuring our pond area, adding in a pond skimming deck, clearing the pond and adding some goldfish. They have not been named yet so if anyone has any ideas on

what to call the members of our school family, let Mr Owens know.

Finally, we've also added planters to the quad for each year group to have the opportunity to grow their own flowers, produce and develop their green fingers and thumbs.

Check Twitter for more about our wonderful outdoor spaces.



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS



We will once again be collecting non-perishable items for donations to the local food banks as part of our Harvest Festival. Donations can be brought in from

Monday 13th September until Friday 24th September.

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is full of updates on the learning and activities going on at Hill Farm every week. It is available on our website, Facebook and Firefly and comes out every Friday. Printed copies are also available from the office if you prefer.



KEY DATES

Monday 13th September - Roald Dahl Dress Up Day



Monday 13th - Friday 24th September – Harvest Festival Food bank donations

Monday 20th September - Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccination

Monday 20th September – Co-Curricular Clubs begin

Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd September – Meet the Teacher



Friday 24th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning – Info to follow



Thursday 21st October – Halloween Disco

Friday 22nd October – Teacher Training Day – School Closed



Monday 25th - Friday 29th October – Half Term – School Closed

We're Going Back To School



Monday 1st November – School Re-opens

Thursday 4th November – Fire Safety Evening

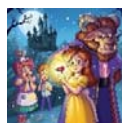
Friday 5th November – Non Uniform Day for £1 donation

Monday 8th – Thursday 11th November – Parents Evening

Thursday 11th November – Parent/Pupil Reading Event

Friday 19th November – Non uniform for Chocolate donation

Friday 26th November – Non uniform for Bottle donation



Tuesday 30th November – Belgrade Theatre Trip Years 1 - 6 – Beauty & the Beast



Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 10th December – Festive Craft Fair

Monday 13th December – EYFS Festive Production times to follow

Tuesday 14th December – KS1 Festive Production times to follow

Wednesday 15th December – KS2 Festive Production times to follow



Friday 17th December – School closes at 3:20pm for the Holidays