

17 SEPTEMBER 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – KINDNESS

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer

It is so wonderful to be planning exciting activities for our pupils again and we have already organised quite a few! Keep reading the newsletter for important updates and additions which will be highlighted in yellow.

Next Friday, 24th September, we are supporting the MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning by raising money through eating cake! Your child will be able to buy a treat for a 50p contribution at break time (any items left will be sold on the playground at the end of the day). All money raised will be given directly to MacMillan to support the excellent work they do for people who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families.

Thank you for the many donations of food items for our Harvest Festival. We will be collecting until Friday 24th September – if you have any thing you would like to donate, please leave in the red crate placed by the main entrance.

Please remember next week we are holding 'meet the teacher' evenings which will give you the opportunity to finally come back into school and chat to your child's class teacher. There will be a presentation that will hopefully answer any questions you may have. Please see the day and time for your child's class on the back of the newsletter.

Your children may have come home talking about a drone flying over Hill Farm – this was part of a promotional video that shows our beautiful grounds and the learning and activities our children enjoy every day – it will be posted on the website shortly.

Year 2 made the most of the new nature trail as they went on a sound walk in their Science Lesson. They heard so many different sounds and were listening out for different types of bird song. I wonder if they noticed the fish in the pond?



Applications are now open for any children due to start school in September 2022 (date of birth between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018). Please visit www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions and follow the instructions on how to apply. Applications must be made by 15th January 2022. **We are holding an open morning for prospective families on 19th October – if you know anyone who may be interested, please could let them know.**

Finally, would you like to join our newly launched 'Friends of Hill Farm' parent committee? We are looking for parents who would like to be involved in organising events, raising funds and helping decide how they are spent. It is also a great opportunity to find out more about our school and make suggestions about how we can improve further. The first meeting is on **2nd November at 2:15pm** and refreshments will be provided. If you would like more information, please chat to any of the staff on the gate.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

We are delighted to announce that we are hosting our Celebration assemblies again on Friday mornings. They will be held in the KS2 Hall and will start at 9:05, we would love if it if you could join us with your family and friends. If your child is due to be presented with a certificate or award you will receive an invite to the assembly no later than the Wednesday of that week.



24 September 2021 – KS1 Celebration Assembly

01 October 2021 – KS2 Celebration Assembly

08 October 2021 – KS1 Celebration Assembly

15 October 2021 – KS2 Celebration Assembly

NEW SCHOOL LUNCH SYSTEM

You should all have received an email 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, come to the school office and we'll see if we can help or ring Dolce's customer care team on **01942 707709 (Opt 1)** or email: customercare@dolce.co.uk.

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



COVID-19

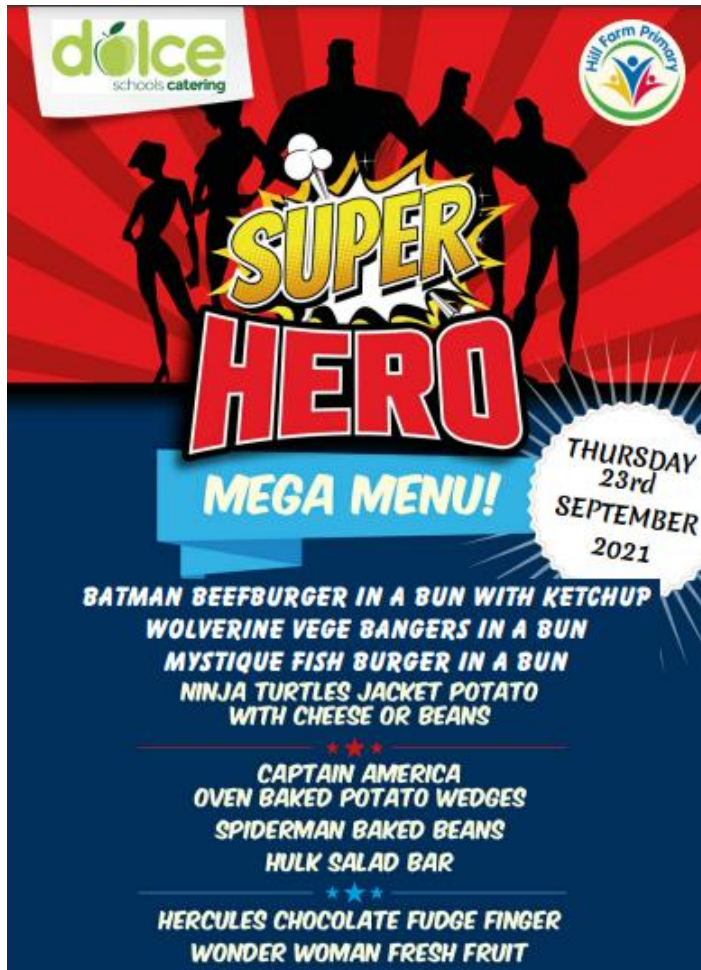


We would ask that if your child shows any Covid-19 symptoms, you take them for a PCR test and inform school of the result. It is no longer necessary for close contacts of positive cases to self-isolate. If there were a number of cases in school, then we would seek advice from the local authority and

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.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROMOTION DAY

Dolce are hosting a **Super Hero Mega Menu** day on Thursday 23rd September. If your child has yet to try the new menus, why not sign them up to try this one. Sounds Awesome



ARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS



We are collecting non-perishable items for donations to the local food banks as part of our Harvest Festival. Donations can be brought in **until Friday 24th September.**

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.

NEW SIGNAGE

With all the stress that life can bring, our new Signage brings a timely reminder from this wonderful poem by W.H. Davies



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



To give you all plenty of notice, there will be a photographer in school on **Friday 12 November** to take individual photographs of your children.

CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS



Extra-Curricular Activities

You should have received an email this week, advising you that your child has been allocated a place in our co-curricular clubs that will be starting week beginning **Monday 20th September, 2021.** Please make sure that any fees are paid promptly at the school office. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



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.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



In recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the extra day's holiday, given to all, will be taken by Hill Farm on **Monday 29th November 2021,** as agreed with the rest of the Castle Phoenix Trust. Therefore, school will be closed on that day.

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.

