

24 SEPTEMBER 2021

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

### VALUE OF THE MONTH – KINDNESS

#### A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer

There was so much cake in school today as Hill Farm took part in the MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning by selling Cake at Break! Staff also raised money by hosting their very own 'Bake-Off'. Our Head Boys and Girls had great fun judging the competition too.

Well done: 1st Miss Browne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Rowbottom and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs Harding



It felt very special today as we held the first Celebration and Values assembly (complete with red carpet) in over 18 months! Although there were still Covid-19 measures in place to help keep everyone safe – it felt very special to be recognising pupil achievements in this way again.

Thank you for the many donations of food items for our Harvest Festival. Our Head Boy and Girl will be handing these over to the local foodbank as we endeavour as a school to support our community. Thank you to parents who attended our 'meet the teacher' evenings. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about your child's school day and any queries you had were answered. If you were not able to attend but would like to meet the teacher, then please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Year Five pupils enjoyed the bonus sunshine this week as they made dens in Forest School. Whilst year 1 enjoyed finding out more about the past when some special visitors popped in to help with their theme learning about 'What makes us unique?' They also shared their favourite toys.



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](http://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 2:15 pm 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 be hosting our Celebration assemblies again on Friday mornings. They are held in the KS2 Hall and start at 9:00am. 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 an award you will receive an invite to the assembly no later than the Wednesday of that week. Please note COVID-19 measures such as social distancing and face masks must be adhered to, to help keep our school safe.



**01 October 2021** – KS2 Celebration Assembly

**08 October 2021** – KS1 Celebration Assembly

**15 October 2021** – KS2 Celebration Assembly

**22 October 2021** – School Closed

## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



**Year 1 - Ruby** for showing kindness to all children when settling in. Ruby has taken it upon herself to take care of children both in the classroom and the playground.

**Year 1 - Graceford** has settled into year 1 brilliantly and although she has been nervous at times she has shown courage and resilience. Graceford comes into school each morning with a beaming smile and gets straight on with what she needs to do. She also shows kindness throughout the day, asking if the teachers are ok, holding doors open and helping her friends.

**Year 2 - Kaylan** for showing great determination in Maths this week when partitioning numbers in different ways. Kaylan is a keen and motivated learner and is challenging himself within the lesson.

**Year 2 - Bareerah** for taking pride in her work in all lessons. She is doing fantastic at writing in our new cursive writing and takes her time to do this neatly in all lessons.

## 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.

## SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



We are pleased to announce the following appointments for our KS1 children (KS2 will be announced next week):

**Deputy Head Boy** – Ibrahima 2LL

**Deputy Head Girl** – Elizabeth 2KK

**Eagle House Captain** – Mason 1NR, Samuelle 2LL

**Elephant House Captain** – Oluwadabira 1JH, Angel 2KK

**Phoenix House Captain** – Molly 1NR, Ava 2LL

**Wildcat House Captain** – Brody 1JH, Lily T 2LL

**Values Captain** – Tolu 1NR, Kaja 2LL

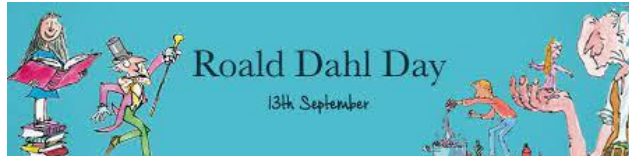
**Values Captain** – Olivia 1JH, Kayden 2KK

## CO-CURRICULAR CLUBS



All the after school co-curricular clubs began this week. How many of our Year fives can you spot in the den they made at Woodland (Forest) School? We counted three, but there might be more.

## ROALD DAHL DONATIONS



Thank you for your donations we raised **£88.95**

## FRIENDS OF HILL FARM



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## COVID 19 SYMPTOMS

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 reinstated. If you have any queries or concerns about this or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school office

## READING



Reading is a number one priority at Hill Farm. We recognise that, if a child can read, they can go on to do anything and everything that they want to do in life. Not only can they learn more about things that interest them, take a glance into the past or visit a different country through the pages of a story, they can also learn how to become a better person, learn to respect other cultures and beliefs and recognise in others the values that they would want to show themselves.

In order to encourage children to read as much as possible, in KS1 children are provided with 3 reading books:

- A fluency book (a level below their current reading ability, to be read multiple times and super speedy)
- A reading scheme book (pitched to their current reading ability)
- A reading for pleasure book (a book of their choice from the library that may need to be read with support from an adult)

Once the children have mastered fluent reading, they will receive only a reading scheme and reading for pleasure book.

This year, we have launched a new reading for pleasure incentive: our very own **Reading Passport!**

In order to reach the countries outlined on the passport and participate in a reward afternoon, children must read three times a week. This must be shown in their reading records and be signed by a parent/carer. The first destination on our map is **Madagascar** so a wild afternoon of fun is in store for those that get there in time!



Please encourage your child to read as much as possible, talk to them about the stories or facts that they have learnt and discuss the importance of looking after their books.

Let's get Hill Farm Reading!

