

1 OCTOBER 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – TOLERANCE

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear parent/carer

It was so lovely today to see parents attending our 'celebration assemblies' again – this time for KS2. Thank you for observing the Covid measures to help keep our children and site as safe as possible and well done to all of the children that were recognised today.

It has been another busy week at Hill Farm. Year 2 received a letter from Thomas Edison who asked for help in creating a circuit to light a bulb. They used values such as perseverance and determination to create a working circuit! Year 1 got tied up in knots when practising a clove hitch knot in Woodland school and Year 4 partitioned numbers in lots of different ways.



I am delighted to announce that from **Monday 1st November**, the **Hill Farm Breakfast Club** will resume. Starting at 7:45 am until 8:30 am, children can come into school to play games, practise homework or just chat with friends whilst eating a healthy breakfast. The charge is £2.50 per pupil, per day and payment should be made at least one week in advance at the office. It is essential that children are booked in and do not just arrive on the day. If you have any queries, please contact the office. More information will be sent next week.

Hill Farm are looking for new parent governors to join our governing body which meet once every half term. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information.

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, Mr Youseff will leave us at the end of half-term to take up a new post in adult education. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success in his new role. I am delighted to welcome Miss Warsame to Hill Farm who will join the year 3 team.

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.



08 October 2021 – KS1 Celebration Assembly

15 October 2021 – KS2 Celebration Assembly

22 October 2021 – School Closed

MACMILLAN DONATIONS



Thank you for your donations to our "Eat Cake at Break" for Macmillan.

we raised a massive

£254.30

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 UNIFORM



The 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.

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SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



Year 3 - Lillie-Mae for showing 100% dedication to learning in all lessons, particularly when writing a diary in role. She worked hard to include all of the features on the success criteria.

Year 3 – Sarah for just wowing her teacher with all of her work since the start of Year 3! She is extremely hard working in all lessons and shows enthusiasm and determination when meeting challenges.

Year 3 - Syzmon for being incredibly kind to Dominik, who had fallen over, and was helping him by carrying his bags and making sure that he got to his adult ok.

Year 4 - Kevin for a positive, determined and resilient attitude in all lessons. Kevin has been working really hard to improve his handwriting and to begin joining some letters accurately. This week, Kevin has written a fantastic discussion text in English and has challenged himself to include a wide range of subordinating conjunctions.

Year 4 - Kaida for not only showing all of our school values every day and having a great attitude to learning, but she has also shown patience and determination with her beautiful handwriting. Because of this, Kaida has earned a handwriting pen and pen license!

Year 4 - Regan - like all children in 4SO, has made a fantastic start to Year 4. He has blown Mr Owens away with his hardworking attitude to learning and his creativity. Mr Owens has been particularly impressed with his ideas in RE and his fantastic poetry skills which Regan showcased in one of their lessons. Keep up the amazing work Regan. You're a superstar!

Year 5 - Cassius for displaying an exceptional degree of kindness towards friends and peers at all times. His selfless nature is a gift and allows him to be an exemplary role model to all children.

Year 5 - Abbie-Rose for her unfailing determination in all lessons. She is constantly thinking about her work and how to improve it and never gives up in the face of a challenge. Well done!

Year 5 - Amaar for giving 100% at all times in every lesson. Showing determination and cooperation continuously.

Year 6 - Christine for showing resilience and determination this week. Especially in maths where she confidently and successfully explained to the class how to multiply two fractions. Well done Christine!

Year 6 - William for taking pride in his work and being determined to complete work to a high standard. He always looks at ways to improve his work and has shown an excellent attitude towards learning when completing his diary entry this week.

Year 6 - Lola for her determination to complete all of her learning to the very best of her ability, her reflection on any feedback that she is given and her continual drive to improve.



SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



We are pleased to announce the following appointments for our KS2 children:

Head Boy – Jacob

Head Girl – Nadia



Eagle House Captain

- **Y3 - Dominik**
- **Y4 - Valeria**
- **Y5 - Skye**
- **Y6 - Lyla**

Elephant House Captain

- **Y3 - Orla**
- **Y4 - Morire**
- **Y5 - Faye**
- **Y6 - Christopher**

Phoenix House Captain

- **Y3 - Coby**
- **Y4 - JJ**
- **Y5 - McAuley**
- **Y6 - Callum**

Wildcat House Captain

- **Y3 - Lydia**
- **Y4 - Cinar**
- **Y5 - Chloe**
- **Y6 - Bobbie**

Values Captains

- **Y3 - Aarush & Sarah**
- **Y4 - Hasan & Aleena**
- **Y5 - Bella & Finley**
- **Y6 - Hangatu & Muiz**

Well Done!

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Next week we will be announcing members of our KS1 Junior Leadership Team (JLT) and our Language Ambassadors. You will be notified via Firefly, if your child has been selected.

FRIENDS OF HILL FARM

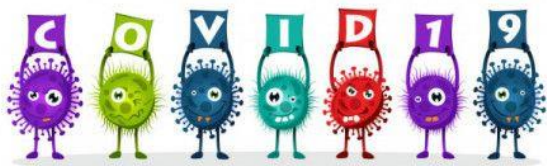


Would you like to join our newly launched 'Friends of Hill Farm' parent committee? We are looking for parents who would like to be involved in organising events, raising funds and helping decide how they are spent.

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.

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

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 are donating gardening equipment to schoolchildren across the UK in the hope of educating children about where their food comes from.

The scheme sees 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.

SCHOOLGRID



Please remember to go online and pre-order your child's meal for the coming week, month or term.
Thank you.

TTRS BATTLE



The first heat of the TTRS Battle will start on Monday 4th October, 2021 for KS2 children. The children can log on at home and help their class build up points.

There will be a prize for the overall winning class.

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!

