

17 DECEMBER 2021

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – GRATITUDE

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS



8 more sleeps ...

Firstly I would like to sincerely apologise for any disappointment caused by the cancellation of our live Christmas performances. This decision was incredibly difficult to make and one that was not taken lightly. With news of increasing Covid infections and the pace at which the Omicron variant is moving I had to make the best decision based on the safety and well-being of our pupils, staff and community – thank you so much for your support with this. The performances however, did go ahead and were recorded and uploaded onto the school YouTube channel. This can be accessed via the link:

<https://hillfarmprimary.co.uk/christmas-performances-2021/>

I am sure you will agree the children performed and sang beautifully and I, like you, am immensely proud of each and every one of them.



It has been an incredibly busy fortnight and we have been lucky that we were still able to fit in many exciting activities – including keeping track of some very naughty elves!

Our year 6 children were treated to a Christmas performance at Caludon Castle School where they had a great time watching talented youngsters perform a medley of musical favourites.

The Christmas dinner was an amazing success with over 450 meals prepared and served! Special thanks to Jane and her team in the kitchen for such a delicious lunch – I honestly don't know how they do it! Thank you to our staff, who became waiters and waitresses for the occasion.



The fun didn't stop there as the children then took part in a Festive Craft afternoon as they created a range of products to sell at the Festive Fair.

The Festive Fair was our busiest yet with lots of stall holders, a craft village, coffee van and even Santa Claus paid a visit. Thank you to all our families for supporting this event.

Congratulations go to Elisha (OWls) Nikolas (1NR) and Regan (4SO) for winning the Attendance prizes of £20 Amazon vouchers! Also well done to Jelhan (6SE) and Renesmee (2LL) for winning the runner up prizes of Attendance hampers. Look out next term for more exciting attendance prizes to be won.

The winner of the house cup was revealed. **Well done** to pupils in the **EAGLE** house as over the term they have amassed a whopping 2,336 tokens. Every child in Eagle house has received a goody bag of chocolate treats.

Finally, today was a perfect end to the term as pupils arrived in their pyjamas to share breakfast with their friends and teachers. They then changed into their party/casual clothes and had a wonderful day of festive fun in preparation for the Christmas holidays.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

FIREFLY



Your children will have been given an updated password to Firefly, the Hill Farm on-line learning platform. This is to ensure that should any requirement to switch to remote

learning be issued, Hill Farm can ensure there is no loss in the quality of learning and teaching your children receive.

COVID-19 VACCINES



Grab a Jab this weekend!

Get fully vaccinated to help reduce your risk of catching and spreading COVID.

Don't let COVID ruin your plans.

Book your vaccination at www.nhs.uk or by calling 119

Broadgate, Coventry City Centre
Saturday & Sunday 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th December 2021
Saturdays 10am to 4pm
Sundays 11am to 4pm
Boosters first doses and second doses. Age 16+

You should not attend a vaccine appointment if you are self-isolating or waiting for a COVID-19 test. You should wait 28 days after having a positive COVID-19 test, or 12 weeks if you're aged 16-17.

READING



Did you know that encouraging your child to read just two pages of a book each evening can increase their reading age by up to six months! We know that being a fluent reader is the key to accessing all areas of the curriculum and we want every child to develop a love of reading. We have free books available in Main Entrance – just help yourself. We also welcome donations of good quality children's books too!

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Please could you ensure children return to school in the correct uniform with black shoes or all black trainer-style shoes.

READING PASSPORTS



This week, we had our second reading party, this time we went to **Antarctica!** We started off by warming ourselves on some lovely hot chocolate and listening to a story. Once we were all warmed up, we decorated some snowball and snowman biscuits! They were delicious! We turned our friends into snowmen and even pretended to carry a whole plate of snowballs without dropping any of them! We had so much fun, what a treat for reading 3x a week at home!
We hope to see you all at our next party!! – **BRAZIL!!**

FESTIVE FAIR



Here are some of the fabulous stalls that were at our Festive Fair last week. Thank you so much to everyone that came and supported Hill Farm. It was a lovely afternoon which ran smoothly and all guidance was followed. Even Santa made an appearance too.



PARKING



Just a reminder to ask for you all to be considerate of others, when dropping off and collecting your child. We have had several reports of near misses where cars have mounted pavements around the school's perimeter and could have caused injury to pedestrians.

ATTENDANCE

School Matters!



Week 5 (29/11/2021-3/12/2021)

Class	Attendance %	Movement ↑↓
Owls	91.2	↑1.7
Foxes	93.8	↑5.6
1JH	96.7	↑5.9
1NR	90.4	↑1.7
2LL	98.3	↓1.0
2KK	94.2	↓2.2
3MB	94.0	↑3.2
3CH	95.8	↑0.3
4EF	95.4	↓3.1
4SO	100	↑6.0
4DJ	94.2	↓0.7
5SM	97.7	↑1.3
5DL	94.2	↑6.6
5SB	99.6	↑3.7
6SE	100	↑7.9
6GC	93.3	↓4.6
6PR	94.1	↑0.5
Total Attendance- 95.4% (National-89.3%)		

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder that Free School Meals are available to children of families who are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190



If you are entitled to claim free meals please do so, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and has a Universal Free Meal every day. If you have an up-to-date claim in place this means that, while the local council are still issuing meal vouchers over the holiday periods, you will receive them as an entitlement.

JUNIOR ARTS COUNCIL (JAC)



Since the last time we announced the members of the Junior Arts Council, another pupil has been appointed. So we would like to welcome **Luca**, from 5DL, as the newest member of the JAC.

SCHOOL TIMES



Tuesday 4th January 2022
School Closed
for Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 5th January 2022
School Gates open 8:30am

