

18 MARCH 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – REFLECTION

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to announce that we are launching a tuck shop after Easter for KS2 pupil in the first instance. Simply top up your Dolce account and your children can choose a healthy snack at break time. If you don't have an account, please speak to the office to find out how to easily download the app. Look for posters around school and more details on the newsletter.

This week the local authority carried out a safeguarding audit at Hill Farm and we were delighted with the results. Well done to Mrs Hammond and the team for ensuring our pupils safety and wellbeing are exceptionally provided for.

Thank you for your donations for Comic Relief – it is so much fun for our children to take part in fund raising events and we managed to raise over £270 for this important charity and tell a few jokes along the way.



Well done to **Coby in 3MB** for the best joke!

What do you call a teacher that's always running late?..... Mr Bus



Please remember parents evening is next week and appointments are still available. The meetings offer you a valuable insight into your child's progress and attitudes in school as well as advice about how you can help your child at home. If you are unable to attend then please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time or telephone call.

Finally, I couldn't resist sharing this photo of one of our year 1 pupils discovering that man has walked on the moon when researching the lives of real life superheroes! Education is truly amazing!

Thank you as always for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

We are pleased to welcome back parents/carers into school to attend our celebration assemblies. These take place on Friday mornings, at 9:00 am. The assemblies are our opportunity to reward pupils for showing our school values and good work as well as sharing any outside achievements with us such as weekend football/dance successes, special trips, photos, etc. 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 March – EYFS Mother's day/Special Person's day Assembly

25 March – Year 1 & 2 Mother's day / Special Person's day Assembly

1 April – KS2 Celebration Assembly

8 April – KS1 Celebration Assembly

BREAKFAST CLUB



There are spaces available in the Breakfast Club. It opens at **7:45 am until 8:30 am** and is only **£2.50** per pupil, per day. Payment should be made at least one week in advance at the office if possible. 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.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP



If you have not already paid the deposit for the Year 6 trip to Boreatton Park, please can this now be sent in to school. Payment cards will be returned for further payments to be made at your convenience.

SCHOOL MATTERS



We are pleased to see that despite the challenges we faced this year our attendance figures, are still good, and for the year to date our attendance is **94.1%**.

Our aim continues to be the national average of 96%

SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



1JH - Dominik has shown great maturity in school since returning from Half Term. He is the first child ready to learn, shows brilliant values and attitude to learning all the time and is a fantastic role model to his friends in 1JH. Well Done Dominik!

1NR - Sipan for showing great determination with his writing. He is becoming much more confident and is eager to complete his work independently.

2KK - Mahisha for using her kindness in the classroom and all around the school. She always offers to help and is a great role model for the younger children on the playground. Keep showing kindness Mahisha!

2LL - Renesmee for showing great determination and perseverance in Maths and Phonics. Since the start of Year 2 she has made great progress. Miss Lessels and Mrs Sisk-Crawford are very proud of you!

3KB - Mario as he has worked so hard on learning English since arriving at Hill Farm. He is now answering questions in class and writing more in his books! What a star!

3MB - Kacper. He has astounded Miss Browne with his Maths arithmetic skills. He has shown confidence in Maths and has really showcased his knowledge this week.

3NW - Harsirat for always having a fantastic attitude to learning and her work in English has been superb - she has written an excellent diary entry using a range of fronted adverbials accurately. Well done!

4EF - Shkola for a fantastic attitude to learning. Shkola approaches any task with determination and resilience and takes pride in everything she produces. This week, Shkola has helped other children to develop their reasoning skills in Maths by using 'because'.

4SO - Daisy-Anne is incredible. This week was test week and Daisy-Anne showed superb enthusiasm in each and every test 4SO have done. She tried her hardest, checked through her answers thoroughly and used her first 'R' of Reflection all the way through. Fantastic work Daisy-Anne!

4DJ - Imogen has really blown Miss Jones' socks off, she got herself onto number 5 two days in a row! And she really has shown that she is an outstanding learner through determination, pride and kindness. Recently, Imogen earned a handwriting pen and it has not only worked wonders with her presentation but with her writing, she has written a brilliant introduction to her instructions! Brilliant week Imogen, keep it up!

5SB - Adele. Mr Kalnins has been so impressed with Adele's determination in her tests this week. She has persevered and done amazing in her reading paper. Mr Kalnins can see she has listened in lessons and used what she has been taught (in the text it says....) to great effect. Mr Kalnins is so pleased with her efforts. Well done Adele.

5DL - Abi for showing kindness and independence in all lessons. He has been so helpful in class and has strived hard to complete his work to an excellent standard.

5SM - Sumedh for his determination to be the very best he can. Mr McCarty has never known anyone who is more voracious in his learning - he is always looking for new challenges and ways to extend his learning. He is an example of our Values in every way and shows each of them unprompted and throughout each and every day.

6SE - Lily for showing perseverance in her mock SATS tests this week. Lily has made so much progress and the year 6 team are very proud of her.

6GC - Fatahiya has shown real dedication to progressing in her writing. She is now producing powerful and cohesive pieces of writing independently.

6PR - Callum for showing resilience with his handwriting this week. He is taking extra care when forming his letters and is making excellent progress with his writing overall. Well done Callum!

SCHOOL'S ESCALATION PROCESS



Should you need to speak to school regarding your child, please follow our school's escalation process:

1. Your child's class teacher
2. The Year head/lead
3. A member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
4. A Deputy Head Teacher / Associate Head Teacher
5. Head Teacher

If you need help, please speak to the school office for guidance.

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 and create a library of wonderful texts for your children to access at home.

We also welcome donations of good quality children's books too



RED NOSE DAY



It was great to see so many children and staff wearing red today.

Also we enjoyed listening to some very funny jokes. Our winner was Coby, well done!

Thank you all for your generosity for this worthy charity as we have raised over **£270**.

TUCK SHOP



We are very pleased to announce that after the Easter holidays, on **Monday 25 April** the kitchen will be starting a Morning Tuck Shop. Dolce have asked to make sure your child has their spending limits set on SchoolGrid. Follow this link for instructions:

<https://youtu.be/KitSXmtH104>

No cash will be accepted

- Toast with Butter 30p
- Crumpet with Butter 50p
- Fruit Juice 40p
- Milkshake 80p
- Fruit Salad 50p

SCHOOL ABSENCE



Can we remind you should your child be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school office on the first morning of their absence on

02476 595 455 press **Option 3** to leave a message.

Alternatively, you can email their absence to:

enquiries@hillfarm.covetry.sch.uk





On Thursday 24 March Nursery and Reception are having a Mother's day/Special Person's day Assembly to celebrate those that are most important to them.

And on Friday 25 March Year 1 & 2 will be holding their Mother's day /Special Person's day assembly too.

VALUES IN ACTION

Next week is Values week at Hill Farm! It is a chance for us to bring our values to life and think about what they mean to us. We will be reading stories, writing, creating art and even recording our own videos! We are an accredited Values based Education (VbE) school and our values help us to **LEARN!** Look out for our exciting learning on Twitter!

- Nursery and Reception will be thinking about Altruism
- Year 1 and 2 will be learning how to Live Without Harm
- Year 3 and 4 will be focusing on Resourcefulness
- Year 5 will be exploring Equal Opportunities
- Year 6 will be understanding how to Navigate the World



SEN PARENT/CARER DROP - IN



Mrs Lucas (Acting SENCO) is available during parents evening in the KS2 Hall on Monday 21 March, Tuesday 22 March and Wednesday 23 March from 3:30pm-5:00pm. Please feel free to drop in or make an appointment if you would like to discuss your child's progress, provision, support or if you have any SEN questions.

Alternatively, we now offer a weekly 'Time to Talk' parent/carer appointments with Mrs Lucas (Acting SENCO).

It is an opportunity to talk about any questions or concerns you might have or discuss progress, additional needs or SEN support for your child. Appointments are available **every Wednesday** and can be made via the office. 'Time to Talk' appointments are available at 8:30am or 8:50am.



Headlines from Year 1

Reading

This week, year 1 have been awarded Phonics superstars for their amazing effort shown in phonics lessons. Children are chosen for making super progress, reading fluently and applying their sounds to their writing.



English

Year 1 really enjoyed drawing and then describing their own 'Wild Things' for World Book Day. We then used our ICT lessons to make them come alive using the iPads and apps to get them to move and dance!



Theme

Year 1 have loved learning about lots of different real life superheroes. We researched different heroes using a variety of sources such as the internet, pictures and books. We were astounded to learn Neil Armstrong went to the moon and what happened to Rosa Parks!



NOT A HALAL KITCHEN



Can we take this opportunity to remind those of you who it affects, that we **do not** serve Halal produce in our kitchen. If in doubt, about the ingredients in any of the meal choices you can click on the menu itself and it will give you a breakdown of all the ingredients it contains. Alternatively, you should pick the vegetarian option.

NURSERY SPACES



We have spaces available for Nursery children for September 2022. Parents/carers can apply for a place now. Please ask at the office for an application form. Your child will need to be 3 years old by September.













PARENT SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE



Don't forget to check out the **PARENTS** section of the school website to find out what's going on in your Local Community; News and Events.

KEY DATES 2022

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS NEED TO BE RE-INTRODUCED

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 21 st March	Reception & Year 6	Parents Evening
Tuesday 22 nd March	Nursery & Year 4	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 5	Parents Evening
Thursday 24 th March	Year 3	Parents Evening
Thursday 24 th March	Nursery & Reception	 Mother's Day/Special Person's Day Assembly 9:00am – KS2 Hall
Friday 25 th March	Year 1 & Year 2	Mother's Day/Special Person's Day Assembly 9:00am – KS2 Hall 
Monday 4 th – Thursday 7 th April	Whole School	
Wednesday 6 th April	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	Decorate the Egg Competition (Decision & prizes on 8 th April) 
Friday 8 th April	Nursery & Reception	 Easter Bonnet Parade 9:00am KS2 Hall
Friday 8 th April	Whole School	School Closes for Easter Holidays at 3:20pm 
Monday 25 th April	Whole School	School Gates Open at 8:30am We're Going Back To School 
Monday 25 th April	Key Stage 2	 Launch of Morning Tuck shop
Monday 2 nd May	Whole School	School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday 
Tuesday 3 rd May	Whole School	School Gates Open at 8:30am 
Thursday 26 th May	Reception	 Reception Vision Screening
Friday 27 th May	Whole School	School Closes for Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 6 th June	Whole School	School Gates open at 8:30am
Friday 24 th June	Whole School	 School Closed all day for Teacher Training Day