

4 MARCH 2022

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

### VALUE OF THE MONTH – REFLECTION

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

Dear Parent/Carer

It was lovely to start the second half of the Spring term by welcoming parents back into the building for our 'Celebration Assemblies' once more. We are currently planning a range of parent events that enable us to share the wonderful work and achievements of our pupils now that Covid restrictions have been removed.

The values assembly felt so much more special as many children were in costume for **World Book Day**. There were so many creative outfits! The day focused on developing a love of reading and pupils were given the opportunity to share and discuss their favourite books and characters. Even the school catering team got involved and worked their magic to produce some wonderful Hogwarts themed meals.

Year 2 have enjoyed their history lessons this week as they learned about the Great Fire of London. After building replica Tudor houses the pupils then went into the Forest School area and recreated how this famous fire took hold and spread through the houses – look on Twitter for lots more pictures.

Year 4 also went back in time as they investigated and created fossils and learned how they can teach us about living things from the past.



Parent evening is taking place from Monday 21st March and the meetings offer you a valuable insight into your child's progress and attitudes in school. We would like every parent to attend, however if you are unable to then please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time or telephone call.

Finally, Hill Farm is looking for a new Site Supervisor. If this is a role that interests you or you know someone that may be interested, please visit the Castle Phoenix Trust website for details about the position and how to apply.

<https://castlephoenixtrust.org.uk/job-opportunities/vacancies/>

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.



11 March – KS1 Celebration Assembly  
18 March – KS2 Celebration Assembly  
25 March – KS1 Celebration 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



We are really pleased to say that the Year 6 residential trip to Boreatton Park will be going ahead at the end of the Summer term. Therefore, if you have not already paid the deposit, please can this now be sent in to school as soon as possible next week. Payment cards will then be returned for further payment to be made at your convenience.

## SCHOOL MATTERS



We are pleased to see that despite the current challenges we are facing with COVID, our attendance figures, are still good, last week of term, our weekly attendance was **93.9%**.

**Our aim continues to be the national average of 96%**

## SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



**3MB – Antonia** for great oral participation in lessons. She is becoming more confident when sharing ideas and really tries hard to express them clearly.

**3NW – Amena** for always showing resilience and determination in her work. She has a fantastic attitude to learning and she is always helpful. Keep up the good work.

**3KB – Khloe** for being such a positive and kind person to have in the classroom! She reflects on her learning and how she can make her work better. She is a role model in both her behaviour and her attitude.

**4EF – Zuzanna** for a resilient and determined attitude to equivalent fractions this week. Zuzanna asked questions when she was unsure and proved her ideas by drawing bar models. She even tried her best to explain her ideas clearly using vocabulary like 'numerator' and 'denominator'. Great job Zuzanna!!

**4SO – Vedanth** is new to the school and has settled in like a duck to water. His attitude to learning is always fantastic, taking time to complete his work as efficiently as possible. He has made lots of friends since arriving at Hill Farm with his cheerful and bubbly personality. Glad to have you here Vedanth!

**4DJ – Ronik** for settling into 4DJ brilliantly and shows amazing enthusiasm to learn. He is always offering suggestions to class discussions and looking for the next way to challenge himself. Keep up the great work Ronik!

**5SB – Oliver.** There could be many reasons for picking him. His work ethic is fabulous. He always wants to improve. He has a good growth mindset. But this week it is because of his integrity. Such a great value to have: always doing the right thing even when no one is watching. This makes him a good role-model for the class. Keep up the good work Oliver- well done.

**5DL – Deian** for showing perseverance and resilience with his work in Maths when learning about fractions. He didn't give up even though he found the work challenging and as a result has made great progress this week.

**5SM – Taniya** for her fantastic effort in all lessons. She is always asking for more work and gives everything, she is asked to do, a try. She is incredibly determined to do well and has been a great addition to our class and school.

**6SE – Nathan** has all of the necessary qualities to become a scientist: he is curious, open minded and uses his prior knowledge to make links with his new learning. This week, we've looked at fossils in Science, considering what pre-historic animal or creature may have left its mark within the ground. Nathan reasoned that he believed it was the fossil of a bird due to its small bones - which he said looked lightweight - and streamline head shape - what a superstar!!

**6GC – George** has shown a huge improvement in his dedication and focus on progress across the curriculum this term. His handwriting has improved so much and he is producing wonderful pieces of writing. Keep up the good work.

**6PR – Olivia** for being resilient in her learning during Maths lessons. She is becoming more and more confident each day and is very helpful towards other members of the class. Well done Olivia!

## 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.

## BRAZIL READING PARTY

The passport to reading winners had the BEST time at the reading party. They travelled to **Brazil!** The children watched a carnival in Brazil, listened to carnival music, they made their own carnival masks and danced as if they were in the carnival!



## TTRS COMPETITIONS



Since Christmas, the children have been completing weekly class TTRS battles in Key Stage 2. Each week, we have awarded certificates to the winning class in each year group. The class with the most certificates by February half term earned a reward for their hard work and competitiveness.

The results were as follows:

1st place - **3MB**

2nd place - **4DJ**

3rd place - **5SM**

Well done, **3MB!** And a special well done to 2LL. Now that Year 2 children have learned some of their times tables facts, they were keen to join the competition. Over the last 3 weeks, 2LL have collected 3 certificates and have been scoring more points than most of the Key Stage 2 classes!

Our new weekly battles commence today- Friday 4th March. They will run from Friday to the following Thursday each week, so keep practising! We are looking for some new rock stars this half term.

## 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

## READING PASSPORT

The next destination for the Reading Passport is .....





## PARENTS EVENINGS

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

We are delighted that the easing of Covid restrictions means we can hold in-person parents evening appointments. These will be held week commencing 21 March. You should have received a letter this week notifying you of the relevant date for your child's year group. Just return the slip, highlighting your preferred appointment time.

- Monday 21 March – Reception and Year 6
- Tuesday 22 March – Nursery and Year 4
- Wednesday 23 March – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5
- Thursday 24 March – Year 3

## YEAR 6 SATS



A huge thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to join us for our SATs Briefings on Tuesday 15th February and Tuesday 1st March. If you were unable to attend but have questions regarding the tests, any member of the

Year 6 team will be happy to help so please pop by for a chat.

Some key messages from the briefings:

- The KS2 SATs Tests will take place on the week commencing **Monday 9th May**
- We are developing video content which will be available over the Easter break to support you and your children as they revise for the tests
- Your child/children shouldn't be worried about the tests; they are an opportunity for them to show off how much they know and celebrate how hard they have worked this year
- The single most important thing you can do to support your child at home is to read, read, read and read! The more language and vocabulary, sentence structures and story lines your child encounters, the easier they will find the reading test, the grammar test, writing and the understanding of the Maths reasoning questions.

We are so very proud of the children in Year 6 and how hard they are working - well done and keep it up!

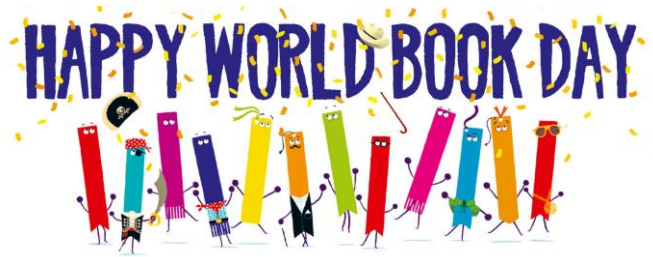
## PARKING



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 of caused injury to pedestrians

## WORLD BOOK DAY



It's been a week of discovering story lines of **Magic, Myths and Mystery** this week.

Year 6 have met a wolf cub who has befriended a boy in their new book Wolf Brother.

Whilst Year 3 are beginning to read about a man made of Iron! How crazy is that!

Year 2 have been whisked off to Grandma's house where George is creating his magical and marvellous medicine whilst

Year 5 are writing about a curse gone wrong!

In the canteen, we have even seen the magic of **Harry Potter** come to life with a Hogwarts inspired menu for World Book Day!

Today school has been transformed into a kaleidoscope of colours as the children dressed as their favourite characters - check Twitter for photos of some of the most creative!

This World Book Day, we wanted to highlight the magic of books...

Some allow us to speak to animals; others transport us to magical and mystical places beyond the realms of our imaginations.

We can meet characters with the craziest of lives or walk in someone else's footsteps for the hours that we turn the pages of a story.

Not only can books take us to new places with new people, they can teach us the values we want to live by, the consequences of our actions and how we would feel in certain situations.

Words strung into sentences and sentences built into paragraphs can change lives.

So, what are you waiting for?

Pick up a book and start reading!



## RED NOSE DAY

Don't forget it's


**Red Nose Day**  
on **Friday 18th March**.

The children can wear something red to school, bring their best joke and a 50p donation for this worthy charity.



# KEY DATES 2022

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

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Classes 4DJ & 4EF	<b>Herbert</b> Herbert Art Gallery & Museum Trip Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception & Year 6 classes only	NHS Initiative Heights & Weights 
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 4SO	<b>Herbert</b> Herbert Art Gallery & Museum Trip Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	Red Nose Day – Comic Relief 50p Donation 
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reception & Year 6	Parents Evening
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Nursery & Year 4	Parents Evening
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1, Year 2 & Year 5	Parents Evening
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3	Parents Evening
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	School Closes for Easter Holidays at 3:20pm 
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	School Gates Open at 8:30am We're Going Back To School 
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Whole School	School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday 
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Whole School	School Gates Open at 8:30am 