

4 APRIL 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – PATIENCE

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted at the success of our new community library - so many children have borrowed books to read at home, thank you so much for your support. The library is open every evening after school and children can take up to three books. As soon as they have returned a book, they can take another one! Children have designed their own library card which are barcoded – just like a traditional library only much more convenient! We have lots of books to suit every reader – if you haven't paid a visit yet – pop in after school today.

We are always happy to gratefully receive donations of good condition, children's books – if you have any your children no longer read, please drop them into the library or the main entrance.

The tuck shop will be launched after Easter for KS2 pupils 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.

Last week, an external Challenge Partner review team carried out an evaluation of the reading provision at Hill Farm. I am delighted to announce that the teaching of phonics and reading for all ages and abilities at Hill Farm was recognised as an Area of Excellence. This means from the moment your child starts Hill Farm you can be confident that every opportunity to learn and develop their reading skills will be of the highest quality.

Finally, as we enter the final week before the Easter holidays, we will be holding an Easter Bonnet competition for our nursery and reception pupils who will parade their creations during the KS1 assembly on Friday. Year 1 – year 6 pupils can enter a 'decorate a hard-boiled egg' competition. Winners will be announced Friday and posted on social media.

Thank you as always for your support, I hope you have a relaxing break.

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

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 **95.9%**.

Our aim continues to be the national average of 96%

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



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.

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 VALUE AWARD WINNERS



3KB - Aamina because of her hard work in every area of the curriculum, especially reading. She has really impressed me with her enthusiasm for reading a huge range of books, and even explaining what has been happening in some of the Shakespeare stories that she has been reading!

3MB - Amara is such a quiet, hardworking member of the class. She never gives up and has demonstrated excellent resilience when completing her work in class even when it is challenging.

3NW - Freya for demonstrating determination and resilience in all lessons as well as altruism when working with/helping others. Keep up the good work.

4EF - Sara for always arriving in school with an enormous smile on her face. She has a positive, enthusiastic and determined attitude to learning and always shows incredible kindness to other children, offering to help them with their work or play with them outside. You show all of our values every day. Keep up the great work!

4SO - Michaela has shown an incredible amount of determination when it comes to learning the English language. She's tried so hard that she has graduated from Mrs Maher's EAL group and is now back in class. Well done Michaela, you've shown us all how amazing and hardworking you are!

4DJ - Eli has shown so much determination and resilience with his writing. He has been editing and improving his work after completing it. He is also really thinking about where his punctuation should go to make his writing flow. Miss Jones can see that Eli is proud of the work that he is doing and so is Miss Jones! Keep it up!

5SB - Cassius has had a fabulous week. In each lesson he has been engaged and ready to learn. He has worked collaboratively in lessons and always been on task. Also, he has shown that the next steps for maths, given after parents evening, has had an impact on his learning - he has been reflective on them which has come out in lessons. Well done Cassius.

5DL - Skye-Marie for showing determination and resilience with her work in all subjects, particularly in Maths when adding and subtracting mixed fractions.

5SM - Renae for her dedication to work and her quiet striving for perfection. Renae is always trying her hardest and she is constantly improving. She doesn't get distracted and is always paying attention for new ways to learn. I can't seem to get her face out of a book as she is always reading! I could go on and on!

6SE - Lyla for her excellent attitude towards her learning and ability to reflect on her writing, drafting and editing to form a perfect piece.

6GC - Karshmika continuously and independently seeks out opportunities to support her peers and her class teacher in school. She is a hardworking, ambitious student who has become a role model to her peers. Well done Karshmika.

6PR - Shima for trying really hard with her handwriting this week. She has produced another excellent piece of writing that really captures the audience with imaginative vocabulary. Well done Shima!

FEATURED YEAR GROUP ARTICLES



Headlines from Reception

Reading

In Reception, we have been reading the story **Whatever Next** this week. We have loved using the puppets and the props to re-tell the story. We have been using the box as our very own spaceship and the colander as our space helmet to go on our very own space adventure.



Writing

We have been getting very creative this week, using the marble painting technique, to paint the Planet's in our Solar System. We have then been writing facts about these Planets! We are so proud of our work and have been showing them off to everyone!



Theme

Reception have been busy at home this term, creating their very own Solar System Projects! We are so proud of them and are looking forward to showcasing these to all our parents next week.



SCHOOLGRID DEBT FUNCTION



Schoolgrid have asked us to notify you that from **Monday 25 April**, they are changing the process for ordering school meals slightly. You will now require a credit on your account or have a Direct Debit set up to be able to place orders.

Please note this does not affect your account if you are entitled to Free School Meals or if your child receives Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2).

If your SchoolGrid account is not in credit or does not have a Direct Debit set up, you will no longer be able to place an order for a meal provided by the school. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dolce Customer Care at customercare@dolce.co.uk

01942 707709.

SENCO TIME TO TALK APPOINTMENTS













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 to 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**.

KEY DATES 2022

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

Date	Year Group	Event
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