

15 JULY 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE MONTH – MUTUAL RESPECT

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of term, there has been no time for winding down because every day has been filled with celebrating the achievements of Hill Farm pupils and creating memories that last a life time - and there is still a week to go!

Next week, the year 6 children head off for their residential trip, giddy with the news that their SATs results are the best Hill Farm have ever achieved (above local and national averages!) and that their end of year concert was a resounding success. The performance was stunning and each played a part to ensure this was by far the best yet resulting in the audience singing and dancing and giving the pupils a well-deserved standing ovation.

The year 3 children had a wonderful day at Twycross Zoo in the most beautiful sunshine that helped them make the most of the splash park! The year 1 and 2 children had an excellent day at Weston-Super-Mare where again the weather was just perfect. Children giggled with friends, played in the sand, rode donkeys and ate chips followed by ice-cream.

Then of course, there was the water fun day! If you have chance to look on Twitter there are lots of photographs that show the children having a brilliant time soaking each other and the staff – I'm not sure who enjoys it more!

Transition day was very successful with all pupils leaving school happy that they were still with friends and looking forward to another excellent year with their new teacher.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to two of our teachers Ms Brown and Mr McCarty who are moving locations and Hill Farm is just too far to travel! We wish them every success in their new roles. We also have some teaching assistants moving on to new adventures. Good luck to Mrs Sergeant, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Sheriff – thank you so much for the many years of dedication and commitment. Finally, we say an extremely sad goodbye to Mrs Pendleton who after 11 years is retiring. Most of our pupils have been lucky enough to have been taught and cared for by Mrs Pendleton and her kind heart and warm smile has touched us all. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best and a very relaxing retirement.

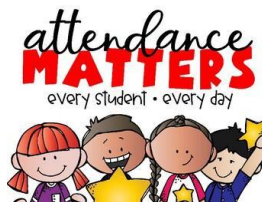
Next week looks set to be even hotter with possibly record-breaking temperatures. Please remember to send your children in with sun hats and sun cream they can apply themselves. We will be making some timetable adjustments to ensure pupils are outside during cooler parts of the day and not taking part in vigorous activity. Please see additional letter attached for more information

Finally, look out for a special edition of the newsletter next Friday which will round up an excellent year.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

SCHOOL MATTERS



We are pleased to see that our attendance figures are still good, and from September until now our attendance is **94.4%**. **Our aim continues to be the national average of 96%**

READING

Our Reading Passport destination this term is **GREECE**, let's see how many of our readers can reach it and go to the Reading Party, being held on **Monday 18th July**.



SEND '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**.

WATER FUN DAY



As the weather reached the high 20s this week (sometimes even 30+ degrees), we had a welcomed **Water Fun Day** on Tuesday.

Great fun was had by all those taking part and even some members of staff joined in too.

KEY STAGE ONE - SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



1BM - Dominik for showing determination with his reading. Dominik has made lots of progress because he has worked so hard!

1NR - Tomasz has been chosen because of the amazing progress he has made this year. Tomasz has worked hard with his reading which has also improved his writing.

2KK - Esme for showing courage and independence when meeting her new teacher on transition day. Esme was a little bit worried about Year 3, but after using her courage and trying her best, she is super excited to move up to Year 3. Well done, Esme, keep being courageous.

2LL - Logan for showing great independence and determination over the last few weeks when completing his work. Logan had a fantastic day last week in his new classroom and he showed that he is ready for Year 3!



Our KS1 Phonic Superstars are:

- Evelina, Lita-May, Rory, Ruby, Adam



Our KS1 TTRS Winners – All Time Most played

- 2KK - Angel & Bareerah
- 2LL - Aatheesh & Kaja

- Rory, Jad, Pippa, Ibrahima,
- Gabriel, Diya, Kayden, Emmanuel A



KEY STAGE TWO - SCHOOL VALUE AWARD WINNERS



3KB - Roksana for all her hard work on her writing and in maths. Ms Brown has noticed her concentrating much harder on her learning and working harder in her independent work. Keep it up in Year 4, Roksana!

3MB - Reece as Miss Browne cannot fault his effort and attitude towards his learning, even when he finds work challenging. He has demonstrated great determination in his learning. Miss Browne is really pleased that he is working hard on improving his punctuality too. Well done Reece!

4EF - Khadeeja for showing determination, resilience and creativity in every lesson! Khadeeja is constantly striving to challenge herself and this week has shown perseverance when working on investigations in Maths.

4SO - Ruby-Jayne has arrived at Hill Farm only recently and taken to here like a duck to water. She is happy, confident and a breath of fresh air in the classroom. Mr Owens is gutted that he only gets to spend three weeks with her before she shows her new year 5 teacher how amazing she is!

4DJ - Baylei for being an extremely hard working and kind member of the class. She is always offering to help and support her classmates and teachers. She is a superstar!

5SB - Caitlyn for her resilience and determination to succeed. She always tries her best and has the desire to learn and understand topics in lessons. This has allowed her to contribute to lessons giving opinions and ideas as well as articulated answers, therefore she has made great progress. Well done- keep up the good work.

5DL - Ajay for his determination, resilience and pride in everything he has achieved. He has been working really hard this year and shown that he is ready for Year 6 which has been shown in his brilliant attitude towards everything he has tried.

5SM - James F. All of the children and adults are extremely proud of the progress that James has made this year. Not only has he learnt his numbers and sounds, he has developed his independence and resilience. Most importantly, he has taught us how to be a more kind and caring class. He is the perfect example of a Happy Hill Farmer and we will miss him dearly when he starts his new school.

6SE - Lyla for her commitment in rehearsals to learning the complex dances for our upcoming production. She has been determined, shown enthusiasm and a drive for excellence. We are super proud of her and can't wait for her to be a star in the real performance.

6GC - George has shown a real strength in his confidence this week whilst practising performance. He has spoken confidently in front of his peers and stepped up to take the place of missing characters when they have been absent. Miss Callaghan is so proud of you!

6PR - Keira for her excellent contribution in our production. You have shown a fantastic amount of courage and determination to be able to get up and perform in front of everyone. Your lines have been delivered perfectly and your dancing has been amazing. We are so proud. Well done Keira!

SCHOOL HOUSE WINNERS



The winning House this year is..... to be announced next week and it could be any of the four!!!

Phoenix Wildcat

Eagle Elephant

ORACY CELEBRATION DAY



ORACY – is being able to express yourself well. It's about having the vocabulary to say what you want to say and the ability to structure your

thoughts so that they make sense to others. It has been found that debating helps children develop their oracy skills.

So, as a part of Oracy Celebration Day, every class in the school took part in a mock debate where children debated whether or not humanity was destroying the earth or helping it to flourish.

An Oracy Star was chosen from each class and they took part in a gruelling Oracy Star Final where they were asked to talk for one minute about something they are passionate about.

After lengthy discussions with the merciless judges, **Dominik from 3MB** was crowned Hill Farm Oracy Star. Well done Dominik and well done Hill Farm for showcasing such fabulous oracy skills.



Physical



Linguistic



Cognitive



Social & Emotional

SEND SUPPORT SERVICE



Coventry Complex Communication Team will be delivering a series of 6 **free** workshop sessions aimed at parents and carers of children and young people on the Autism spectrum and with complex communication needs.

Each session will be delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams and presented by a specialist practitioner in the field of Autism. There will be a series of sessions focusing on a range of topics.

Check out this link for more information:

<https://hillfarmprimary.org.uk/parents/community-news-and-events/>



SUMMER FAYRE



Thank you to everyone that came and supported our Summer Fayre today. All proceeds will go to school funds to help buy new resources for the children. Also thank you for your generous donations for the Rainbow raffle hampers. They looked Amazing!!

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL



Some of our Year 6 children are off on their Residential trip to Boreatton Park on **Monday 18th July**.

No mobile phones, music devices or electronic games are allowed. The children are encouraged to bring a pack of cards, a travel game such as Connect 4, a puzzle book or reading book, should they have reflection/quiet time.

Make sure they have read the Checklist for packing and that they bring a packed lunch with them, for the first day of the trip.

YEAR 6 PERFORMANCE



Our year 6 children put on an all singing, all dancing show on Thursday afternoon and evening, much to the delight of their families, friends and teaching staff.

It was an incredible performance of **"The Greatest Showman"**.

Well Done Year 6 for all your hard work and effort, it really paid off and you should be very proud of yourselves!!

YEAR 6 PROM



We are hosting a Year 6 Prom Night on **Thursday 21st July** from **18:30 to 20:00**.

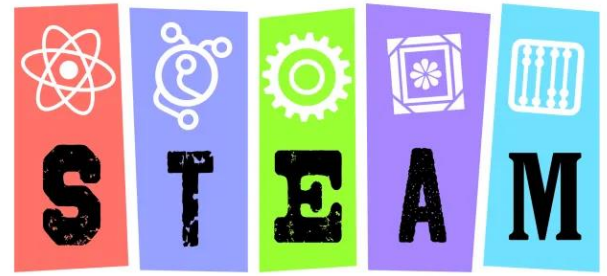
Food and drink will be provided and children are encouraged to wear formal clothing.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY



Just a reminder for Year 6 parents/carers, that we will be saying a final farewell to our Year 6 children on **Friday 22nd July**. Please join us at **9:15am** for the Leavers assembly, as we celebrate their achievements and they share their memories of their time at Hill Farm.

STEAM WEEK



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING • ART • MATHEMATICS

All week, children have been getting their creative juices flowing and have produced some fantastic pieces of Art work and infographics for Design and Technology.

We would love for you to come and see their work in the KS2 hall, when you pick up your child on **Tuesday 19th July**.

You may need your phone for a more interactive experience!

All photos are on Twitter with some containing the hashtag [#HillFarmSTEMWeek2022](https://twitter.com/HillFarmSTEMWeek2022).

SCHOOL REPORTS

Look out for your child's school report, which will be sent home on **Thursday 21st July, 2022**



CAKE DONATIONS



Thank you all for your cake donations, that were gratefully received and eaten via our Refreshments stall today. Much appreciated.

HILL FARM STAFF LEAVERS



We would like to say goodbye and good luck to the following members of staff who are leaving us this term:

Ms Brown, Mrs Campbell, Mr Kalnins, Mr McCarthy, Mrs Pendleton, Mrs Sergeant and Mrs Sheriff

We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

SCHOOL DATES

School Closes at **3:20pm** on **Friday 22nd July** & Re-Opens on **Wednesday 7th September** at **8:30am**



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

In line with statutory government guidance, **from September** Hill Farm will be selling second hand uniform. The uniform shop will be located in the community library and will be open from **3:00pm** on the

first Friday of every month.

If you have any uniform that is in good condition that no longer fits or is being replaced, please can I ask that you consider donating it to school.

Any donations can be dropped into the school office or given to your child's class teacher.








We currently have a large amount of lost property. If your child has lost any items of uniform, please could you visit lost property to collect. Lost property will also be available to look through at the school picnic on Friday. Any un-named items not claimed on Friday will be donated to the school uniform shop.

Please can I remind you to clearly name all items of uniform and equipment so that we can return lost items back to children quickly.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

KEY DATES 2022

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

| Date | Year Group | Event |
|---|--------------|--|
| Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th July | Year 6 |  Year 6 Residential Trip |
| Thursday 21 st July | Year 6 |  Year 6 Prom (details to follow) |
| Friday 22 nd July | Year 6 | Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:00am  |
| Friday 22 nd July | Whole School |  School Closes at 3:20pm for the Summer Holidays |
| Monday 5 th & Tuesday 6 th September 2022 | Whole School |  School Closed both days for Teacher Training Days |
| Wednesday 7 th September 2022 | Whole School |  School Gates open at 8:30am New School Year begins |
| Friday 9 th September 2022 | Whole School |  Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (1st Friday of the Month) & is located in our Community Library |

SPECIAL EDITION



Watch this Space next week for a
Special Edition of the Newsletter,
which will round up an Excellent Year
at Hill Farm Primary School