

22 JULY 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What an amazing year we have had at Hill Farm. Each week has been filled with so many exciting learning opportunities and activities as we strived to cram in all the educational experiences pupils missed during the pandemic.

Curriculum trips and visits resumed with particular highlights being the whole school trip to the Belgrade Theatre, the KS1 trip to the beach and the year 6 residential trip on the hottest days of the year!

We've had assemblies, dress-up days, dress-down days, Christmas performances, sports days and of course the stunning year 6 leavers play.

Community events including the firework display, family picnic and last week's summer fair in which your generosity helped us raise a huge **£1204** which will go towards developing the community library.

Then there were the discos, live music performances and the year 6 prom which was simply delightful. The staff had decorated the hall, arranged a delicious buffet and organized music, games and even a photo booth to capture their last memories as Hill Farm students.

And in the midst of all of this our pupils still had time to achieve the best results Hill Farm have ever had. Both our KS1 and KS2 children exceeded the local and national outcomes in their SATS for age related expectations.

| Year 6 (2021-2022) | Coventry | National | Hill Farm |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|
| % of children achieving the expected standard in Reading | 70% | 74% | 75% |
| % of children achieving the expected standard in Maths | 67% | 71% | 80% |
| % of children achieving the expected standard in Writing | 64% | 70% | 82% |

Then, this morning the leaver's assembly had everyone in tears! It is always with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils as we are sad to see them leave but happy that they go as prepared, confident youngsters filled with potential and possibility.

We hope they take a small part of Hill Farm into wherever their future takes them. Congratulations and thank you to all our children and particularly well done to those pupils recognised for outstanding achievements. We wish you every success and hope you visit from time to time.

And of course – the summer is just a short break before we begin again! Look out for Autumn term key dates listed on the back of the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff and their families as it is their commitment and enthusiasm that makes Hill Farm so special and ensures pupils enjoy every day in an exciting, fun and happy school that is dedicated to their well-being.

All that's left for me now is to wish you a relaxing summer.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

N SCHOOL HOUSE WINNERS

The winning House this year is.....



Wildcat

Congratulations & Well Done!!

READING PARTY



Our Reading Party destination this year was to **Greece!** The children had a brilliant time, they

designed their own Greek God, ate Tzatziki with Pitta and even took part in the Greek Olympics! We also learnt a traditional Greek dance, be sure to have a look at our Twitter page for a sneak preview! Make sure to keep an eye out for where we will be travelling to next year!

#HILLFARMONTOUR



Wow! What an experience our Year 6 children have had this week! From kayaking on the most stunning lake, climbing and abseiling, swinging on ropes like Tarzan's most accomplished protégés to practising shooting rifles, making our way through tunnels and across walls and singing around the campfire in a secluded woodland, we've done it all!



Going on a residential trip should be all about learning new things, becoming independent and challenging ourselves. We've faced heights, darkness, being away from parents and carers for the first time, mud, water and even spiders! We've made new friends, learnt new skills and laughed until we've cried. We've tried new things, played new games and have learnt who snores! We've had wobbly legs in fear, bathed in sun cream and never been so hot in our lives. And we've done it all with a smile! All in all, we've had a ball!



#HILLFARMONTOUR



As a team of staff, we can honestly say that we are so proud of how our children have represented Hill Farm.



Despite the blisteringly hot temperatures, they have remained cool when faced with a challenge, have shown respect to all the staff and other children at

PGL (and even practised their French with some foreign students!), have shown kindness and generosity to their peers and have been the most incredible support to each other.



We will be so sad to wave our children off as they come to the end of their time at Hill Farm but we are so thankful that we were able to offer them the most incredible experience that they will remember and cherish forever.



#HILLFARMONTOUR - 2022

YEAR 6 PROM

Prom Night

We held a Year 6 Prom Night on **Thursday 21st July**. All the children came in formal attire and had a brilliant night, dancing and laughing with their friends!



YEAR 6 LEGACY AWARD WINNERS

Well done to the winners of the Hill Farm Legacy awards, which are presented to the children that have shown particular strengths in the following areas of school life:

- ✚ Outstanding Achievement – **Ines**
- ✚ Values – **Christopher**
- ✚ Contribution to School Life – **Yousuf**
- ✚ Sports Endeavour – **Georgia**
- ✚ Inspiration Award – **Jan**
- ✚ Contribution to the Arts – **Demari**
- ✚ Student Leadership – **Isabella**



We are so proud of all the children and what they have achieved throughout their time at Hill Farm. We wish them all the best as they start their journeys onto secondary school.

FREE INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**.
 Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above.

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POLICE

SCHOOL REPORTS

Hopefully you have received your child's school report, which was sent home on **Thursday 21st July, 2022**. We would greatly appreciate it if you would complete the feedback form and return it to school.



SCHOOL DATES

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



KEY DATES 2022/2023

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

| Date | Year Group | Event |
|--|-------------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| Wednesday 7 th & Thursday 8 th September 2022 | Nursery | Nursery Home Visits |
| Thursday 8 th September 2022 | Reception | Reception Stay & Play (as per your joining letters) |
| Friday 9 th September 2022 | Whole School | Second Hand Uniform Shop Open (1 st Friday of the Month) & is located in our Community Library |
| Friday 16 th September 2022 | Whole School | Roald Dahl Day (dress up in Yellow or a Character from one of his books) |
| Thursday 20 th October 2022 | Whole School | Spooky Disco |
| Thursday 20 th October 2022 | Whole School | School Closes for Half Term at 3:20pm |
| Friday 21 st October 2022 | Whole School | School Closed for Teacher Training Day |
| Monday 31 st October 2022 | Whole School | School Opens at 8:30am |
| Monday 7 th November 2022 | Whole School | Parents Evening throughout the week |
| Thursday 10 th November 2022 | Prospective New Starters 2023 | EYFS Open Day |
| Thursday 24 th November 2022 | Reception to Year 6 | Flu Immunisations |
| Friday 25 th November 2022 | Whole School | Non uniform Day for Bottle Donations |
| Tuesday 29 th November 2022 | Year 1 to Year 6 | Belgrade Theatre Trip |
| Friday 2 nd December 2022 | Whole School | Non uniform Day for Chocolate Donations |
| Friday 9 th December 2022 | Whole School | Craft Fair |
| Friday 9 th December 2022 | Whole School | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Monday 12 th December 2022 | Nursery & Reception | EYFS Play |
| Tuesday 13 th December 2022 | Years 1 & 2 | KS1 Play |
| Thursday 15 th December 2022 | Years 3 & 4 | Carols by Candlelight (afternoon) |
| Thursday 15 th December 2022 | Years 5 & 6 | Carols by Candlelight (evening) |
| Friday 16 th December 2022 | Whole School | Break up for Christmas Holidays at 3:20pm |
| Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 | Whole School | School Opens at 8:30am |

Watch out for information, that will be sent home, nearer the time of each of the above events