

23 SEPTEMBER 2022

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer



Monday was a day of mixed emotions as the period of national mourning came to an end with the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. There was immense sadness but also pride watching the procession and the crowds of well-wishers from all over the world who paid tribute.

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This week saw the multitude of clubs begin with Hill Farm pupils able to take part in a range of activities including Forest School, Football and Reading for Pleasure to name a few. We hope that every child will join in at least one after school activity and would ask if you have any suggestions or ideas for clubs that you let your child's class teacher know.

Last Friday some of our year 6 children were lucky enough to attend a science fair organized by the University of Warwick where they had the opportunity to take part in a range of science experiments. The rest of the school also enjoyed the day as they dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters. There were some very creative costumes – well done to everyone that took part.

Today was the first of the new style celebration assembly for years 1 – 5 to recognize the achievements and values shown by our pupils.

Year 6 pupils will now have their own achievement assemblies each month. The first one is on Tuesday 11th October at 2:45 pm.

Parents will be notified on the Friday before if their child is receiving an award. Subsequent autumn term dates are Tuesday November 11th and 6th December.

There is also the welcome return of class performance assemblies – starting with 5SM on 30 September. This is an opportunity for pupils to share their work and all parents of the class are welcome. Finally, next Tuesday 27th September is 'Meet the Teacher' evening at 3:30 – 4 pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and find out information such as PE days and homework expectations, etc. If you are not able to attend and would like to speak to your child's new teacher, please make an appointment at the office.

Thank you for your support,

*Dawn Wilson - Headteacher*

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



We are hosting our Celebration assemblies again this year for Years 1 to 5. They will be held in the KS2 Hall and start at 9:00am.

Y6 will have a monthly showcase/celebration assembly.

We would love if it if you could join us with your family and friends.

If your child is due to be presented with a certificate or an award you will receive an invite to the assembly no later than the Wednesday of that week.

**Fri 23 September 2022** – Y1-5 Celebration Assembly KS2 Hall

**Fri 30 September 2022** – Class 5SM Assembly

**Tues 11 October 2022** – 2:45pm Y6 Monthly Showcase Assembly

## READING



Reading is a number one priority at Hill Farm. We recognise that, if a child can read, they can go on to do anything and everything that they want to do in life. Not only can they learn more about things that interest them, take a glance into the past or visit a different country through the pages of a story, they can also learn how to become a better person, learn to respect other

cultures and beliefs and recognise in others the values that they would want to show themselves.

## PARKING



We have again had several complaints from the local residents, regarding parking. Would you please park considerably,

when dropping off and picking up your children from school. Please do not block residents' driveways and do not park on the yellow zigzag markings.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Unfortunately, it is with deep regret that we can longer have dogs on school grounds.

Please keep them on the pavement outside of the school site.



**1JH – Mirthik** for showing a mature attitude and independence when settling into Year1, a role model for the class.

**1JH – Mafred** for his positivity and enthusiasm to his learning, particularly his curiosity and questioning during lessons.

**1NR – Daria** for always coming into school with a big smile on her face. She has settled into independent working really quickly and is a super role model for the rest of the class.

**1NR – Lucas** for super work in maths this week. He has worked independently and has also been keen to help others on his table.

**2KK – Olivia** for taking pride in her work. She always uses beautiful handwriting and has amazing presentation.

**2KK – Rory** for showing great responsibility when using equipment in school and he takes care of things in the classroom.

**2LL – Jasmine** for her ambitious vocabulary choices when describing a character's feelings in our English lessons.

**2LL – Elijah** for settling in to Year 2 with great determination to succeed. You have shown lots of courage in the transition from Year 1 to Year 2.

**3BM – Kaja** for consistently makes good choices! Kaja is a wonderful example of our school values. Well done, Kaja!

**3BM – Amelia** is always offering to help her friends and adults in the class. She is an amazing member of 3BM. Thank you, Amelia!

**3EF – Aaqib** for showing creativity and determination this week in English and has written some FANTASTIC expanded noun phrases for his setting description! He challenged himself by using a thesaurus to independently improve his vocabulary choices.

**3EF – Cyprus** has shown resilience this week in Maths when partitioning in different ways. Even though this was a tricky skill to learn, Cyprus did not give up and used the 3 R's (resource, reflect, request) to help herself when she was unsure!

**4DJ – Mia** for being an AMAZING role model to all of the children in her class and in Year 4. This week, she has also wowed Miss Jones with her writing when she had written a brilliant character description!

**4DJ – Emmanuel** for showing brilliant resilience when writing his diary entry as a Victorian child and showing a great improvement in his attitude to learning over the past week.

**4SO – Gyamfi.** Mr Owens has been thoroughly impressed with Gyamfi since we have returned to school. He works tirelessly and showcases his value of responsibility in his work by holding himself to a high standard. Well done Gyamfi!

**4SO – Sienna** because she truly embodies our Live without Harm statement. Mr Owens has seen her helping children, caring for children, checking that children are alright and comforting children if they are not. What a lovely role model you are Sienna!

**5DL – Nieve** for always showing determination in her tasks and never giving up, no matter how difficult.

**5DL – Armaan** for his unwavering kindness, patience and determination in all aspects of his work!



**5MB – Lisa** as she has proved to be a responsible member of the class, helping her peers and the adults too. Lisa has made an excellent start to Year 5.

**5MB – Abdul** because he is motivated and works hard on every task, showing determination even when he finds things tricky. He has an excellent attitude towards his learning.

**5SM – Ferrari** for consistently determined to achieve his best and being responsible for the quality of his work.

**5SM – Ruby** for being considerate towards other people's feelings and altruistic in the classroom.

### 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.

### INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS

These workshops are hosted by West Midlands Police and Coventry City Council's Prevent Team. They will share guidance and strategies on how to make the internet a safer experience for children. They are being ran on either the 26<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please go on line and book your free tickets.

#### 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.



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

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Years 1 - 6	Meet the Teacher 3:30pm – 4:00pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Year 4	Black Country Museum Trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Whole School	Spooky Disco
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Whole School	School Closes for Half Term at 3:20pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Whole School	School Closed for Teacher Training Day
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Year 5	Beaumanor Hall Trip
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Whole School	Parents Evening throughout the week
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Prospective New Starters 2023	EYFS Open Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Reception to Year 6	Flu Immunisations
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Whole School	Non uniform Day for Bottle Donations
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Year 1 to Year 6	Belgrade Theatre Trip Jack & the Beanstalk
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	Whole School	Non uniform Day for Chocolate Donations
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Whole School	Craft Fair
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Nursery & Reception	EYFS Play
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Years 1 & 2	KS1 Play
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Years 3 & 4	Carols by Candlelight ( afternoon)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Years 5 & 6	Carols by Candlelight (evening)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Whole School	Break up for Christmas Holidays at 3:20pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Reception	Vision Screening

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

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



In line with statutory government guidance, **from now on** Hill Farm will be selling second hand uniform. The uniform shop will be located in the community library and will

be open from **2:30pm** 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.

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.

#### NOT A HALAL KITCHEN

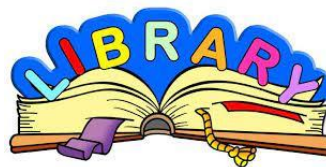


Can we take this opportunity to remind those of you who it affects, that we **do not** serve Halal produce in our kitchen.

If in doubt, about any of 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.

#### LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY



If you have any Hill Farm library books at home please would you **return them** to your child's class teacher or the school office please.

The Library will be open weekly on Mondays and Fridays.