

18 NOVEMBER 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent / Carer

So much has happened at Hill Farm during the last two weeks! Thank you so much to the pupils and families who joined us for our Firework Spectacular. The weather was finally kind which meant we were all able to enjoy the fireworks together – we even managed to raise almost £500 that will go toward developing the community library.

Published author Aaron Ashmore, who was a pupil at Hill Farm came in to school and talked with the children about becoming an author. He gave out free copies of his books to some lucky pupils and also signed a set for the school.



Head boy and girl handed over the harvest donations to the local food bank representative. Thank you so much for your generosity at a time when so many families are experiencing difficulties.

This week is national anti-bullying week and Hill Farm pupils have been thinking about the different types of bullying and what to do if they see it taking place either in school or on-line. Pupils and staff wore odd socks today to show their support of this important campaign.

Mr Delanley and Miss Frogley took a team of year 6 pupils to the indoor athletics tournament this week and were delighted when Hill Farm won the overall event after competing against many other Coventry schools. They now go on to the next round – well done Hill Farm!



The Festive Fair will take place this year on Friday 9th December at 2:15 pm. There will be a variety of crafts, cakes and other goodies on sale. If you would like to have a table to sell any second-hand items or know of any businesses that would like to attend, please contact Miss Edwards or the office. Tables are £5 each.

A quick reminder that we are having a non-uniform day next Friday 25th November. Children can come dressed casually in exchange for donating a 'bottle' such as bubble bath, shampoo, soft drinks, etc. Any alcohol donations should be delivered straight to the school office. The following Friday, 2nd December will be a further non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate donation. All donations will be used to fund raise at the Festive Fair.

Finally, please look at the dates attached to the newsletter as festive events have been added with timings for performances. Further details about tickets will follow in due course but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



We are hosting our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 5. They are held in the KS2 Hall and start at 9:00am. Y6 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 25 November 2022 – 9:00am 1NR Class Assembly
Tues 29 November 2022 – 2:45pm Y6 Monthly Showcase Assembly
Fri 2 December 2022 – 9:00am Y1-5 Celebration Assembly
Fri 9 December 2022 – 9:00am 3EF Class Assembly
Fri 16 December 2022 – 9:00am Y1-5 Celebration Assembly

ATTENDANCE



Our aim as a school is for every child to achieve at least **96%** attendance.

Whole school attendance is currently **95.6%**

'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**.

'NEW TO RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

Welcome to Reception



We are having a New to Reception Open morning on **Tuesday 6th December at 9:15am**. So, come and join us if you, or someone you know has a child that is new to Reception that would be starting school in 2023.



1JH - Mahveen for her creativity and imagination in English.

1JH - Cayson for showing patience and determination in independence writing.

1NR - Susana for settling in so well and amazing us with her fantastic reading.

1NR - Eva for her fantastic effort in Maths. Eva has learnt her number bonds to 10 and can recall them quickly.

2KK - Christine for always giving 100% with everything she does at home and at school.

2KK - Maaya for trying her best in all lessons and listening to all instructions.

2LL - Jagoda for following instructions and trying her best in every task given.

2LL - Arafat for showing kindness to his friends when helping them in class.

3BM - Gabriel for joining in on the trip and making Hill farm proud by showing how excellent we are!

3BM - Bareerah for working hard to improve her writing and include the skills we have practised.!

3EF - Zuzanna for working hard to improve her letter formation! She has worked really hard to make her writing clear for the reader.

3EF - Aksharan for showing determination and resilience in all lessons. His fantastic attitude to learning has helped him to make huge progress so far!

4DJ - Layla for always showing kindness to her friends and great resilience and determination in maths. She is always challenging herself to take her learning further!

4DJ - Ylan-Wright for completing some super writing in English this week and using very ambitious vocabulary, he used the resources that he had around him and tried to use different sentence types!

4SO - Sienna was an absolute star during our class performance. Mr Owens knew she felt a little bit nervous and had less time to learn her lines but she spoke them confidently in front of a hall that was full to the brim with people. Well done!

4SO Grace has been wowing Mr Owens recently. He thinks she has decided that she wants to be a motivated learner every day because that's exactly what has happened. He's been particularly impressed with her writing skills where she has been pushing herself to have excellent handwriting and she enthusiastically answers questions in class. Keep it up Grace!

5DL - Baylei for being an absolute ray of sunshine and brightening my days with her amazing knowledge and attitude to her learning.

5DL - Matthew for his determination in his tasks, for his resilience and his growing independence in his lessons.

5DL - Eliezer for her kindness and empathy which she shows to all others at all times.

5DL - Taslima for always being a good friend and helping others, no matter what.

5MB - Ariella for always putting 100% into her work. She has an excellent attitude and has shown perseverance in our tricky DT task.

5MB - Reagan for showing his values at all times. He is kind and polite and always has a huge smile on his face.



5MB - Eli for showing curiosity on our school trip. He asked some super questions and demonstrated an excellent knowledge of World War 2 in his own contributions too.

5MB - Zuzanna for an excellent all-round attitude. She works incredibly hard throughout the curriculum and is a kind, polite young lady too.

5SM - Ranwa for her determination to improve her English speaking and writing, and all-round loveliness!

5SM - Eymen for his excellent manners and consideration towards others and their feelings.

5SM - Neva for sheer determination to learn English! She is consistently demonstrating independence and a positive attitude towards her learning.

5SM - Cinar for always demonstrating a willingness to learn and achieve his very best. He is a role model for all of the children in his class.

LUNCHTIME VALUES WINNERS



Year 1 - Raneem always shows her values throughout lunch time by being kind and helpful.

Year 2 - Beti for excellent behaviour lovely manners and kindness.

Year 3 - Mahisha for being respectful and showing kindness to her peers.

Year 4 - Mohammed because he shows kindness and always holds open doors for others to walk through, he has lovely manners fantastic values Mohammed, well done!

Year 5 - Ferrari for demonstrating our school values, in particular showing respect and responsibility.

Year 6 - Nathaniel for always showing his values to both peers and staff during lunchtimes.

RISE MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS



Parent Workshops - 9am in the KS2 Hall follows:

- **Tuesday 22nd November** – Understanding low mood in children and young people
- **Tuesday 6th December** - Understanding emotional regulation

If you would like to book a confidential consultation with our mental health practitioner, please email:

HFP-RISE@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

CELEBRATED COVENTRY AUTHOR



On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome into school, published author Aaron Ashmore. He is a local author who celebrates Coventry in his children's books. Aaron actually came to Hill Farm as a child so he was really excited to be back to visit.

BOTTLE DONATIONS



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Any alcohol donations should be delivered straight to the school office.

FIREWORK FIESTA NIGHT



Thank you all for attending our **Firework Fiesta Night**.
It was a brilliant night that really went with a bang!
We raised an incredible **£452** and these funds will go toward the development of the family library.

ODD SOCKS DAY – ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Today was **Odd Socks day** in school.
It was a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION



**IMMUNISATION TEAM
KEEPING YOU SAFE**

The Coventry NHS Nasal Flu immunisation team will be visiting Hill Farm on **Thursday 24th November** to administer the nasal flu vaccine to our children from Reception classes all the way up to and including our Year 6 pupils.

Please make sure you have completed **the electronic**

consent form or your child will **NOT** be given the vaccine. If you need further information, please contact the school office.

DOLCE CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Dolce is putting on a Christmas Lunch on **Wednesday 7th December**

If you would like your child to join in the celebrations don't forget to order their meal via SchoolGrid.



On this day your child can also bring in a cracker to pull with their friends.

REMEMBRANCE DISPLAY



Our Year 5 children used their hand made clay poppies to create our Remembrance display, inspired by "Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red". We also observed a 2 minute silent to think and reflect.

SCAM CHRISTMAS EVENT - WARNING

An **urgent warning** has been made to people not to buy tickets for a 'scam' Christmas event due to take place in Coventry. Coventry City Council has confirmed that the **Christmas Festival of Light** event, advertised online as taking place in Hearsall Common next month, has not been licenced or given any official approval. The city council said its Trading Standards department was aware of the alleged event and was urging people **NOT** to buy tickets. It is being promoted on Facebook and also at www.christmasfestivaloflight.com, which says: "Packed with festive cheer, some of the UK's fastest and most thrilling rides, rollercoasters, Fairground favourites for all ages".

EARLY YEARS ATTENDANCE BEAR

Nursery and Reception children have had a special bear arrive at School this week. Meet the new Early Years Attendance Bear, **Denzel** (name chosen by Jesse in Squirrels!).



The bear will spend one week in the Winning class's classroom. This week's winners of the Attendance Bear, Denzel, are **Squirrels!!** Well done to the afternoon nursery class!



Date	Year Group	Event
Thursday 24 th November 2022	Reception to Year 6	Nasal 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 (normal start time)	Belgrade Theatre Jack & the Beanstalk
Friday 2 nd December 2022	Whole School	Non uniform Day for Chocolate Donations
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	New to Reception Children	Open Morning
Wednesday 7 th December 2022	Whole School	Dolce Christmas Lunch
Friday 9 th December 2022	Whole School	Craft Fair starts at 2:15pm
Friday 9 th December 2022	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 th December 2022	Nursery & Reception	EYFS Play - 9:15am & 2pm
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Years 1 & 2	KS1 Play - 9:15am & 6pm
Wednesday 14 th November 2022	Nursery & Reception (normal start time)	Belgrade Theatre Santa's Christmas Rescue
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Years 3 & 4	Carols by Candlelight at 2:30pm
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Years 5 & 6	Carols by Candlelight at 3:45pm
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
Friday 13 th January 2023	Reception	Vision Screening

YEAR 6 - ATHLETICS



This week, some of our Year 6 children competed in an athletics event at the Xcel Centre in Coventry. They took part in various track and field events and showed their values throughout. We are delighted to say that they came out as **WINNERS!!!** The children thoroughly enjoyed competing against other schools and are already looking forward to the next round.

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.

This Term's Reading Party destination is **Morocco!!**

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



In line with statutory government guidance, **we are now** selling second hand uniform.

The uniform shop is located in the Hill Farm 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.

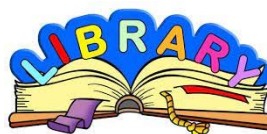
If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

TWITTER



We use Twitter to share photographs of what your children's classes have been up to throughout the week. Trips, lessons, costumes, assemblies and events - everything we do is uploaded to Twitter! If you have a Twitter account, please give our tweets a like. The Hill Farm Twitter page can be accessed using the QR code above.

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.**