

16 DECEMBER 2022

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the Autumn term. Hill Farm pupils have had so many exciting learning opportunities and experiences that the time has just flown by. This week has been no different as we have begun the countdown to the Christmas holiday season.

Last week, children enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers as they made crafts and games to sell at the Festive Fayre. Thank you to all our families who supported the event as we managed to raise over £1,000 towards the community library fund.

A special thank you to the school catering team who served the most delicious traditional Christmas lunch. Preparing and cooking dinner for a family is challenging enough but for over 300 pupils and staff is a major achievement!

Our Christmas performances were fabulous with Hill Farm pupils showing their dancing, singing and acting talents. Their confidence and ability to remember and perform lines, songs and actions is simply amazing. The carol concerts were really beautiful – I don't think there is anything more festive than the sound of children singing carols.

Today, children have arrived dressed in their pyjamas, shared breakfast with friends and then changed into party clothes for a day of games and parties. Santa paid a visit and delivered class presents that the children can enjoy in school. Well done to the 'Elephants' house team who won the 'House Cup' and were treated to some traditional games and more treats!

The day was delightful and the most wonderful way for children and staff to prepare for the holidays. Special thanks to Pastor Martin, from Durbar Avenue Evangelical church, who led a special assembly to help children learn about why Christmas is celebrated by Christians.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Rowbottom, Miss Wallace, Miss Kane and Mrs Weatherhead who are all moving on in their careers. We wish them every success in their new roles and thank them for the dedication, support and care they have given to Hill Farm pupils over the years.

All that remains is to wish you a very peaceful Christmas,

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



We will continue to host 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 starting at 2:45pm. We would love 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.

- Friday 13 January – Y1-5 Celebration Assembly
- Friday 20 January – 4DJ Class Assembly
- Friday 27 January – Y1-5 Celebration Assembly
- Friday 3 February – 5DL Class Assembly
- Tuesday 7 February – Y6 Showcase Assembly – 2:45pm
- Friday 10 February – Y1-5 Celebration Assembly

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

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

Whole school attendance for this academic year so far is **94.9%**

HOUSE CUP

The winning House this term is.....



Elephants

Congratulations & Well Done!!

'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**.

EYFS - BELGRADE THEATRE TRIP



On Wednesday our Nursery and Reception children had a fantastic time at the Belgrade Theatre watching "Santa's Christmas Rescue"

RECEPTION OPEN MORNING

Welcome to Reception



Thank you to everyone that attending our Reception open morning. It gave prospective parents the opportunity to view our school and its facilities and hopefully it was informative.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK



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

Miss Kane, Mrs Rowbottom, Miss Wallace and Mrs Weatherhead

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

HELLO & WELCOME



We would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Kerby who will be joining Hill Farm in the new year. Not only as a Year 2 teacher but also as an Assistant Head with responsibility for Key Stage 1.

SWIMMING



Just a reminder that swimming will start again the first week back in January 2023. So please make sure you have your child's kit ready.

- for Year 3 on Wednesdays starting 4th January 2023
- and Year 5 on Thursdays starting 5th January 2023

FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR



Our Christmas Craft Fair was a brilliant success. Thank you to everyone that came and supported us, last Friday. We really do appreciate it.

GUESS THE NAME OF THE PENGUIN



Our Reception children ran a competition, at the Christmas Craft Fair, to guess the name of the penguin..... and the winning name was.....

Lenny

Well Done Jack for guessing correctly.



READING PASSPORTS



The Reading Passport fun continued this week with lots of children enjoying the delights of **Morocco!**
Couscous & mint tea



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Thank you for your donations for the Save the Children charity.

We raised **£72.50** on the day.

PARKING



Just a reminder to ask for you all to be considerate of others, when dropping off and collecting your child. We have had several reports of near misses where cars have mounted pavements around the school's perimeter and could have caused injury to pedestrians.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If you are entitled to claim free schools, please do so, even though your child can still have a Universal Free Meal every day whilst they are in Key Stage 1. The school benefits from all free school meal claims in place and this money comes directly back to school to be used towards your child's education. To find out more enter the link

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals>

SLEEPS TO GO.....



Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Friday 13 th January 2023	Reception	Vision Screening
Friday 17 th February 2023	Whole School	School Closed for Teacher Training Day
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th February 2023	Whole School	School Closed for Half Term Holidays
Monday 27 th February 2023	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Tuesday 7 th March 2023	Year 3	Greek Day visitors into School
Friday 31 st March 2023	Whole School	Break up for Easter Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 17 th April 2023	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Tuesday 11 th July 2023	Year 3	Lunt Roman Fort Trip

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?
Tips for parents & caregivers



We understand that children from time to time can become ill and it is a tricky decision whether to send them into school.

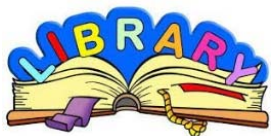
Please check out the **Parent** page on our Website, to see

"Is My Child Too Ill for School?"

<https://hillfarmprimary.org.uk/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It contains information taken from the NHS Website and it is a guide to help you decide whether to send your child to school.

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.**

ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY



As you may have already heard an additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on **Monday 8 May 2023**. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 year 6 SATS there has been some change to the

SATS timetable. They will now be held from **Tuesday 9 - Friday 12 May** and more details will be sent to year 6 families nearer the time. Please remember that school cannot authorise any holidays during term time and this is particularly important for year 6 pupils during SATs.

DATA SHEETS – Y1 – Y6



Please remember to return the data sheets (blue & white forms) that have recently been sent home, so we can ensure that your child's information is up to date, in case of an emergency.

DOLCE SPRING MENU



The Dolce school menu for Spring term is now available for you to pre-order your child's school meals. This is very useful for the kitchen, if you order in advance, as it helps them with their food ordering and deliveries.

CHILD ABSENCES



Just a reminder that if your child is absent for any reason, please call the school absence line **02476 59 54 55 Option 3** and report the reason why. This will then avoid you receiving a phone call / text message from school.

SCHOOL OPENING



School will re-open at **8:30am** on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023** for the start of the Spring Term.