

20 JANUARY 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer

Pupils enjoyed a live music performance this week as part of the Hill Farm promise. They were shown how to play the electric guitar, keyboards, drums and take the lead on the vocals. We want children to experience as many opportunities as possible to develop their interests and passions.



If your child is interested in music look at the back of the newsletter for more information about, Rock Steady delivering music sessions in school.

Next week we have more visitors in school to ignite our pupils curiosity as year 2 learn about Florence Nightingale and year 5 go back in time to learn about medieval England. There are lots of other trips and activities planned including parent workshops for safer internet day and helping your child with their reading - please keep checking the newsletter for dates.

Next week is National Story Telling week and children will join in lots of reading activities including a live story telling event with a professional story teller. The National Literacy Trust also have lots of ideas for families to enjoy the tradition of story-telling at home.

Finally, thank you for continuing to support Hill Farm's 'Excellent Attendance' drive and ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day unless they are poorly. We have seen a real reduction in appointments in school time and a real increase in all children in school every day. Excellent attendance and punctuality really does improve your child's attainment and wellbeing. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact the school office or Mrs Hammond.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

JOB VACANCY

Hill Farm has vacancies for lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested or would like to find out a little more about the role, please contact the main office for an application form.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



We will be continuing to host our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 5. They are held in the KS2 Hall and start at 9:00am. Year 6 have a monthly showcase/celebration assembly starting at 2:45pm on Tuesdays. 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.

- 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



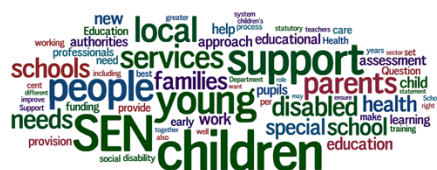
Government guidelines say that attendance should be at least 95%. If attendance drops below 90%, your child is classed as a persistent absentee. But what does that mean.....

Missing school means:

- Missing **LEARNING** which leads to gaps in knowledge
- Missing **ACTIVITIES** which means missing out on fun
- Missing **TIME WITH FRIENDS** which means that they move on to new friends

Attendance for this academic year to date is **94%**

'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**.



1JH - Umar for trying his very best in Maths and English even when he finds it tricky. His hard work and resilience have really impressed his teachers.

1JH - Priscilla for showing hard work and determination in phonics. Priscilla is working really hard to learn lots of new sounds to help her with her reading.

1GC - Luca never gives up even when Mrs Chamberlain gives him extra work in the mornings. He sits and thinks carefully about the strategies he can use.

1GC - Grace for being super kind and helpful to all of her friends in the classroom.

2TK - Forrest for perseverance and resilience when learning new concepts in Maths.

2TK - Daria for demonstrating altruism, empathy and caring when looking after others who are feeling sad/or are hurt at break times.

2LL - Lara-Lou for showing great determination in Maths this week when learning to share equally. Lara-Lou understood the task that was set and was able to complete her work independently.

2LL - Julia for showing great independence in our English big write this week. She also included all the features on our success criteria.

3BM - Elijah has worked hard to increase the quantity of his writing. Miss McShane loves how he shows pride in his work!

3BM - Eva has turned into a maths super star! She has worked so hard with multiplication and division. Well Done!

3EF - Emmanuel S for a determined and resilient approach to all tasks. He has worked hard on improving his handwriting and has even gained a handwriting pen!

3EF - Lily T for arriving in school every day with a fantastic attitude to learning and for trying her best in every lesson. Keep it up Lily!

4DJ - Abdul for making a huge improvement to his attitude to learning in maths, he has really taken pride in his work when drawing part-whole models and been challenging himself to get onto the next step! Keep it up Abdul!

4DJ - Chantal for making very valued contributions during class discussions. Chantal has been using her prior knowledge and resources around the room to support her with her learning, she has been able to use this to confidently describe what has been happening in our story Riddle of the Runes!

4SO - Arav only arrived just before Christmas and he's a super-duper member of our class. His behaviour is always impeccable: sat beautifully, trying his hardest and always showing respect. What a lovely addition to our school.

4SO - Freya - If you need something doing, ask Freya. She is reliable, dependable and any other synonym of trustworthy you can think of. She tries her hardest to be the best possible role model that she can be. Fantastic work Freya.

5DL - Stefan-Cristian for his increased maturity, improved attitude to his work and his brilliant sense of humour.

5DL - Rocky for his unwavering determination to do well in his work. He always has his head down and pushes himself to do his best.

5MB - Muneef for being a marvellous mathematician. He always strives to do his best and complete TIFs. He also spoke eloquently about his learning to Mrs. Harridence and made Miss Browne very proud.



5MB - Natalia for an excellent attitude in all lessons. She is extremely motivated and conscientious. Her non-chronological report this week was well thought out and well written.

5SM - Jj - he is committed to achieving the very best he can in each and every lesson. He is also respectful and polite to everyone.

5SM - Shekyna - she is always up for any challenge Miss McCann sets her! She has shown real determination to improve the amount and quality of work produced.

LUNCHTIME VALUES WINNERS



Year 1 - Paisley for always being kind and a role model to her friends on the playground and for always volunteering to help the dinner ladies.

Year 2 - Zainab for always being a kind friend and caring for her peers.

Year 3 - Mahisha for being a kind friend and playing with children from other classes.

Year 4 - Michael for showing kindness during lunchtime and letting other children play in his games.

Year 5 - Matthew for being kind and responsible clearing away his dinner tray.

Year 6 - Mikaeel for always being polite and using his manners to all staff members.

SAFER INTERNET DAY



Safer Internet Day 2023

Together for a better internet | Tuesday 7 February

Each year, Safer Internet Day covers a new theme and this year's is

"Want to talk about it?"

"Making space for conversations about life online"

The internet plays a huge part in the lives of young people today, with many playing games, posting on social media, and using video sharing platforms. It can be used positively, helping young people learn new skills, express themselves creatively, and strengthen social bonds. However, the use of many popular online platforms has also been linked to low self-esteem and anxiety. They also come with a set of safeguarding risks, from the pressure to participate in dangerous challenges to cyber-bullying.

It's very important to provide young people with a safe space where they can share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences about life online. This can help educators and parents alike to promote wellbeing, and to better understand the specific safeguarding risks affecting the young people in their care.

This is why we're hosting a coffee morning in KS2 Hall on **Tuesday 7th February at 9:00am until 10:00am** to start the conversation about safer internet use. Please come and join us.



GROUP A STREP (GAS)



Strep A

For information on symptoms and when to seek medical help visit nhs.uk/Strep-A

There has been a lot of media focus recently regarding the spread of invasive Group A Strep infection, especially in children.

To help prevent an outbreak in school, we ask if parents and carers can assist us by:

- Making sure your child follows good hand and respiratory hygiene at home
- Keeping your child off school if they show signs of being unwell. Symptoms to watch out for are:
 - a) Sore throat
 - b) Headache
 - c) Fever
 - d) A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
 - e) On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel
- Ensuring that when eligible, your child is up to date with their immunisation schedule

READING PASSPORT



This term's reading passport destination is **EGYPT**. Let's see how many of our readers can reach it and go to the reading party.

Did you know that encouraging your child to read just two pages of a book each evening can increase their reading age by up to six months!

LATENESS



5 minutes late everyday

- Your child will lose **3 learning days** every year
- Being late gives your child a very poor start to the day

15 minutes late everyday

- Is the same as being away from school for **2 whole weeks** a year
- Being late makes children feel different, they can be flustered and embarrassed when they walk into their classroom.

30 minutes late everyday

- Is the same as missing 19 learning days every year
- Court action is possible

Being late disrupts your child, their peers and their teacher



COVENTRIANS RFC MINIS & JUNIORS

We've been contacted by the head coach of this local rugby club which offers **free rugby training, free kit, free food and games** to all children aged from 4 – 17.



COVENTRIANS RFC MINIS AND JUNIORS

Every Sunday 10.30am

FREE Structured Training Sessions | FREE Kit | FREE Food



- Age group 4-17
- Girls and Boys Welcome
- All Abilities Encouraged To Come Along

INTERESTED? GET IN TOUCH:

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We Look Forward To Seeing You!



ENGLISH CLASSES



Durbar Avenue Evangelical church is starting English classes for adults on Monday at 7:30pm.

- All languages welcome
- Beginner course
- Totally free

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

In accordance with the **School's Attendance Agreement** for any absence to be recorded as a Medical Absence, we require to see evidence from the doctor or dentist. (Appointment card/letter).

YOUR APPOINTMENT

Company Name
 123 Address Street
 Yourtown, ST 12345
 Ph: 123-456-7890

has an appointment on

☐ Mon. ☐ Tues. ☐ Wed. ☐ Thurs. ☐ Fri. ☐ Sat.

Date: _____ Time: _____ am pm

Please allow 24 hours notice for cancellations.

TWITTER


Don't forget to follow us on twitter to see all the amazing experiences your children are having in school.

KEY DATES 2022/2023

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Year 5	Medieval Times Workshop in school
Monday 23 rd January 2023	Year 1	Florence Nightingale Workshop in school
Thursday 2 nd February 2023	Year 2	Selly Manor Trip
Tuesday 7 th February 2023	Whole School	Safer Internet Day - Coffee Morning 9:00am
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
Monday 1 st May 2023	Whole School	School Closed for May Day Holiday
Monday 8 th May 2023	Whole School	School Closed for King's Coronation Celebrations
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023	Whole School	School Closed for Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 5 th June 2023	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Whole School	School Closed for Teacher Training Day
Monday 26 th June 2023	Whole School	School Opens at 8:30am
Tuesday 11 th July 2023	Year 3	Lunt Roman Fort Trip
Friday 21 st July 2023	Whole School	Break up for Summer Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 24 th & Tuesday 25 th July 2023	Whole School	School Closed for Teacher Training Days

MUSIC ASSEMBLY



 Rocksteady Music School

The whole school were wowed by the musical talents of Kieran from **Rock Steady** this week. He showed us how cool it is to learn the electric guitar, keyboards, drums and take the lead on the vocals.

We are happy to announce that **Rock Steady** will be delivering music sessions in school where your child can become a part of their own rock band and learn an instrument of their choice!

Each week, the rock band will rehearse together, building their confidence and supporting their wellbeing. The band will work towards a live performance for the school and their parents/carers.

If you would like your child to take part, please read the letter sent home this week with all of the information on or visit their website. But hurry, only a few spaces are left!

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com>