

3 FEBRUARY 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to announce that work has begun on the new school community library. This will take a couple of months to complete but will finally give Hill Farm pupils an amazing space to further develop their love of books and reading. We hope to use it as a community learning space too!

The children have enjoyed celebrating national story telling week and have shared so many books during assemblies and lessons. They have written a range of stories too and shared them with their friends. Pupils had so much fun that for World Book Day on Friday 3rd March we are having a 'Fairy tale Day' where children can come dressed as their favourite fairy tale character! Please put Thursday 2nd March in your diaries too as we are holding a morning of reading workshops to offer ideas to support your child's reading at home.

Next Tuesday 7th February, we will be holding a Safer Internet coffee morning. Please come along to find out how you can keep your child safe whilst they are online as well as the opportunity to chat to staff and other parents about internet safety.



The curriculum has been brought to life for pupils in year 2 this week with a visit from 'Florence Nightingale' and a trip to Selly Manor as part of their History topic.



The children had the opportunity to learn about the great fire of London and they explored real Tudor houses.



Year 5 pupils experienced what it was like to live in medieval times too, with a Drama workshop. They travelled back to 1354 to experience life during those times, through drama activities to create a timeline of significant events, stories, songs and dance. Look out for more pictures on Twitter!

Finally, there will be a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 16th February for all pupils. Details have been sent out in a separate letter.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

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.

- **Tuesday 7 February – Y6 Showcase Assembly – 2:45pm**
- **Friday 10 February – Y1-5 Celebration Assembly**

ATTENDANCE



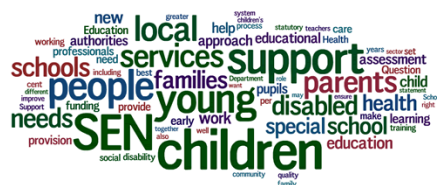
Government guidelines say that attendance should be at least 95%. If attendance drops below 90%, your child is classed as a persistent absentee. But what does that mean.....

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 - Jaxon. Jaxon is a model pupil! He is always first showing he is ready to learn. He makes a fantastic role model to his friends and as a result of his enthusiasm for learning he is making fantastic progress in Reading, Writing and Maths!

1JH – Tracey. 1JH have had a new child start in class this week and Tracey has been a fantastic helper showing our new pupil around Hill Farm and showing her what she needs to do.

1GC - Kamian for all his resilience with his handwriting. There has been a great improvement.

1GC - Venus for her never ending amazing smile. This smile I am sure is why she works so hard in all of her lessons.

2TK - Christine for demonstrating great perseverance, determination and independence when using equal grouping for division. Christine has worked really hard and is beginning to use her knowledge of fact family relationships to help solve problems. Keep up the good work!

2TK - Rory for always having a positive attitude to learning and showing resilience and tenacity when writing his information text about giants. Rory has tried to use expanded noun phrases and thought carefully about his vocabulary. Keep working hard Rory.

2LL - Lita-May for showing great determination in Maths this week when things get a little bit tricky. She has also worked so hard she has been helping other children on her table. Mrs Norman has also noticed how hard she has been trying with her reading and is becoming a more accurate reader.

2LL - Brody for showing the value of kindness, not only to his peers, but to staff around school as well. Brody has also tried hard to write independently and has written a great information text all about Giants.

3BM - Ionut for trying his hardest in writing. Ionut has been focussed on improving his writing and not letting any barriers stop him.

3BM - Aarav for settling so well into Hill Farm. Aarav joined us just before Christmas and it's like he has been here for ever!

3EF - Thea for always trying her best in every single lesson. Last week in English, Thea wrote an amazing newspaper report. This was the first time 3EF had ever used inverted commas and Thea tried really hard to include these in her writing correctly.

3EF - Ibrahima for showing his values at all times. Ibrahima has shown patience, resilience and determination when learning about division with remainders. This is 3EF's first try at these questions and Ibrahima constantly wanted to challenge himself.

4DJ - Harsirat for being very ambitious with her vocabulary choice when writing a persuasive letter, she has used amazing adjectives, power of 3 and rhetorical questions!

4DJ - Buzz for being confident when joining in with class discussions and using expanded noun phrases in his persuasive letter writing, keep making great contributions!

4SO - Darshan for working tirelessly every day to show his determination and resilience. He is always ready to complete his TIF and show his fantastic attitude.

4SO - Alex. Alex has blown Mr Owens' socks off this week. 4SO had a big write and Alex wrote a page and a half! Mr Owens was so impressed with his attitude to learning and dedication to his work.



5DL - Kaida for being an asset to the class, she is a strong role model for all and shows empathy and patience to everyone, no matter what.

5DL - Emily for her resilience with her work. Even if she finds something tricky, she keeps at it and never gives up.

5MB - Khadeeja works extremely hard in all lessons, and is a real whizz at Maths. On top of that, she works quickly and then helps others too.

5MB - Aleena for being highly motivated and for always challenging herself to be the best that she can be. She also shows exceptional kindness and patience when supporting her peers when they are struggling.

5SM - Vincent for being a more reflective thinker and considering how his actions will affect others. Vincent has worked hard on making the right choices so that he is ready for learning. He has also written an amazing non-chronological report.

5SM – Mya. We have a future thriller writer in our midst. Mya has shown off her creative writing skills this week, modelling a range of figurative language techniques to hook her reader in!

LUNCHTIME VALUES WINNERS



Year 1 - Daria because she is super helpful and has been keen to help tidy up at the end of each lunchtime.

Year 2 – Rory for always showing good behaviour at lunchtime. Also saying please and thank you for his lunch. Well done Rory.

Year 3 - Angel for always being polite and having

good manners.

Year 4 Holly for showing kindness to her friends and others she is always thoughtful and polite WELL DONE!

Year 5 - JJ and Kellan because each day they ensure their class lunchboxes are taken down to the canteen. They show great teamwork and helpfulness. Thanks boys!

Year 6 - Kanishan for being such a fantastic member of year 6 and always being polite and respectful to both peers and 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"

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 everyone to promote wellbeing, and to better understand the specific safeguarding risks affecting young people.

This is why we're hosting a coffee morning in KS2 Hall

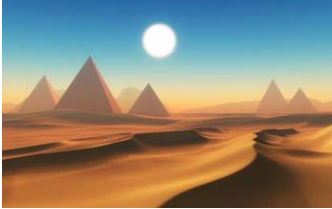
on Tuesday 7th February

at 9:00am until 10:00am to start the conversation about safer internet use.

Please come and join us.



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!

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

YOUR APPOINTMENT

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

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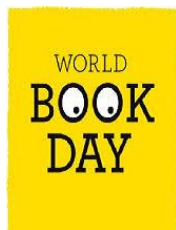
☐ Mon. ☐ Tues. ☐ Wed. ☐ Thurs. ☐ Fri. ☐ Sat.

Date: _____ Time: _____ am _____ pm

Please allow 24 hours notice for cancellations.

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).

WORLD BOOK DAY



We will be celebrating **World Book Day** On **Friday 3rd March, 2023.**



Our theme, this year is **Fancy dress and fairy tales**

DOLCE SPECIAL MENU

Dolce are having a World Book Day themed menu on 2nd March



DISCO EVENING



We will be hosting a **Disco Evening**, to celebrate the end of term, on **Thursday 16th February, 2023** entry is a £1 per child

The disco will run as follows:

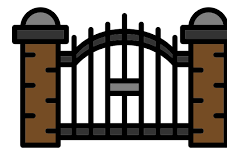
Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Children: **14:00 - 15:00**
Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Children: **15:30 - 16:30**
Year 5 and Year 6 **17:00 - 18:00**

All children will need to be collected from the school's main entrance at the end of their disco.

We look forward to seeing your dancing on the dance floor!

♪ ♪ ♪ ♪ **Look out for the letter** ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

LATE GATE !



Just a reminder that the school gates close at **8.50am**.

If you are dropping your child at school after **8.50am** then you will need to accompany them to the school office to sign them into school and provide a reason

for lateness. You will be asked to complete a late slip; this allows us to monitor the reasons for lateness and offer support if required.

Please remember that being late can be embarrassing and upsetting for your child and gives them a bad start to their day!

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.

CHANGE OF DETAILS



Don't forget to notify the office if any of these contact details change:

- Your Home Address
- Home Telephone Number
- Mobile Number
- Email Address

TWITTER



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

@HillFarmPrimary

KEY DATES 2022/2023

| Date | Year Group | Event |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 7 th February 2023 | Whole School | Safer Internet Day - Coffee Morning 9:00am |
| Wednesday 15 th February 2023 | Whole School | Reading Party – Destination Egypt |
| Thursday 16 th February 2023 | Whole School | Disco Evening (letter to follow) |
| 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 |
| Thursday 2nd March 2023 | Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 | Reading Workshops for Parents & Carers (letter to follow) |
| Friday 3rd March 2023 | Whole School | World Book Day – Fancy Dress & Fairy Tales (letter to follow) |
| Tuesday 7 th March 2023 | Year 3 | Greek Day visitors into School |
| Friday 17 th March 2023 | Nursery & Reception | Mother's Day Assembly (am) |
| Friday 17 th March 2023 | Years 1 & 2 | Mother's Day Assembly (pm) |
| Friday 31 st March 2023 | Nursery & Reception Years 1 & 2 | Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Friday 31st March 2023 | Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 | Hard Boiled Egg Decorating Competition |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 9 th - 12 th May 2023 | Year 6 | SATS |
| Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023 | Whole School | School Closed for Spring Bank Holiday & Half Term |
| 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 |