

12 MAY 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for the maturity and confidence they have shown during their SATs. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

I would also like to thank the Year 6 staff for their unfailing commitment and determination to ensure every pupil achieved their very best.

I hope you enjoyed the bank holiday and the rain didn't spoil too many plans over the coronation weekend. Sadly it did mean that our picnic could not go ahead although we now have a new date of 7th July. Hopefully the weather will be a little kinder.

Please check the back of the newsletter for other additional dates including sports days.



A fantastic day was had at the CBS Arena for some of our footballers in a recent tournament.

They even got to meet Sky Blue Sam! Thank you to Sky Blues in the Community who now teach some of our PE lessons and coach football at lunchtime for the opportunity. Good luck to Coventry City this weekend in the first of their play-off matches – PUSB!



Finally, we still have a few spaces left for the September intake of new pupils. If you know of anyone looking for a school space in September, please ask them to visit or contact the office.

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 (**Postponed until**

SATs have finished). 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 19 May – 3BM Class Assembly**
- **Friday 26 May – Y1-5 Celebration Assembly**

ATTENDANCE



Class Attendance Winners

02/05/2023 - 05/05/2023

Foxes - 92%,

3EF - 98%, 6PR - 96%

Our school attendance target continues to be **96%**

National attendance rates to date = **93.9%**

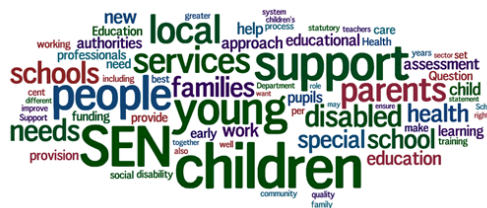
Hill Farm Primary attendance rates to date = **93.9%**

Hill Farm Primary School has a high number of persistent absentee children, this means these children have missed more than 10% of their learning time. Although 10% may not sound a lot it is actually over **19 days missed** in a full academic year.

19 days of missed learning opportunities and having to catch up on work missed. Please don't allow your child to fall behind.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, then please do speak to Mrs Hammond.

'TIME TO TALK' APPOINTMENTS



We offer
weekly
'Time to Talk'
parent/carers
appointments
with
Miss Roper

(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.

YEAR 6 SATS



After working incredibly hard to prepare for them, Year 6 have taken their SATs tests this week. They have taken on some challenging questions, have had to show determination and perseverance and have really had their brains tested! We can honestly say that each and every one of our children has put **100% effort**

into their tests this week and we are so incredibly proud of their confidence, resilience and the pride that they have taken in completing their tests. Although the SATs tests do not show us everything about the child - they don't showcase their individual talents and skills, their interests and hobbies or even their kindness and empathy - they do show us that, no matter how hard the challenge, our Year 6 children won't give up! Thank you to all of our wonderful parents and carers for supporting the children and surrounding them with love and thank you to our wonderful team of Hill Farm staff for all of the smiles, praise and positivity. We know our children have done us all proud!

WELL DONE YEAR 6!!!!

FAMILY PICNIC



Unfortunately, due to bad weather we had to postpone the Coronation Picnic last Friday.

But, we have now rescheduled and we will be having a Family Picnic on **Friday 7th July, 2023**

(weather permitting).

We would be delighted if you would join us and the children on the school field. Don't forget your picnic and blankets to sit on. There will be bouncy castles (£1 per go) and an ice cream van will be on site for you to purchase the usual items. Refreshments and snacks will also be available to buy on the day.



CHICKENPOX

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHICKENPOX



Fever



Loss of Appetite



Headache



Skin Rash



Cough



Fatigue

We have had several reported cases of chickenpox in school, so please be vigilant to any signs and symptoms of this illness.

An itchy, spotty rash is the main symptom of chickenpox. It can be anywhere on the body. Chickenpox happens in 3 stages. But new spots can

appear while others are becoming blisters or forming a scab. Other symptoms to look for are:

- a high temperature
- aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell
- loss of appetite

Chickenpox is contagious from about 2 days before the rash starts until all the blisters are crusted over.

READING



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!

We know that being a fluent reader is the key to accessing all areas of the curriculum and we want every child to develop a love of reading. We have free books available in Main Entrance – just help yourself and create a library of wonderful texts for your children to access at home. We also welcome donations of good quality children's books too.

Our Reading Passport destination this term is **Australia**, let's see how many of our readers can reach it and go to the Reading party.



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Field Trip!

Just a reminder of the dates for the Year 6 Residential Trip.

Monday 12 June to Wednesday 14 June 2023

Please ensure all payments are made to the office no later than Monday 5th June 2023.

COST OF LIVING COFFEE MORNING

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COME AND JOIN HILL FARM FOR A COFFEE MORNING

STARRING.....

THE HILL FARM INCLUSION TEAM

MRS HAMMOND

& MRS PINKS (PLUS BISCUITS!)

WE HAVE SUPPORT AGENCIES COMING ALONG TO OFFER YOU HELP AND ADVICE

**SCHOOL NURSE TEAM
FAMILY HUB
ROOTS TO BRANCHES
AUTISM NETWORK
CLOTHING COVENTRY
ST FRANCIS CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY
17TH MAY
9AM**

TAKING PLACE IN THE HALL



KEY DATES 2022/2023

Date	Year Group	Event
Wednesday 17 th May 2023	All Parents	Cost of Living Coffee Morning 9:00am – KS2 Hall
Friday 19 th May 2023	Class 3BM	3BM - Class Assembly
Wednesday 24 th May 2023	Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Reading Party - Australia
Friday 26 th May 2023	Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5	Celebration Assembly
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
Monday 12 th – 14 th June 2023	Year 6	Kingswood Residential Trip
Monday 19 th June 2023	Nursery & Reception	Early Years Sports Day
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Years 1 & 2	KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Year 3	Arts Award Visit to the Herbert Gallery
Wednesday 21 st June 2023	Years 3, 4, 5, & 6	KS2 Sports Day
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 27 th June 2023	Year 5	Planet Blue Singing Event Coventry Cathedral
Friday 30 th June 2023	Year 4	SPARKS Visit from WMFS Firefighters
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Years 1 & 2	Day at the Beach
Friday 7 th July 2023	Whole School	Family Picnic 2pm – (Weather permitting)
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

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



Please remember to check the PARENTS Section of the School website, which is full of all the events that are happening in the local community, over the half term holidays.

It also includes lots of information from the School Nursing Team too.

