

14 JULY 2023

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of term, we are cramming so many wider opportunities into the curriculum to ensure our pupils have memorable learning experiences.



Last Thursday, I was fortunate enough to accompany our year 1 and 2 pupils to Weston-Super-Mare for a glorious day at the seaside. The pupils' behaviour was exemplary as they enjoyed a traditional day at the beach including buckets

and spades, chips and a ride on a donkey. Thank you to Miss Lessells for organising and making us all laugh when a seagull stole her sausage for the second year running!

Among other trips this week, Year 6 are off to Cadbury World with the staff more excited than the children – I hope they come back with some spare chocolate!

It isn't just trips that supplement our curriculum. The Rock Steady music club bands put on an amazing show for the children with pupils demonstrating confidence and stage presence. Right from reception to year 6, pupils wowed the audience with their skills – a special mention to Shabarish for his solo performance of a Kate Bush classic.



Then of course there was the family picnic – we were truly blessed with the sunshine. Thank you to everyone that joined us and made the event so enjoyable for all.

A special thank you to Miss Edwards for organising and Mr Owens for being such a good sport!



If you would like to find out what has been going on in other year groups, please like and follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/HillFarmPrimary>

Sadly, two of our sport's days were postponed due to adverse weather. These have now been re-scheduled for:

- KS1 - Tuesday 18th July, 9:15 am
- KS2 - Wednesday 19th July, 9:15 am

Hopefully the weather will be kinder next week!

Transition day was very successful with all pupils leaving school happy that they were still with friends and looking forward to another excellent year with their new teacher.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to four of our valued members of staff who are moving onto pastures new. Good luck to Mrs Guraya and Mrs Cruz who are much loved by all and will be sadly missed. Thank you so much for the many years of dedication and commitment. Your new schools will be very lucky to have you. Mrs Perkins who is retiring after over 25 years, we wish you all the best and thank you for the care and kindness you have given to the children of Hill Farm.

An extremely sad goodbye to Mrs Lucas who after 12 years is pursuing her dream to be a full-time SENCO. Most of our pupils have benefitted from her knowledge and expertise and in more recent years her work with SEN children and families. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success.

Finally, although not leaving, Miss Edwards will be working across the Castle Phoenix Trust sharing her excellent English and oracy knowledge with other primary schools. Congratulations and good luck!

Thank you for your support,

*Dawn Wilson - Headteacher*

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



Our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 5. They are held in the KS2 Hall and start at 9:00am. 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 21 July – Y6 Leavers Assembly - 9:00am**

## ATTENDANCE



Children will find out next week if they have made it the 'Be Present Pizza Party'.

Thank you for your continued support in improving attendance at Hill Farm Primary - it really is the best way to ensure your child gets the most out of their education.

**Currently we are on 93.8% and our target remains 96%.**

If you have any attendance queries please see **Mrs Hammond**.

## 'TIME TO TALK' APPOINTMENTS

We offer weekly 'Time to Talk' parent/carer appointments with **Miss Roper** (School 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 school office.

'Time to Talk' appointments are available at **8:30am or 8:50am**.



**1JH - Oliver** for increased confidence and independence in writing. He is beginning to use his purple pen on his own to edit his work.

**1JH - Ayaan** for brilliant problem solving in Maths - using resources to help him solve problems.

**1JF - Venus.** Venus is a delight to teach and is so enthusiastic towards all of her learning, Venus has always gone above and beyond to perfect her writing and she takes great pride in every piece of work that she does. Venus has also shown her value of courage this week to stand up in front of the whole school to perform in rock steady. Everyone in 1JF were so proud of you!

**1JF - David** for never failing to put a smile on Miss Frogley's face every day with his positive and bubbly personality. David is always so curious to find out more in and outside of the classroom. He always enjoys to explore and ask questions. The beach trip gave David the opportunity to explore and it was lovely to see him exploring his surroundings being in a different environment and having the best day ever!

**2TK - David** for demonstrating a greater maturity and awareness of the expectations of school life. He has developed an improved focus and attitude to learning which has impressed all teachers that work with him. He is more willing to contribute to oracy sessions and really tries hard to complete all tasks set. Keep up the positive work David! 😊

**2TK - Zainab** for showing great determination and working hard on her phonics and reading. Zainab is now able to read with improved confidence and is beginning to use her phonic skills when writing independently. This will really help you when completing work in all curriculum areas. Keep trying hard Zainab -well done! 😊.

**2LL - Estera** for showing courage and bravery recently due to an accident that happened at home. These values, we don't always get to see at school and she came back to school with a huge, determined smile on her face.

**2LL - Jessica** for always showing kindness. Jessica loves to help out around the classroom, not only does she like to help Miss Lessels but she also loves supporting her peers too.

**3BM - Chloe** for trying so hard to improve her handwriting and pencil grip! This has been a goal all year for Chloe, and she has shown determination with it.

**3BM - Connor** for improving his confidence in class and asking for help. Connor can now seek help when he needs it from teachers and friends.

**3BM - Madina** for showing curiosity on the school trip and asking insightful questions.

**3EF - Cohen** for working hard throughout the year to improve his handwriting. He impresses me every big write with his amazing vocabulary choices. Keep it up!

**3EF - Emmanuel A** for working hard to show his values in all lessons. This week, Emmanuel impressed Miss Fowell with his history knowledge on their Roman trip. Well done!

**3EF - Tibi** has been showing greater independence and resilience in lessons. This week, Tibi worked hard to complete independent research in English. Great job!

**4DJ - Gurseerat** for being independent and adventurous with her writing this week, she challenged herself to use a range of sentence types, great descriptive vocabulary as well as fronted adverbials and power of 3!

**4DJ - Subhan** for being an absolute ray of sunshine, he puts a smile on Miss Denver's face every day for his brilliant sense of humour. He is always so helpful around the classroom and Miss Browne was so impressed with how much he has grown and matured since year 3, keep it up!

**4SO - Aarush** for his outstanding effort all year. He's been a great friend, has a great sense of humour and an incredibly curious mind.

**4SO - Zahraa** for the progress that she has made this year. It has been astronomical! When she first came to the year group she struggled to speak English but now she's writing stories in English. It's very impressive!

**5DL Robert** for his increased independence and his determination to get to the reading party. He has really improved with his reading in the last few weeks.

**5DL - Umamah** for her increased independence and for using ideas spoken about in lessons in her work, to make it even more fabulous!

**5MB - Alex** for determination in Maths. He has worked hard to accurately complete lots of questions about negative numbers.

**5MB - Aahil** for applying his oracy questions across the curriculum. He always tries to use great sentence stems for his responses.

**5SM - Gabriel** for his positivity in the classroom and around school! He is a good friend and always shows kindness to others. He has also been working hard to develop his writing skills in English.

**5SM - Roxana** for her positive attitude in phonics and English. She is beginning to understand more English words and willing to try and use some of these in her speech.

### LUNCHTIME VALUES WINNERS



**Year 1 - Adira** for amazing manners and being helpful to staff.

**Year 2 - John** for improving his behaviour at lunchtime and was very good at the Seaside trip. Well done and good luck when you go to Year 3.

**Year 3 - Mason** for much improved behaviour in the canteen and on the playground and listening

to instructions.

**Year 4 - Alex** for always showing kindness and using lovely manners. Also, for helping others and always having a bright smile.

**Year 5 - Shkola** because she is a very friendly, quiet and kind girl during play time and lunch time.

**Year 6 - Magdalene** for increased independence at lunchtimes. Well done, Magdalene.

### RESCHEDULED SPORTS DAYS



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  - KS2 - Wednesday 19th July, 9:15 am
- Hopefully the weather will be kind!

## YEAR 6 REMINDERS

Just to remind you that we have the Year 6 Performance on

- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 2:30pm**
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July - 5:30pm**



**Year 6 Prom**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**Year 6 Leavers Assembly**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – 9:00am**



## GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK



We would like to say goodbye and good luck to the following staff who are leaving Hill Farm Primary over the Summer and wish them well in their new roles:

**Mrs Lucas, Mrs Cruz, Mrs Guraya**

We also want to wish a long and happy retirement to

Mrs Perkins, who is retiring after working at Hill Farm, as an LSA, for over 25 years.



## PLANET BLUE / JUNIOR VOICES CHOIR



The Coventry Music Team would like to let you know that any of our young singers, that attended the Planet Blue Cantata workshop/performance in June, would be welcome to join the **Coventry Music Junior Voices Choir** which, from September, will be rehearsing on a Monday evening at Drapers' Hall (next to the old cathedral ruins).

The sessions will take place from 5.30pm -6.30pm and the choir director is **Vicky Clayton** so there would be a familiar face there for the children who attended the Cantata at the Cathedral.

The choir sing a wide range repertoire which explores many different aspects of choral singing, but the main focus is on making music with like-minded young people and having fun. They also have several performance opportunities each academic year. Further details and enrolment instructions can be found on their website: [www.coventrymusicclub.co.uk](http://www.coventrymusicclub.co.uk)

## KEY DATES 2022 / 2023

Date	Year Group	Event
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 1 & 2	KS1 – Sports Day – 9:15am (weather permitting)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 Performance at 2:30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	KS2 – Sports Day – 9:15am (weather permitting)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Parents	Year 6 Performance at 5:30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6	Prom 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Year 6 & their Parents	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9:00am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Wholes School	Non-uniform day for RSPCA (50p donation)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Whole School	Break up for Summer Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Whole School	School Closed for Teacher Training Days