

20 OCTOBER 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM – Live Without Harm

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to confirm that once again we will be taking Hill Farm pupils to the Belgrade Theatre to watch a pantomime. This is now a Hill Farm tradition and one which all the pupils thoroughly enjoy. As with all our trips, school will heavily subsidise the cost – look out for further details next week.

Our year 5 and 6 pupils had a very special surprise visit on Tuesday when Coventry City A team Football players, Haji Wright and Josh Eccles, dropped in to Hill Farm. They were here to support Sky Blues in the Community and West Midlands Police present an assembly on anti-discrimination.



The pupils' behaviour and understanding of these important issues was exceptional and as a school we were incredibly proud of their relevant and mature questions. The children then went on to create "No room for racism" posters that will be displayed around school.

Year 5 have enjoyed a trip to Beaumanor Hall today as part of their WW11 history topic. The children were able to experience what an air raid would have felt like, get a better understanding of rationing and what it meant to be an evacuee.

Thank you to our KS2 parents for making our reading and oracy sharing event so successful. Reading with your children is so important for their enjoyment and later success in their studies. If you require any more information or were not able to join on the day, please speak with your child's class teacher for an information pack.

A special thank you to Miss Wincote who has been working with our school choir. This week they visited and performed a selection of songs at the local residential home and residents commented on how beautiful their singing was.

Thank you also to our year 3 pupils for showing such wonderful values that the Alan Higgs Centre staff rang school specially to comment on how well behaved and polite Hill Farm children are.

Thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest in the after school club that will be available until 5 pm after half term. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact the office. Please remember Hill Farm also offers a breakfast club from 7:45 am.

Finally, a reminder that on 26th October we will be holding our Spooky Autumn Disco. As an extra incentive for good attendance, any pupil with 99% attendance or above will receive a free entry ticket (usually £1.00) along with a sweetie bag.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



Our Celebration assemblies for Years 1 to 5 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 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.

- Watch this Space for Details of Next Term's Assemblies

ATTENDANCE



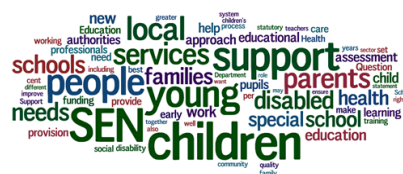
Hill Farm Primary School is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. Our aim as school is for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently

95%



Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve

TIME TO TALK' APPOINTMENTS



We offer weekly 'Time to Talk' parent/carer 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.



1JH - Logan for writing an amazing narrative of the story lost and found. Logan used amazing ideas from the story to help him with his writing and worked really hard to remember capital letters and full stops.

1JH - Nathan for fantastic progress in reading! Nathan is beginning to use speedy reading to help him to read with fluency and develop his understanding of stories.

1BM - Oscar for amazing progress in his phonics. He has worked so hard and showed the value of determination in learning his sounds. Good work Oscar.

1BM - Leila for becoming more independent with her writing. Leila has written a fantastic story based on lost and found. She changed the character and setting. Well done Leila.

2LL - Oliver for making fantastic progress in reading. Oliver has jumped up two groups from his first assessment in September. Keep up the hard work and determination to be a speedy, fluent reader Oliver.

2LL - Sara for settling into Hill Farm well, she shows her values of kindness and respect to all adults and children in school. She also has a positive attitude towards her learning and she is determined to succeed.

2TK - Mahveen for always listening carefully in lessons and trying her best in everything that she does. She takes great pride and care in her learning and as a result her handwriting and presentation is always beautifully neat. Keep it up! 😊

2TK - Luca has a great curiosity for learning. He demonstrates independence and determination to complete all tasks set to the best of his ability and he rises to the challenge to 'take his learning further'. A super attitude Luca!

3EF - Samuel for showing determination to speak in full sentences at all times. Sam has been working particularly hard on his oracy skills in Maths to explain why we need to exchange. He has been using his talk protocols of agree, disagree and build to respond to his classmates. Well done!

3EF - Kevin for his fantastic determination and resilience in all lessons. This week Kevin has worked independently on exchanging within subtraction and has not given up until he has mastered this tricky skill. Well done!

3SM - Ava for her continuous kindness towards others and her determination to be successful in all of her endeavours.

3SM - Brody for showing real commitment to improving his handwriting - not giving up on his beautiful joining. He has also demonstrated excellent oracy skills, modelling great listening and speaking confidently and clearly in front of the class.

4DJ - Laila for being an amazing Oracy star and using every aspect of the listening ladder to show that she is listening, especially reacting to the speaker!

4DJ - Gabriel for challenging himself in our reading lessons. Gabriel has been using stimming and scanning and read around effectively to challenge himself at the next level, working independently as well as having a go at the TIF (Take It Further).

4EB - Alex because his contributions in class are what stimulate conversation! He has the power to not only educate us all, but also make us laugh at the same time. He has showed independence in all lessons recently, particularly in Maths.

4EB - Diva for settling into 4EB so well. She has showed confidence by making new friends and contributing in lessons.

5DL - Mario for his attention to detail and for being a positive role model for everyone else in the class and year group.

5DL - Elham for pushing himself to succeed in maths and for taking on more challenges. His quick recall has astonished Mrs Ling.

5MB - Harsirat for always completing everything to the best of her ability. She is a lovely, considerate member of the class.

5MB - Coby for always being kind, caring and cheerful. He encompasses all of our school values.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Sakina for listening to instructions, being well behaved and helpful in the playground.

Year 2 - David for always being polite at lunchtime and for having good manners, being helpful and always smiling. Well done David. 😊

Year 3 - Aymen for being kind to her friends and having lovely manners.

Year 4 - Zuzanna is always polite and kind and has lovely manners.

Year 5 - Mohammed M for always smiling and being good and polite during lunch time.

Year 6 - Kevin for always being polite and respectful towards the adults.

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMP 2023

COVENTRY OUTDOORS
EDUCATION & ADVENTURE SERVICES

October half term Activity Camp '23

Coombe Abbey Park, Brinklow Rd,
Coventry CV3 2AB

Experience an unforgettable adventure, from survival techniques to outdoor activities and challenges, whilst making new friends and having lots of fun!

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KEY DATES 2023

Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 23 rd October 2023	Year 3EF	2:30pm - Reading with Fluency – Year 3EF
Tuesday 24 th October	Year 3	Trip to Herbert Art Gallery/Coventry History
Wednesday 25 th October 2023	Year 5 & 6 Parents	9:00am - Introduction to Oracy – Years 5 & 6
Thursday 26 th October 2023	Whole School	Autumn Disco
Friday 27 th October 2023	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Be Internet Legends Assembly at 1:30pm
Friday 27 th October 2023	Whole School	Break up for Half Term at 3:20pm
Monday 6 th November 2023	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 th November 2023	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 9 th November 2023	New to Reception 2024	9:15am or 2:30pm Open Day for New to Reception 2024 Parents
Monday 13 th – 17 th November 2023	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week Monday – Wear Odd Socks Day
Monday 20 th November 2023	Reception to Year 6	Flu Immunisation
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Belgrade Theatre Trip
Thursday 30 th November 2023	Whole School	Bottle Donations - Non Uniform Day
Friday 1 st December 2023	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	New to Reception 2024	9:15am or 2:30pm Open Day for New to Reception 2024 Parents
Friday 8 th December 2023	Whole School	Chocolate Donations - Non Uniform Day
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Nursery & Reception	Belgrade Theatre Trip
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Year 4	Black Country Museum Trip
Friday 15 th December 2023	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day - Non Uniform Day 50p Donation for Save the Children Charity
Friday 15 th December 2023	Whole School Parents	Christmas Craft Fair - 2:00pm
Monday 18 th December 2023	Nursery & Reception Parents	9:15am & 2pm – Christmas Play
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Years 1 & 2 Parents	9:15am & 2pm – Christmas Play
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Years 3 & 4 Parents	2:30pm – Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Years 5 & 6 Parents	3:45pm – Carols by Candlelight
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Whole School	Break up for Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th January 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens 8:30am



We have some very exciting **Events** happening throughout the school year.

Keep checking our Key Dates to find out what's coming up and when.

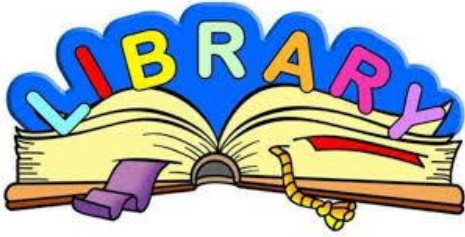
POPPY APPEAL



Your children will be about to buy the following, in school, over the coming weeks in support of the British Legion Poppy Appeal

- Paper Poppy – suggested donation 20p
- Snap Bands – suggested donation 50p

NEW LIBRARY UPDATE



Furniture and bookcases are beginning to arrive for the new Library and the children have been getting very excited! The Library will be open soon!

Each class has voted for a new **Reading for Pleasure** book. These books will be read aloud in class by the teacher, with surprise visits from other members of staff. Each book has been carefully chosen to be an enriching read for the children & we very much hope they will enjoy them. The chosen books are: -

- 1BM - The Incredible Book Eating Boy by Oliver Jeffers
- 1JH - The Suitcase by Chris Naylor- Ballesteros
- 2LL - Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman
- 2TK - I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott
- 3EF - A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
- 3SM - Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson
- 4DJ - Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zaynab Mianj
- 4EB - Mr Stink by David Walliams
- 5DL - When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle
- 5MB - Skellig by David Almond
- 6GW - The Last Bear by Hannah Gold
- 6PR - The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
- 6SO - High Rise Mystery - Sharna Jackson

You may wish to borrow a copy from our local public library in Jubilee Crescent. And if you pop along on **Saturday 27th October** they will have a table set-up with **Black History Month** activities. Mrs Nicholds would love to see any of your children's makes.



Here's a little **Autumn reading challenge** for you, should you wish to participate. Mrs Nicholds says that she will definitely be sipping hot chocolate & reading a book over this half-term!

READ A BOOK OUTSIDE	BOOK OF SHORT STORIES	BOOK THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING NEW	A TO Z BOOK	BOOK ABOUT HALLOWEEN
BOOK SET IN A SCHOOL	BOOK WITH A # IN THE TITLE	A BOOK THAT MAKES YOU LAUGH	BOOK WITH APPLE ON COVER	BOOK IN A SERIES
COMIC OR GRAPHIC NOVEL	READ UNDER A BLANKET		A FAIRY OR FOLK TALE	READ IN OR UNDER A TREE
BOOK WITH ORANGE OR RED COVER	ATTEND LIBRARY EVENT OR STORY TIME	RE-READ AN OLD FAVORITE	BOOK ABOUT CHANGE	BOOK WRITTEN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN
CHAPTER BOOK	BOOK SET IN ANOTHER COUNTRY	BOOK WITH ANIMALS AS MAIN CHARACTERS	READ WITH A FLASHLIGHT	BOOK INSPIRED FALL CRAFT

FIREWORK EVENT



Unfortunately,
due to increased health and safety concerns
we will not be able to hold the
traditional firework event this year.

