

8 DECEMBER 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM – Equal Opportunity

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

17 Sleeps to Go!!!



Firstly, a huge thank you for all the generous donations of bottles and chocolate that will be used as raffle and game prizes at the Christmas Fair next **Friday 15th December at 2 pm**. The Fair looks set to be our best yet as the newly formed Hill Farm Events team have been hard at work organising stalls and fun activities. Remember that pupils can come dressed in their Christmas jumpers and casual clothing.

This week, parents and pupils were delighted by the skills of our Rock Steady musicians who performed live in a special Rock Concert assembly. Hill Farm pupils played a variety of instruments including keyboards and drums. A special shout out to Mario who sang in front of a packed hall and showed real courage and talent. If you would like your child to join Rock Steady, please call in at the office for information.

Well done to our Pupil Voice team who met with a number of local Headteachers and staff to lead a showcase of Oracy at Hill Farm. The visitors were very impressed with the confidence our pupils showed and their ability to articulate how Oracy helps them in every area of the curriculum.

Next week is a busy one as our early years' children are off to meet Santa at the Belgrade, the year 4 children are off to the Black Country museum to see what Christmas was like in times gone by, the Hill Farm choir will be spreading good cheer, singing carols at the local residential home and on Thursday, Dolce will be serving a traditional Christmas Dinner.

Finally, on the last day of term, our charity ambassadors have asked if we can raise money for UNICEF who are a non-political and impartial organisation who bring lifesaving help and hope to children and families around the world. I was very proud to have pupils at Hill Farm show such altruism and want to use their values beyond our school and community. They have decided to hold a **pyjama day** on the last day of term for a minimum 50p donation. Your child can come to school in their pyjamas and change into their party clothes later if they wish to.

Thank you for your support,

Dawn Wilson - Headteacher

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE



awards & recognitions

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.

- **Friday 15th December – 3EF Class Assembly**
- **Friday 22nd December – Y1 – 5 Celebration Assembly**

ATTENDANCE



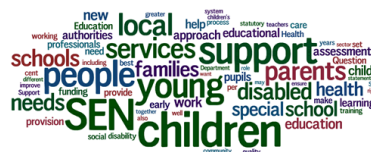
Hill Farm Primary School is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. Our aim as school is for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently

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 - Andrew for amazing progress shown in phonics. He has been working really hard to apply his Set 2 and 3 sounds to multisyllabic words to help him to read longer texts.

1JH - Joanna for trying her very best in Maths and English even when she finds it tricky. Her hard work and resilience shown has really impressed her teachers.

1BM - Lana for being helpful and kind when other adults are in the room. Mrs Quibell was blown away with how polite and thoughtful she was! Well done Lana.

1BM - Edward for showing determination when learning his line for the Christmas performance. Edward has lots to say and some of it is quite tricky to remember but he has not given up.

2LL - Elisha for writing a fantastic information text in English this week. She was determined to include everything on our success criteria, and she proofread her work to make improvements. Her presentation is outstanding and she always takes great pride in her work. Keep it up 😊.

2LL - Kai for always being willing to show kindness. Recently we have had lots of new children start in 2LL and Kai is always the first one to offer them a helping hand, whether it's sitting next to them, showing them around or helping them to write the date and WALT. Thank you for always being so kind Kai to everyone in our class! 😊.

2TK - Paisley for working hard in maths and using her knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes to help identify shapes and their properties. She was then able to demonstrate kindness and altruism by helping others.

2TK - Grace for demonstrating perseverance and determination when completing an extended piece of writing this week. She thought carefully about her ideas and organised what she wanted to say into sentences. Keep up the good work Grace! 😊.

3EF - Arafat for his fantastic willingness to act on feedback in all lessons. As a result of Arafat editing and improving his writing based on teacher feedback, Arafat has made huge progress in writing. His diary entry based on Stonehenge was filled with historical vocabulary including Neolithic and quarry and his story on Stig of the Dump included adverbs, inverted commas and similes!

3EF - Mirah for showing determination, pride and enthusiasm in all lessons. Last week, Mirah impressed Miss Fowell with her fantastic story based on Stig of the Dump. She carefully used all of the features including adverbs, subordinating conjunctions and even inverted commas! This week, Mirah has shown her willingness to challenge herself for our class assembly. She has been changing her voice and body to show she is presenting information.

3SM - Solomon. What a superstar! He has been determined to learn all of his sounds and read more fluently. He is beginning to work more independently.

3SM - Harkiran. She is flying through her work with determination and independence. She listens well and is able to show her understanding through excellent pieces of writing.

4DJ - Madina for showing a huge improvement in her independence during her learning, she is trying many things on her own and even challenging herself to the TIF!

4DJ - Chloe for showing great determination with her learning, especially in maths. Even when Chloe finds something tricky, she is always determined to give it her best shot!

4EB - Angel has really grown in confidence since starting Year 4. She is always engaged in lesson and shows she is interested in the content by putting her hand up and offering her ideas to the rest of the class. She has taken on the role of oracy lead in English this week which she really enjoyed.

4EB - Usmane for completed the most amazing big write this week! He was enthusiastic about completing the writing and managed to do it all by himself. He is becoming much more independent in lesson and this is great to see.

5DL - Aarush for his improved presentation, he is working hard on his joins and how he puts his work on his page. Excellent determination Aarush.

5DL - Sienna-Grace for her positive attitude, she always smiles when working no matter what her task and is eager to prove how amazing she is!

5MB - Ollie for excellent mathematical knowledge and applying himself fully in maths lessons.

5MB - Mia for always challenging herself to be the best that she can be. She uses feedback to improve her own work and make corrections.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Salsbeel for always remembering to say please and thank you. Also, for being very kind to her friends and others on the playground and she always has a big happy smile for everyone.

Year 2 - Hela for always offering to help and being kind to other children.

Year 3 - Tolu for being very helpful this week and also for being very kind and caring towards her other year members when playing.

Year 4 - Eva for showing kindness every day to her friends and for always smiling.

Year 5 - Emma for always showing respect to her friends and for being well behaved.

Year 6 - Dara for always being a polite and respectful member of year 6 in school and showing all her values daily. Well done Dara.

DICK WHITTINGTON PANTOMIME



Three Spires Guildhall are breathing new life into this classic family pantomime, guaranteeing an evening of cheers, boos, infectious dancing, and wide grins that will linger like the Cheshire cat's.

Tickets are available through the Warwick Arts Centre website, or via their box office:

024 7649 6000

Performances are on 4th – 7th January 2024.

KEY DATES 2023

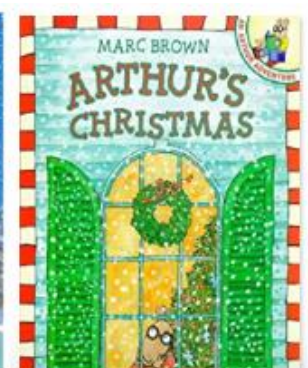
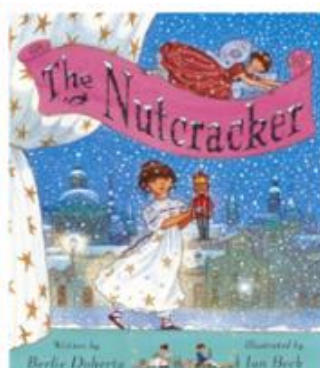
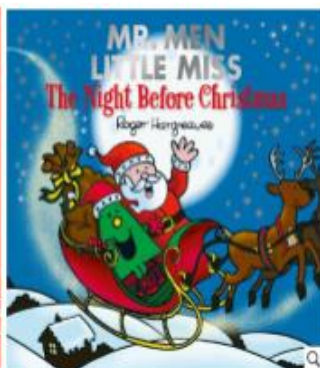
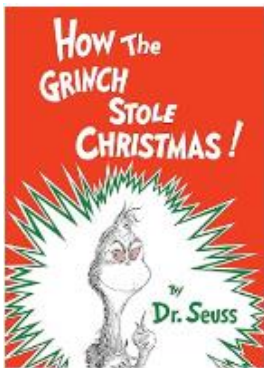
| Date | Year Group | Event |
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| Thursday 30 th November 2023 | Whole School | Bottle Donations - Non Uniform Day |
| Friday 1 st December 2023 | Whole School | School Closed – Teacher Training Day |
| Tuesday 5 th December 2023 | New to Reception 2024 | 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 |
| Tuesday 12 th December 2023 | School Choir | Coundon Manor Care Home - Christmas Carols 1:40pm |
| Wednesday 13 th December 2023 | Nursery & Reception | Belgrade Theatre Trip |
| Wednesday 13 th December 2023 | Year 4 | Black Country Museum Trip |
| Thursday 14 th December 2023 | Whole School | Dolce - Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 15 th December 2023 | Class 3EF | Class Assembly – 3EF |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 19 th December 2023 | School Choir | Charnwood House Care House – Christmas Carols 2pm |
| Wednesday 20 th December 2023 | Years 3 & 4 Parents | 9:15am – Carols by Candlelight |
| Wednesday 20 th December 2023 | Years 5 & 6 Parents | 2:30pm – Carols by Candlelight |
| 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 |

LIBRARY CORNER



It is the start of the festive season and Mrs Nicholds has taken this as an opportunity to share some great stories with the children. Christmas is a good time to create a new family tradition - sharing favourite stories with each other! It will increase your Christmas Cheer and create precious memories! One of the first and most enduring Christmas stories was written by Charles Dickens - 'A Christmas Carol'. It was published in 1843 and it has inspired many movies, musicals, spin-off books & even a video game! A short, adapted version of the story is available from the school library.

Here are some more favourites - all available from the Hill Farm Library- just ask your teacher or Mrs Nicholds and you can borrow it.



DOLCE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Dolce are putting on a Christmas Lunch on **Thursday 14th December**. If you want your child to have one, please go onto SchoolGrid to order.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We are holding our Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 15th December 2023**. Your child can come to school in their Christmas jumper for a **50p** donation for the **Save the Children** Charity.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS



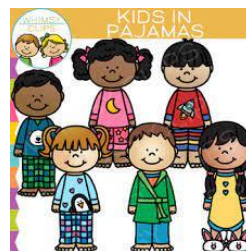
It would be great if we could achieve 97% or more!

The attendance initiative is proving very successful with 95% children in every day. Remember your child could win a range of Christmas prizes simply by coming to school, on time, each day.

CHARITY AMBASSADORS EVENT

unicef | for every child

Our Charity Ambassadors and Year 6 children this week have asked how they can raise money to help disadvantage children.



So, on **Friday 22nd December 2023**, the children can come into school in their pyjamas in exchange for a donation of **50p** to raise money for **UNICEF**, the world's leading children's organisation.

All the funds raised will support the charity's work to reach those most disadvantage children in some of the world's toughest places, protecting their rights and building a better world for each child.

As in previous years, if the children would like to bring partywear to get changed into in school, on that day, then they can.



CHRISTMAS FAIR



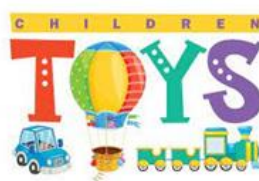
Just a reminder that our Christmas Fair is on **Friday 15th December** starting at 2:00pm.

FOOTBALLS



Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing in footballs from home. If we see a child on the playground with one, it will be kindly taken from them and given back to parents at the end of the day.

LAST DAY OF TERM



On the last day of term (Friday 22nd December), children can bring in a toy to play with, with their friends. Please do not send anything electronic, phones or items of value as school cannot take any responsibility for loss or damage.