

**10 NOVEMBER 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

I hope you all had a pleasant and restful half term. The Autumn disco was a huge success with **295** children achieving 99% or higher attendance and receiving a free ticket and sweetie bag. As if coming to Hill Farm wasn't exciting enough, Mrs Hammond has launched a new attendance initiative in assembly this week. She explained to children that they could win a range of Christmas goodies such as games and chocolate simply by being in school every day. With so many exciting learning experiences and activities to look forward to, I am sure there will be lots of children winning prizes!

This term we have planned author events, Christmas lunch, carols and performances, trips and crafts as well as the traditional visit to the pantomime at the Belgrade Theatre – this year is Cinderella and it promises to be the best one yet!

We also have a Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 15th December and in preparation for this, on Thursday 30th November, children can come dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a 'bottle' donation. Then on Friday 8th December there will be another non-uniform day in exchange for a Christmas chocolate donation. All contributions will be used in stalls at the Christmas Fair. Please look at the back of the newsletter for a list of all key dates.

Please remember next week is parents evening and your child should have received an appointment time. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress at school and ask any questions; Miss Roper – SENCo and myself will also be available. If you are not able to attend, please contact the office or your child's class teacher for an alternative day or time.

Finally, the After School Care Club will start next week. If your child has a place you will have received a letter confirming this. Due to high demand, it was not possible to offer everyone a place currently, however there is a waiting list and as soon as spaces become available you will be contacted.

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.

- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Y1 – 5 Celebration Assembly**
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Showcase Assembly**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Y1 – 5 Celebration Assembly**
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 - Yimika** for having a fantastic attitude to learning. And for always trying to challenge himself in everything he does. Yimika is always happy to explain his understanding to his friends.

**1JH - Porsha** for having fantastic ideas shared within the classroom. Porsha has a lot of enthusiasm for the learning and it shows with her inputs on the carpet. Well done Porsha 😊

**1BM - Tudor** for fantastic determination in phonics. With our longer words Tudor has worked hard to segment them into syllables to help him.

**1BM - Rithwika** for settling into year 1 with the biggest, brightest smile! Rithwika has been cheerful every day since she started and she's a fantastic member of 1BM.

**2LL - Priscilla** for taking great pride in the presentation of her work in all lessons. But particularly this week in Art work when we were using lots of different techniques and medias. She was also able to evaluate her work to a high standard too.

**2LL - Rahela** for showing great determination in Maths this week. Rahela has really challenged herself to work independently and completed lots of TIFs too.

**2TK - Fred** for demonstrating focus, concentration, great attention to detail and resilience when creating a portrait of a monarch in Art this week. Fred used and applied the sketching, blending and layering techniques taught when using oil pastels to produce an artistic likeness. Well done! 😊

**2TK - Endina** for demonstrating perseverance when combining knowledge of part whole models, use of number lines and number bonds of 10 to solve addition problems in Maths this week. Although, this was tricky at first, Endina didn't give up and showed determination to use the strategies to help find the answer. An excellent attitude to learning, keep it up!

**3EF - Zainab** for working hard this week to improve her independence. She has tried her best to speak in full sentences at all times and to contribute to class discussions!

**3EF - Forrest** for showing determination and resilience this week in Maths. Miss Fowell has been really impressed with Forrest explaining his ideas using mathematical vocabulary including 'exchange' and 'inverse'.

**3SM - Elijah** for his dedication and commitment to being successful at lunchtimes. He always tries his best to enjoy his time with his friends in the canteen.

**3SM - Tolu** for her continuous commitment to challenging herself in all areas of the curriculum. She speaks confidently and clearly expressing her opinions on a variety of topics.

**4DJ - Lucy** for showing great determination throughout her learning, especially during maths lessons. Also, Lucy has been on an oracy journey and because of her determination is now an oracy star!

**4DJ - Atheesh** for developing his independence. Atheesh is beginning to check his work before an adult and is having a go at using the resources around him to support his learning, therefore being able to complete work independently.

**4EB - Ionut** for showing excellent levels of determination with his handwriting. He has been joining up beautifully and ensuring his descenders go below the line.

**4EB - Kaja** is always so kind and caring with everyone in the class. She makes sure everyone is on task on her table and inspires others to challenge themselves during 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.

**5DL - Freya** for her excellent teamwork and for always being fair and polite when interacting with her peers.

**5DL - Lydia** for her willingness to help others no matter the task, and for always using her values in school.

**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.

**5MB - Sophia** for her thoughtful contributions in class.

**5MB - Subhan** for reading regularly at home and being organised in the classroom.

### LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



**Year 1 – Kajeton** for being well behaved in the canteen and for always volunteering to hold the door for others.

**Year 2 - Charlie** for kind manners and being helpful.

**Year 3 - Hana** for being kind, polite and always helping to tidy up outside.

**Year 4 - Ava** is so helpful and always shows kindness to others and has the biggest smile well done Ava.

**Year 5 - Buzz** for always being polite, respectful and well behaved at play time and lunchtime.

**Year 6 - Shkola** for always showing her patience and respect when lining up to go into the building and using her manners all the time.

### ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW



This term the children will go into a prize draw if they are in school every day from **Wednesday 8th November** to **Thursday 21st December 2023**. They will have a chance to win games, chocolates, fiddle toys etc.

### BOTTLE DONATIONS



We are having a non-uniform day on **Thursday 30th November**.

Children can come dressed casually in exchange for donating a 'bottle', this can be shampoo, conditioner, soft drinks, alcohol. Anything that

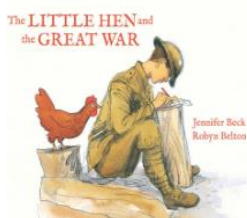
is unopened, unused, is in a bottle and in new condition.

Any alcohol donations should be delivered straight to the school office.

## KEY DATES 2023

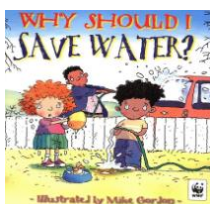
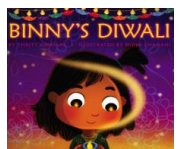
Date	Year Group	Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week Monday – Wear Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2, 4 & 5DL	Parents/Carers & Teachers Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Years 3, 5MB & 6	Parents/Carers & Teachers Consultation Evening 3:30pm – 7:00pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Reception to Year 6	Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 4	West Midlands Fire Service – SPARKS 1pm – 3pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Belgrade Theatre Trip
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Whole School	Bottle Donations - Non Uniform Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	New to Reception 2024	9:15am or 2:30pm Open Day for New to Reception 2024 Parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School	Chocolate Donations - Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School Choir	Coundon Manor Care Home - Christmas Carols 1:40pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Nursery & Reception	Belgrade Theatre Trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 4	Black Country Museum Trip
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School	Dolce - Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day - Non Uniform Day 50p Donation for Save the Children Charity
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School Parents	Christmas Craft Fair - 2:00pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Nursery & Reception Parents	9:15am & 2pm – Christmas Play
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Years 1 & 2 Parents	9:15am & 2pm – Christmas Play
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Years 3 & 4 Parents	2:30pm – Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	Years 5 & 6 Parents	3:45pm – Carols by Candlelight
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Whole School	Break up for Holidays at 3:20pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Whole School	School Closed - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens 8:30am

## LIBRARY CORNER



November is a very busy time for readers - there are lots of special occasions in November which we can read all about in books - both fiction and non-fiction! Two occasions coming up this weekend are Remembrance Sunday - a time when we remember all the men, women and animals who fought in the Great War, World War II and many more wars. One of Mrs Nicholds' favourite books about this topic is *The Little Red Hen and the Great War* by Jennifer Beck. It tells the story of a soldier who finds and cares for a little red hen. It shows us all that small acts of kindness can have a big impact.

This weekend is also Diwali. Mrs Nicholds' favourite book about Diwali is *Binny's Diwali* by Thrity Umrigar. The story follows Binny telling all of her friends in Nursery all about Diwali and then all of the children celebrate Diwali together.



It is also Non-fiction November! This year's theme is 'Wonderful Water'. Mrs Nicholds' book choice is 'Why Should I Save Water?' published by the World Wildlife Fund. Hill Farm has lots of non-fiction books and we hope to display some of these books when the library opens.