

8 FEBRUARY 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM – ALTRUISM

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to parents and carers that attended the recent phonics event, led by Mrs Harding. I hope you found the sessions on how to help your child with their phonics at home really useful. If you weren't able to attend and would like to learn more then please speak to the office or Mrs Harding in year 1. A secure knowledge of phonics helps your child's early literacy skills and speech and language development. The sooner they grasp phonics the easier it is for your children to read.

Hill Farm children have been out and about representing our school in a football tournament at the AT7 centre. The mixed age, girls and boys team did incredibly well and also showed great sportsmanship and values. Well done, Hill Farm is proud of you.



Our year 1 children visited the local church as part of the R.E. curriculum and our choir have been delighting the residents of Coundon Residential home. Year 2 have visited Selly Manor in Birmingham as part of their history topic learning about Tudors.



Thank you to everyone that brought in money to buy cakes this week. This was a fund-raising activity requested by students and our charity ambassadors to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund. They managed to raise **£41!**

As this week is Children's Mental Health Week, we wanted to mark the event and asked children to come to school in outfits that 'express themselves' – there were some very creative outfits! The theme of the week is 'My Voice Matters' and during oracy lessons children have been talking about what this means.

Then of course this evening, there is the 'Valentines Disco' made all the more sweeter if your child has had excellent attendance this half term as they get in for free and also receive a free sweetie bag! Thank you to Mrs Hammond and the events team for organising the event and preparing over **300** sweetie bags! Look out next term for more attendance initiatives.

Finally, please remember that the new Hill Farm Community library will be opened on **Friday 23rd February**. A letter detailing all the exciting reading events taking place that day and the following week, will be sent home with your child shortly. In the meantime, please note that children will be able to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book!

Please remember that tomorrow is a teacher training day and school will re-open on Monday 19th February.

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 Assemblies after half term

ATTENDANCE



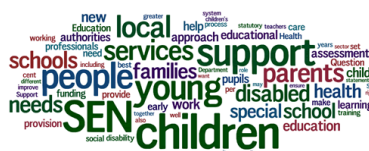
Hill Farm Primary School is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. Our aim as school is for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently

94.5%



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**.



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1JH - Rose for amazing progress shown in phonics. She has been working really hard to apply her Set 2 and 3 sounds to multisyllabic words to help her to read longer texts.

1BM - Wesley for a fantastic effort to improve his handwriting and presentation in his book. Wesley has taken pre-cursive writing in his stride and as a result his books look incredible!!

2LL - Daria for showing great determination to become a fluent speedy reader. Daria is consistently reading at home to receive a daily reader point and her recent phonic assessment shows huge progress in her reading fluency.

2JF - Mahveen. Mahveen is a delight to have in Miss Frogley's class! She is always willing to help the teacher and her classmates in any way possible, showing her value of altruism. She brings so much positivity to the classroom and works super hard in every lesson, always challenging herself to take her learning further.

3EF Alan has impressed Miss Fowell with his independence and determination to succeed in all he does. When Miss Fowell first met Alan, he needed adult support to get started. Over the last few weeks, he has started every piece of work in English on his own and only asked for help if he needed it. This has led to huge increases in the amount he is producing and the creativity of his work.

3SM - Rory for always working independently and trying his best to produce high quality pieces of work.

4DJ - Roxy for showing amazing determination with her spelling. She has really been showing a lot more pride in her work, using the resources that she has around her to help her with her spelling and showing patience when completing feedback.

4EB - Mason has been doing lots of group work in class and has needed to be confident when adding points to a discussion. Mason is always so polite/caring and supports the school by picking up rubbish whenever he sees it!

5DL - Gyamfi for his lovely attitude and his kindness. Gyamfi always has a kind word to say, he treats others fairly and is a pleasure to have in the class and the year group.

5MB - Imogen for developing confidence and independence in Maths. She has worked hard this week to divide by grouping, completing lots of her work on her own.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Lana always remembers her manners in the canteen as well as the Hill Farm values on the playground. Lana is consistently amazing and always has a kind word to say to everyone.

Year 2 - Olivia for always displaying beautiful manners and showing kindness towards other children

Year 3 - Solomon for his patience and good behaviour, constantly.

Year 4 - Lily T is always kind polite and well behaved at lunchtime in the dining hall and on the playground what lovely values well done Lily.

Year 5 - Freya for her polite personality. She is a good listener and she is always showing her values to the and her friends.

Year 6 - Nicolas for trying his hardest to make the right choices during lunchtimes. Well done!

ORACY IS LEARNING TO TALK, LEARNING THROUGH TALK AND LEARNING TO LISTEN

1JH - Ahmed - Linguistic. Super effort in using specific vocabulary to our topic learning about Florence Nightingale when comparing hospitals from the past and now.

1BM - Olivia for being a fantastic member of Hill Farm voice. Olivia speaks clearly with wonderful expression. Olivia has fantastic social emotional skills when she uses her oracy to work collaboratively.

2LL - Abdullah for always showing that he is listening to his peers by reacting to the speaker as part of our listening ladder. He uses his talk protocols and is always willing to verbally add, build and agree or disagree with the speaker.

2JF - Susana. Susana displays her oracy skills by always being on our listening ladder. She gets involved in discussions using her protocols, asking questions to find out more and having 100% focus on the speaker.

3EF - Jessica has blown Miss Fowell away with her social and emotional oracy skills recently. When speaking to the class, she has been pushing herself to change the words she uses to suit the audience and has been speaking loudly and with confidence when sharing her ideas.

3SM - Diveena for consistently trying to use her sentence stems to develop the quality of her spoken sentences.

4DJ - Ibrahim for his outstanding oracy this week and last week, especially within the linguistic strand of oracy. He uses full sentences and is challenging himself to use the new vocabulary that we have learnt throughout the week.

4EB - Lily G has won the Oracy award this week, specifically for her great listening skills. Lily is able to show me she is listening all the time by sitting still and giving me eye contact whilst I am talking. Even better, she can relay what I have said back to her confidently afterwards!

5DL - Orla for her physical oracy, where she has ensured that she has spoken with clarity and also projected her voice during lessons and more recently during play practice, to make sure that others can hear her fantastic ideas and wonderful vocabulary.

5MB - Aamina for demonstrating excellent linguistic skills in oracy and throughout the curriculum. She has an amazing range of vocabulary which she applies in speaking and written activities.

NEWSLETTER NATTER



Debate this week's Newsletter Natter at home with your family and friends to put your Oracy skills to the test.

- ***There should be children and teenagers in government***

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR - VACANCY



We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor.

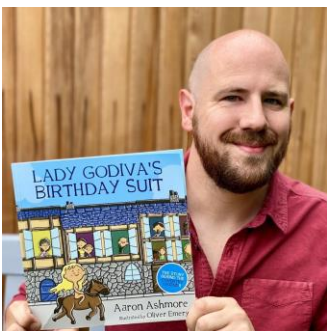
If you are interested in applying, please follow the link below:

[Lunchtime Supervisor \(eteach.com\)](https://www.eteach.com)

KEY DATES 2024

Date	Year Group	Event
Friday 9 th February 2024	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Monday 19 th February 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 23 rd February 2024	Whole School	Launch of the Community Library
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Applicable Children	MMR Immunisation Session
Tuesday 5 th March 2024	Year 3	Greek Day in School
Thursday 7 th March 2024	Whole School	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March 2024	Whole School	Non-uniform Day for Donation of Easter Eggs
Monday 11 th – 15 th March 2024	Whole School	British Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March 2024	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Rocksteady Concert – 9:00am
Thursday 14 th March 2024	Year 6	Height & Weight Check
Thursday 21 st March 2024	Whole School	Easter Bingo Eggtravaganza !!
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Nursery & Reception Years 1 & 2	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Hard Boiled Egg Decorating Competition
Friday 22 nd March 2024	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm
Monday 8 th April 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Monday 6 th May 2024	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 24 th May 2024	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Thursday 27 th June 2024	Whole School	"Wear it White" Disco Party
Friday 28 th June 2024	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Friday 5 th July 2024	Whole School	Big Summer Bash - 2:00pm
Tuesday 9 th July 2024	Year 3	Lunt Fort Trip
Friday 19 th July 2024	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm

LIBRARY CORNER



Coventry author, (and former student of Hill Farm Primary School!), Aaron Ashmore will be visiting on Friday 23rd February to talk about Coventry and his series of books. We are so happy to welcome him back! Aaron has made it his mission to put Coventry on the map and to ensure that we celebrate all of the good things and people to have come out of Coventry over the years. He has

donated over 9,000 books to Coventry primary schools free of charge and is passionate about helping to keep the city's history alive with his fun and informative books!

To celebrate the visit, Aaron has kindly offered a discounted rate of £5 for signed copies of his Coventry books (normally £8) which he will bring with him on the day of the visit.

If you use the code **HILLFARM** when purchasing a book at

<https://etchandpin.co.uk/collections/books>

, the discount will be applied to each book you order.

Please ensure that you add your child's name as note at checkout when you place your order.

Aaron will then bring your book order in when he visits the school on 23rd February in an envelope with your child's name!

FREE BOOKS



To develop a love of reading for all our pupils and promote reading at home, we are giving away **FREE** books.

Every Friday, until the library opens there will be a selection of children's books you can take to stock up your library at home. Reading with your children is one of the most important things you can do – even if it is just a story at bedtime both you and your child will create happy memories of reading that last a lifetime.

FREE BRUNCH

CALL 07940459478 TO BOOK
YOUR SPACE



**FREE BRUNCH
FOR ALL THE
FAMILY THIS
HALF TERM**

Jubilee Crescent
Community Centre
Thursday 15th February
11.30am

A choice of Breakfast
Batches or Full English
Breakfast Available

sandie@aptitude.org.uk

APTITUDE
Youth Work
Empowering Young People

Please call
07940 459 478
to book your space for a
free brunch
on Thursday 15th February
at 11:30am