

12 APRIL 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

VALUE OF THE HALF TERM – Resourcefulness

A VALUE IS A PRINCIPLE THAT GUIDES OUR THINKING AND BEHAVIOUR

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back, I trust you had an enjoyable Easter break. The children returned eager to start the summer term which is packed with lots of exciting learning and experiences – please look at the key dates at the back of the newsletter for more information.

Thank you to the parents who joined our Easter Bingo evening. Everyone had a great time with lots of chocolate prizes won and every child left with a chocolate egg. The funds raised will be used to buy equipment for our new cookery area.

Congratulations to our Junior PCSOs who graduated during a special assembly at the end of term. The Police who visited also brought along a police dog 'George' who showed off his skills during their talk.



The community library has been a real success with parents visiting every evening after school to read with their children and take books home. Please remember it is open every day until 4 pm and you can visit as often as you wish. We want our pupils to develop a love of reading that will last a lifetime and would ask that you encourage your child to read every day to help them develop this vital skill.

I am delighted to announce that the new Science, Art and DT block is almost finished and will be officially opened in the coming weeks. This is another area in our school that will offer pupils an exciting purpose-built space for them to be inspired in. However, we need your help as we do not have a name for the space! In assembly today, the children have been told about a competition to come up with a name that is catchy and representative of what the area will be used for. Ideas so far include the Creation Station, Inspiration Area and Ignite Room. If you have a good idea for a name, please encourage your child to enter – there is a prize for the winning name!

Finally, there are spaces in Breakfast Club which is open from 7:45 am every morning at a cost of £2.50 per session and free to pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding. If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office.

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 26th April - Y1 - Y5 Celebration Assembly**
- **Friday 17th May - 5MB Class Assembly**
- **Thursday 23rd May - 3SM Class Assembly**
- **Friday 24th May - Y1 - Y5 Celebration Assembly**

ATTENDANCE



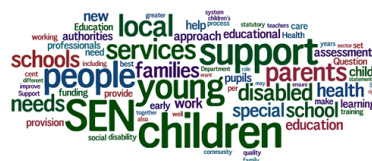
Hill Farm Primary School is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality. Our aim as school is for every child to achieve at least 96% attendance. Whole school attendance is currently

94%



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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1BM - Kason-James for independence in his maths work. Kason-James has been working hard to reflect on his maths before requesting help and he has been completing his strips in record time and moving onto the TIF!!

1JH - Rayan for fabulous comprehension of his reading books. Rayan's fluency has made lots of progress last half term and this means he can better understand the stories he is reading independently.

2LL - Rayna for showing kindness to other pupils in her class. This week Rayna has been willing to help other children with their work in Maths. Rayna has had a great start back after half term.

2JF - Dilroop for making fantastic progress in her English work, being able to work independently. Working resiliently to challenge herself when the work can be tricky.

3EF - Lita-May for showing resilience and determination with her handwriting. Lita-May has worked hard to make her letter formation clear and remembers to check for her writing target in all lessons. Well done!

3SM - Tomasz for showing his values during lunch.

4DJ - Logan for showing an amazing attitude to school since we have returned, he has completed all of his work to an amazing standard, it's been brilliant! Keep it up Logan.

4EB - Maya for showing great resilience this week in History and Geography. She was able to plot points on a graph which is such a tricky skill! Well done.

5DL - Adrianna for her increased confidence in her own ability. Even though she sometimes needs some help, she still tries her best to work by herself and listens so carefully to her instructions to make sure she is only doing the right thing.

5MB - Kacper for showing focus and determination in Maths lessons. Miss Browne is impressed with his ability to apply his times tables facts quickly and accurately to find areas.

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

1BM - Poppy for showing determination with her phonics. Poppy always keeps trying even on the trickiest words.

1JH - Alisia (Linguistic) for a fabulous retell of the story 'The Tiger who Came to Tea' with lots of brilliant vocabulary from the story.

2LL - Alfie for his incredible listening skills. Alfie uses the steps on the listening ladder to support and further his learning. He uses lots of questions to clarify his learning.

2JF - Paisley uses her social and emotional oracy skills when working with others, she is able to explain and help her partner in discussions. She often gives her classmates positive feedback.

3EF - Maya S for working hard to become an independent learner and to improve her physical oracy. Maya has been sharing ideas in lessons and speaking with a clear, loud speaking voice so she can be heard. Using actions has also helped Maya to remember new and tricky vocabulary.

3SM - Tolu for using linguistic oracy when articulating her sentences.

4DJ - Ava for showing amazing cognitive oracy, she is always using full sentences and evidence to back up her answers. She also is always offering to help me, and supporting her peers, Thank you Ava!

4EB - Lily T for social and emotional oracy skills. Lily is becoming much more confident in class and is now able to put her hand up to offer ideas. She has also worked in a team and taken the time to listen to others ideas and build upon them.

5DL - Alexandros for his linguistic oracy. He has been thinking so carefully about the words that he uses and choosing the best ones to explain his thoughts and ideas. He has been pushing himself to use better vocabulary and subject specific vocabulary too.

5MB - Hollie for her social and emotional oracy. Miss Browne has noticed how lovely Hollie is when she is working with others in class. She has applied her oracy skills to explain and support others with their learning.

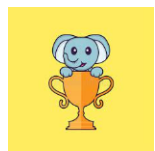
NEWSLETTER NATTER



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

- ***Should We Eat Less Meat to Save the Environment?***

HOUSE CUP



Congratulations to '**Elephants**' who won the House Cup at the end of term and took part in a treasure hunt.

The children had a great time and of course had lots of chocolate prizes!

EASTER BINGO EGGSTRAVAGANZA



Thank you to everyone that came and supported our Easter Bingo Evening.

Great fun was had by our attending families and staff.

All proceeds will go into our School Funds to help with various improvement projects around school.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS AWARDS



Year 1 - Oscar. He is always polite, helpful and making his friends and other children on the playground smile.

Year 2 - Rohan for always displaying lovely behaviour and manners.

Year 3 - Tomasz for being very supportive of his friends and helping them when they are sad.

Year 4 - Angel for being really helpful and is kind to everyone.

Year 5 - Antonia for being very polite and good to everyone.

Year 6 - Ruby for always making Miss Webb smile and being a respectful member of year 6.

EASTER BONNET & DECORATED EGG WINNERS

The winners of our Easter Bonnet Competition were:



- **Nursery** - Jaydon & Ariyah
- **Reception** - Alissa & Arthur
- **Year 1** - Edward & Aida
- **Year 2** - Fola & David

The winners of the Decorated Egg Competition were:



- **Year 3** - Mirah & Molly
- **Year 4** - Kaya & Jesse
- **Year 5** - Grace, Maisey & Mia
- **Year 6** - Harper & Risindi

SMART WATCHES



You should have received a letter this week about "Smart Watches" as we wanted to inform you that students should not be wearing smart watches (where they are able to take photos as well as send and receive text messages) into school.

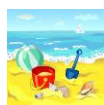
Smart watches are internet and camera enabled and therefore pose concerns in terms of safeguarding. Under no circumstances should a smart watch be used by children to take photos or videos when they are at school.

Pupils are allowed to wear analogue or digital watches only. They are not allowed to wear their smart watch on the school grounds at any time, including before and after school.

We also know that these are expensive items and we do not want them lost or damaged in any way.

If a child is found to have a smart watch it will be handed to the class teacher until they are collected at the end of the day.

BEACH DAY



Watch This Space
for details of our
Annual Hill Farm Trip to the Seaside.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS (POSO)



We have highlighted previously that ten of our year 5 students are



taking part in the Junior PCSO scheme. This scheme allows children to participate in the role of a Police community support officer. On Wednesday 20th March, we watched our Junior PCSOs graduate. To celebrate, George, the working sniffer dog, came to show us his

best sniffer skills in the hall. He found all of the scents that had been put down for him and the children loved watching him work. A huge congratulations and good luck to **Arav, Emma, Grace, Jack, Maisey-Jo, Mia-Paige, Michael, Mohammed, Shamaima and Ylan** in your role as Hill Farm Junior PCSOs.

You'll see them out on parking patrol over the coming weeks.

KEY DATES 2024

Date	Year Group	Event
Friday 19th April 2024	Year 3	Year 3 Arts CONNECT Workshop
Monday 6th May 2024	Whole School	School Closed – Bank Holiday - May day
Tuesday 7th May 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 10th May 2024	Year 3	Year 3 Arts CONNECT Workshop
Friday 24th May 2024	Whole School	Break up for Half Term – 3:20pm
Monday 3rd June 2024	Whole School	School Re-opens – 8:30am
Friday 7th June 2024	Year 3	Year 3 Arts CONNECT Workshop
Wednesday 19th June 2024	Nursery & Reception	9:30am - 11:30am Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 20th June 2024	Years 1 & 2	9:30am - 11:30am Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 21st June 2024	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	9:30am - 11:30am Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 27th June 2024	Years 1 to 5	"Wear it White" Disco Party
Friday 28th June 2024	Whole School	School Closed – Teacher Training Day
Friday 5th July 2024	Whole School	Big Summer Bash - 2:00pm
Tuesday 9th July 2024	Year 3	Lunt Fort Trip
Friday 19th July 2024	Whole School	Break up for Holidays – 3:20pm

LIBRARY CORNER

Hello from the Library.

Thank you to the many children who applied to be my Assistant Librarians. The children put a lot of effort into their applications, and it was a difficult choice to make. I have appointed 10 Junior Librarians. They all helped set up the library with me, and continue to assist me, once a week, with ongoing tasks in the library. The Assistant Librarians are -

- From 5DL - Freya, Maisey-Jo and Aisha
- From 5MB - Coby, Mia-Paige and Layla Mu
- From 6GW - Valeria and Dara
- From 6PR - Baylei
- From 6SO - Imogen



Heartfelt thanks go to the many other students who have helped me in the library before opening day. I would also like to thank students and parents for their generous donations to the library. I will always welcome reader-to-reader donations of fiction and non-fiction books, graphic novels and comics. Values tokens are given to each child that donates books. Finally, thank you so much for visiting - I love seeing all the happy, smiling faces! It is also great to see so many returning faces. Remember, you are welcome to stay until 4pm, sit and read – it's such a good opportunity to complete your child's 5-minute reading, and get their reading diary signed for the day - just 5 minutes makes a huge difference to learning and mental health.

Mrs Nicholds