



# Hill Avenue Academy

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Dear Parents and carers,

## Personal Social Health

The children have made a fantastic start to PE this term. KS1 began by looking at friendship and recipes for making a good friend. Years 3 and 4 examined the very important role of how to stay safe from cyber bullying and how to help our friends if they are bullied, imagining a range of scenarios and giving excellent advice. Year 5/6 looked at empathy and how to show this in good times as well as bad appreciating what we have and the world around us as well as understanding the emotions of those in pain. We also empathised with our British farmers who have been very busy at this time of year the children now have a thorough appreciation of the effort that brings the food to our tables!

If you require any support with the personal development of your child at home then please speak to your child's class teacher or visit the mental health and well-being section of the school website for some useful strategies.

You can also find top 10 core values on the school website which we use in school to help develop children's attitudes. Again you might find these useful discussion points or targets for use at home to strengthen the links between a child's home and their school.

Look forward to hearing about your positive experiences.

## Music

Years 5 and 6 began the year by learning to sing, 'Livin' On a Prayer,' by Bon Jovi. We know many of the parents enjoyed this unit and shared their own musical passions with the children! We also travelled back in time through the history of Music appraising such greats as Jimmi Hendrix, Status Quo, Chuck Berry and The Beatles examining which key features linked all of these acts and their musical style together!

Years 3 and 4 examined the wonderful ABBA and the wide variety of Pop Music that they created. The children also learned to sing Mamma Mia, perform sections of it on the glockenspiels and improvise! What fabulous musicians!

Year 1 and 2 have also been learning to sing and play instruments with Mr Hateley recently remarking how impressed he was with how much music was going on throughout the day in Key Stage 1! Keep it up!

After Christmas we are hoping to offer wider opportunities for the children to learn various instruments and vocal coaching through the Wolverhampton Music service. We will provide more information soon.

Have a great festive season.

Warm wishes,

Miss Flavell

**Music Leader**