



# Newsletter

15th February, 2019

## Reminders

- Some parents have still not returned **computer or photo consent forms**. Your child cannot use a school computer without this permission. Please return to / ask the school office.
- If your child is **absent** from school, you must ring the school office to let us know why they are not in school.
- Please make sure that everyday your child has a **school bag** which includes their school planner and water bottle.
- You **MUST NOT** use your **mobile phone** on school site.
- There have been some cases of **head lice** in school. We are sending advice to specific classes but please be vigilant.
- Please ensure your child has their school **PE kit** in school on their PE days and no jewellery comes in to school on those days.

## Staffing

Good luck to Mrs Weaver who leaves us today on her maternity leave!

**Miss Torrington** will be covering Mrs Weaver's class. **Mrs Potts** will be the new Y3/4 phase leader if parents have any concerns / questions. **Mrs Johnson** will be our new maths co-ordinator for school.

## KS2 Reading Competition

KS2 pupils can send in a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual place.

Write a short explanation as to where you are and why. All children who take part will be entered in to a prize draw. We would like to display these photos around school. Any parents who wishes to join in too, please do! This will run up until Easter.

## Winners!

This week Hurst Hill achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award! This has recognised the work we do with parents and the difference it makes to the lives of the pupils. We are very proud to have won this award so please look out for us in the newspaper when we come back after the holiday!

We hugely value the partnership that we have with parents—thank you for engaging with us!

Don't forget we are closed on the first day back for teacher training so return to school with pupils on 26th February. Have a super half term everybody!

## Parents' Evening / Book Share

The first week back will be our parents' evening week (except Mrs Weaver's class). All parents should have received a parent mail notification allowing you to book an appointment. Appointments can be made for 26th February between 3.15-5pm and 27th February between 4-7pm. Please see the office team if you are struggling to make an appointment.

This time we are trialling having the book share at the same time as parents' evening. Several parents have requested this so we said we would try it! Your children's books will be available to view whilst you are waiting to see the teacher in the school hall. We are also asking parents to complete a parent questionnaire once you have had your appointment so we can collect parent views.

## Planners

Pupil planners have arrived in school and can be purchased for £4 from the school office. If your child has lost their planner, please make a new purchase so your child can be ready, organised and independent for school. All children will be asked to show their planner when they enter the building every morning to check they are organised for the day ahead.

## Half Term Things To Do in Dudley!

Dudley local authority has lots of events, activities and facilities happening and available over half term. Get out and about and enjoy your time as a family! The web link below allows you to click on the What's On section to find out more!

<http://fis.dudley.gov.uk/fsd/>

## Safeguarding

We all have a responsibility for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the Schools Designated Safeguarding Leads within school. If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.



### Stars of the Half Term!

Mrs Fryer / Mrs Jones' Class— Arjun  
Mrs Colwell's Class— Daise  
Miss Williams' Class— James  
Mrs Westwood's Class— Liam  
Mrs Weaver's Class— Lewis  
Mrs Johal's Class— Markuss  
Mrs Walker and Mrs Johnson's Class— Hayley  
Mrs Hull's Class— Ellie  
Mr Russell's Class— Megan  
Miss Small— Zachary

Well done to all our stars of the half term. You will choose your reward with Mrs Keen when we come back to school

Last half term's stars of the week enjoyed a computer afternoon with Mrs Keen.

### Parking

Please **do not block neighbours drives** when dropping off / collecting children from school. This is inconsiderate to local residents and does not adhere to our school values of being respectful and caring.

If a complaint needs to be made then please take the registration number of the vehicle, photo evidence if possible and ring 101 to report this to the police.

### Dudley School Holiday Dates

February Half Term—18th Feb until 22nd Feb

Easter Holidays—15th April until 26th April

May Half Term—27th May until 31st May

Summer Holidays—22nd July until 30th August

Please take holidays during these dates

### School Nurse

Our school nurse is Jane Holden and she is available to support all of our families with anything to do with the health of your child. She can be contacted on 07817 075276 or speak with us and we can make a referral about anything that may concern you.

### Lunchtime Behaviour Stars!

Reception—Zachary  
Year 1— Riley  
Year 2—Elliott  
Year 3—Philip  
Year 4—Reece  
Year 5/6 — Lydia & Mikolaj

The lunchtime supervisors and sports coaches choose these children for super behaviour.

All previous lunchtime stars whose names were chosen out of the hat enjoyed their special dinner today with Mrs Keen and Mrs Johnson. Well done! We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

### Attendance

#### 4th February—8th February

Attendance needs to be 100%!  
1st Place—Miss Williams' class with 98% - Well done  
Whole school attendance - 94%

**WEEKLY attendance award**  
Children who have attended school for the whole week will be entered into a weekly draw to win a prize.  
**This week's winner was Owen in Year 6!**

### INSET Days 2018-2019

25th February  
22nd July  
**Polling Day 2019**  
2nd May 2019—school closed

### 2019 Diary Dates

25th February—INSET day  
26th February— Book Fair— All week.  
26th February—Parents' Evening 3.15-5pm  
27th February-Parents' Evening 4-7pm  
28th February—Book Quiz round 2.  
6th March— KS1 music workshop  
6th March— Year 3/4 Film Night  
7th March— Book Quiz Final  
7th March— World Book Day  
12th March— Year 6 Revision Tips meeting 5.30pm  
13th March- KS2 music workshop  
20th March—Mr Russell's class assembly  
22nd March Year 3/4 trip to Chester

### Random Acts of Kindness

Every week the anti-bullying ambassadors select children who have demonstrated kindness towards others. This week the following pupils were spotted showing they care:

Finley  
Jack  
Josie  
Markuss  
Sophie  
Taylah  
Beth

Well done and thank you!

### House Points

**Daffodils and Shamrocks are the joint winners with 202 house points this week! Well done !**



### Campaign for School Funding

As you may have heard in the press recently, school budgets have been cut and will continue to be cut, causing schools to struggle to offer even a basic education. We are trying to get as many people to sign the petition so that MPs will discuss school funding in parliament. Please sign the petition using the link below

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/232220>

### Advertising

If you would like to advertise on our school newsletter then please contact the office team. It is only £3 per week and is a great way to inform the local community  
Email us at [info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk)  
[www.hursthillprimaryschool.com](http://www.hursthillprimaryschool.com)  
Tel: 01384 818845

### **School Meals: £2.30**

**Drinks: Milk—free Water—free  
Milkshake—25p and Juice—35p**

### **Snack Trolley**

**Toast—25p per round (15p for half)  
Please note -there has been a change to prices**