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HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

Can you believe it's Christmas in just **24** days?

At Hurst Hill children are already full of the Christmas spirit and they have been practising their carols ready for our annual church performance at St Mary's on the 14th December. The KS2 service will be 10-11am and the KS1 service will be 2-3pm. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform and has a coat, as we walk to the church. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

Online Safety – see page 3

Each week we will share a handy parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety.

Keep your children safe by staying up to date!

Healthy Lunchboxes



Parents and carers can take advantage of a new Dudley Public Health and Wellbeing website to help them create healthy, yummy and tooth-friendly children's lunchboxes.

To visit the site, please go to <https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk/>

It includes: Ingredients and easy-to-follow recipes for 14 lunchboxes Advice on how to make lunchboxes that are healthy, tooth friendly, cost -effective, time saving and full of variety Scrummy swaps helping make the lunchboxes suitable for a variety of dietary needs A downloadable weekly lunchbox planner and an editable template for parents/carers to personalise to suit their own families.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs Johnson

DIARY DATES

Monday 4th December – Y3 TimeZone visit

Tuesday 5th December- Year 5 INSPIRE

Thursday 7th December- Sports focus day

Tuesday 12th December- Year 4 INSPIRE

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch day & Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 14th December- Church service at St Mary's

Thursday 21st December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity 10am and 2pm

Friday 22nd December- School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas



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Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%.

The 100% winner this week is Rahaf

The winning class this week is Mrs Weaver/Mrs Westwood's class

The Department of Education has made it clear that schools must be stricter when dealing with families whose children are persistently absent or late for school. A child's absence from school can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, for example, if they are too poorly to attend or if they have a medical appointment that cannot be made outside school hours. If your child is persistently absent or regularly late for school, whatever the circumstances, a referral may be made to Dudley Education Investigation Service, and this could result in a fine.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, or to school on time, please contact the school office so we can offer some support. Please note that school will not authorise holidays during the school term and that our policy is to refer such absences of 5 school days or more to Dudley Education Investigation Service who may issue a fine. If your child is too ill to come to school then you should **contact the school office before 9.30am**, either by telephoning 01384 818845 (option 1) or using the absence reporting feature on ParentMail. Do not use our social media pages to report absences. Please remember that school can administer medication in certain circumstances



Our Century winners this week are:

Annalise, Olivia, Max & Daisie



Our skills builders this week are:

Maison, Isla, Max, Jacob, Layla-Rose & Colton



Star Pupils of the week

have shown our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring.

Reception- Sophie for resilience at carpet time

Year 1– Jack Junior for positive attitude to English and Maths

Year 2– Benas for positive attitude in Maths

Year 3- Macey for positive attitude to school work

Year 4— Aaliyah for positive attitude in all areas

Year 5– Olivia for resilience and focus

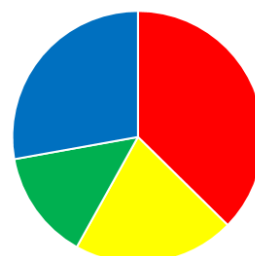
Year 6– Jimmy for positive attitude to learning

We use house points to reward pupils for following our school rules and values.

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 318, Diamond 177, Emerald 120 & Sapphire 237

Well done Rubies!



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

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