

Friday
12th Jan
2024



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

Happy New Year!

I would like to wish everyone a happy new year. It was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces Monday morning and to hear about the exciting Christmas holidays. Staff and myself would like to express our gratitude to all pupils and parents who sent us cards and gifts. It was very generous of parents to think of us, especially with the rising cost of living.

Thank you ☺

It has been an extremely cold start to the year, please can you ensure your children have their coats during the winter season. It can be bitterly cold at lunch and break time when they are enjoying their free time outdoors.

Next week we shall be providing pupils with their new spelling packs. Each week we shall add the spellings to the newsletter, so you will always know which spellings your child is practising.

During Monday's assembly we discussed online safety. Because so many pupils have received new technologies from Father Christmas, we recapped on the importance of staying safe and making kind choices. If you do require support with age restriction settings, or advice and support regarding technology, Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with Mr Johnson. He is our Online Safety Leader ☺ Further advice can be gained from

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

Have a super weekend. Mrs Johnson

Primary School admissions



**Applications close
on 15 January
2024**

If your child lives in Dudley borough and was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you need to apply for a primary school place by 15 January 2024.

DIARY DATES

Monday 15th January- Reception eye examinations

Wednesday 17th January- Year 1 INSPIRE

Tuesday 23rd January- Year 6 INSPIRE

Thursday 25th January- Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop

Tuesday 30th January- Year 4 INSPIRE

Tuesday 6th February- Reception INSPIRE

Friday 9th February – INSET day

School reopens on Monday 19th February



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Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%. The 100% winner this week is Kyra-May. The winning class is Mr Johnson's class. Well done year 6!

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.

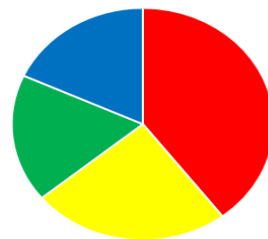
If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, or to school on time, please contact the school office so we can offer some support. Please note that school will not authorise holidays during the school term and that our policy is to refer such absences of 5 school days or more to Dudley Education 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



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

This week our house points totals are:
Ruby 182, Diamond 136, Emerald 101 & Sapphire 103

Well done Rubies!



Star Pupils of the week

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

Reception- Ellie-Jai for positive attitude to learning

Year 1- Rayan for resilience in learning

Year 2- Emma for caring for others

Year 3- Avril for positive attitude to learning

Year 4- Lexi for positive attitude in class

Year 5- Rosie for resilience in learning



Year 6- Tommie for positive attitude in all areas

Our skills builders this week are: Hugo, Emilia, Tyler, Elijah, Scarlett, Luke and Isaac





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Set parental controls on popular apps



1. Set up YouTube Kids for under-13s.
2. Use timers to manage screen time.
3. Turn off watch history to limit suggested videos.



1. Use the in-built parental controls feature with PIN.
2. Customise who your child can talk to.
3. Enable Account Restrictions for easy set up.



1. Create a child's profile.
2. Set a parental controls PIN.
3. Customise maturity level of content your child can watch.

See all parental controls guides at internetmatters.org/controls

Are they talking to others online?

- Check your child meets age requirements
- Explore social media platforms for under-13s
- Discuss positive behaviour online
- Search 'top internet manners' for more



Get personalised advice straight to your inbox

Want support to stay on top of your kids' digital lives? Together, we've got this, with our free personalised family digital toolkit. By completing the form you'll get:

- Age-specific checklists and guides
- Safety information on the latest apps and platforms
- Resources to tackle online concerns by age
- Interactive tools to encourage discussions on key topics

Scan the QR code or go to internetmatters.org/toolkit



Make online safety a part of their everyday

Conversations to have

Talk about:

- What they're watching: what do they like about it?
- What apps/games they like; what would they like to try?
- How being online makes them feel; what signs tell them they need a break?

See more at internetmatters.org

Tools to explore together

Build digital skills and play together with:

- The Online Together Project: an interactive quiz with discussion points to challenge stereotypes and hate online.
- Find the Faker: a series of quizzes to help teach children how to recognise and tackle misinformation online.

Go to internetmatters.org/advice for more



Digital safety at a glance

Guidance for parents of 5-7-year-olds

Use this quick tips guide to stay on top of your child's online safety needs.

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matters.org

Tech use, issues and tips

Learn about common experiences at this age and what you can do to keep your child safe online as they grow.



93%
watch videos



59%
send messages or
make video/voice calls



89%
Use YouTube

Source: Ofcom 2023



Too much screen time

Too much screen time is the online harm most experienced at this age, and **69% of parents** worry about this.

Source: Internet Matters tracker survey

Set time limits for devices but also help kids experience a range of activities to create and learn to support their wellbeing.



In-game and in-app spending

In-game and in-app spending is one of the most common online harms this age faces; **58% of parents** worry about this.

Source: Internet Matters tracker survey

Review purchase settings and parental controls in apps, games and online stores to set limits, then talk about why they're important.



Online bullying

Online bullying from people children know is one of the most common harms among 5-7s, and **63% of parents** worry about this.

Source: Internet Matters tracker survey

Online bullying is difficult to escape or ignore. So, talk about what it looks like so kids know when and how to get help.

Learn about these issues and more at internetmatters.org