

Friday
19th Jan
2024



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

What a cold week it has been! Please ensure that your child brings their coat, hat and gloves as we still go outside at break and lunchtime to get some fresh air.

In the unlikely event that we receive snow, and school is unable to open, we will set work for children to complete online. We would be grateful if you could check that your child is able to access their google classroom from home, as we will require you to register your child online.

The INSPIRE sessions this term are based on spelling. You can find out which statutory words children are expected to be able to spell by the end of their year by clicking on this [Spelling link](#), or on 'the supporting your child at home' page on the school website. You will find this week's spellings for years 3-6 on page 3 of this newsletter.

Please note that the year 6 INSPIRE session will now be on 8th February.

We continue to have Rocksteady music lessons on Friday mornings. If your child would like a free trial lesson, please let the school office know.

Finally, we say goodbye to Miss Oliver from our Nursery team today. We wish her all the best in the future.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Johnson

We have had an increase in children not wearing suitable clothes for PE. A reminder of the PE Kit is below. PE days are: Monday- Reception, Tuesday- years 5 and 6, Wednesday- year 3, and Friday- years 1, 2 and 4

P.E. Kit

- Round neck T-shirt in house colour or plain white
- Plain black or navy shorts (cycling shorts are not permitted)
- Black pumps or trainers with white or black socks

Inclement weather – during the colder months it is essential pupils have the following additional items:

- Plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms and a red or black hoody or school jumper (no logos other than the school logo)

Reception children are expected to have a named pump bag to hold their personal equipment (not a large sports bag). All other pupils come to school in their PE kit on their PE day.

DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 30th January- Year 4 INSPIRE

Tuesday 6th February- Reception INSPIRE

Thursday 8th February- Year 6 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 Malachi in Reception.

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.

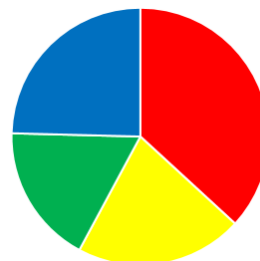
If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, or to school on time, please contact the school office so we can offer some support. Please note that school will not authorise holidays during the school term and that our policy is to refer such absences of 5 school days or more to Dudley Education 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 319, Diamond 182, Emerald 152 & Sapphire 213

Well done Rubies!



Star Pupils of the week

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

Reception- Maison for positive attitude in class

Year 1- Marni for resilience in writing

Year 2– Nicky for positive attitude to learning

Year 3- Oscar for resilience in school

Year 4— William for positive attitude to learning

Year 5– Luke for resilience in class

Year 6– Joshua for resilience in year 6



Our skills builders this week are:
Maja, Tillie, Georgina and Avie-Rae

Our Century winners are:
Jude, Harriet, Max and Avie-Rae

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Please see below the KS2 spellings for the next two weeks.

Spelling tests will take place weekly.

Pupils will focus on the same spelling for two weeks, so that the spelling rule is embedded.

Look and Say	Look, Say and Write	Cover and Write	Check and Write Again
accident			
actual			
address			
answer			
appear			

Years three and four

Year 6 Spelling: Word Endings - 'able' 'ible'

Sometimes words ending in '-able' and '-ible' sound similar, but are spelt differently.

Words ending in '-ably' and '-ibly' can sound similar too, but can also be spelt differently.

advisable plausible

memorably impossibly

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| 1. advisable | 6. horrible |
| 2. memorable | 7. incredible |
| 3. impossible | 8. adjustable |
| 4. comfortable | 9. flexible |
| 5. reliable | 10. *mystery word |

Year 5 Spelling: 'ei' and 'ie' words

Use this rhyme to help you remember how to spell ei and ie words:

'i' before 'e' except after 'c' if the vowel sound rhymes with bee

piece → Rhymes with bee, so 'i' before 'e'. deceive → Rhymes with bee but follows a 'c' — so 'e' before 'i'.

neighbour → Doesn't rhyme with bee, so 'e' before 'i'. scientist → Doesn't rhyme with bee but follows a 'c' — so 'i' before 'e'.

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| 1. piece | 6. field |
| 2. neighbour | 7. receive |
| 3. deceive | 8. weight |
| 4. scientist | 9. shriek |
| 5. shield | 10. *mystery word |