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HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

## Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

This week, we have welcomed visitors from across our Trust, we have showcased our learning in Writing lessons and celebrated the progress that has been made to our Forest School. It has been a very busy week in school and the children have continued to do us proud with their enthusiasm for learning and respectful attitudes.

Year 2 had an exciting afternoon on Thursday when they were joined by the Freshwater Theatre Company as part of their topic on The Great Fire of London. The children learnt all about the sequence of events leading up to the fire, they found out about the key people and key vocabulary, which they will be able to use as they carry on this topic. The children in Year 2 were full of excitement as they told me:

"We pretended to go to the River Thames, Mason pretended to be Samuel Peeps. He wrote in his diary put a silly hat on and went to bed. In the morning, he went to see the King." *Milan*

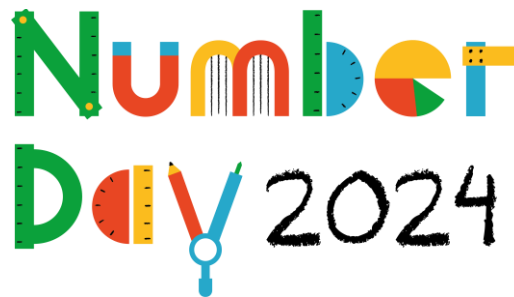
They were also keen to share the fact that:

"There were no toilets in 1666." *Ellie*

Staff are already getting excited about World Book Day, which will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. This year we are celebrating World Book Day with a Harry Potter theme. Children will be able to dress up as **any** character from their favourite book.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Weaver – Assistant Head of School



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we are excited to announce that we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. You will have received a letter through Parent Mail to explain the day in more detail. Number Day is celebrated each year, it is a day that is dedicated to raising funds for the NSPCC while having fun with numbers. Children are invited to 'Dress up for Digits' in a number-related costume.

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January-** Year 4 INSPIRE

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February-** Number day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February-** Reception INSPIRE

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February-** Year 6 INSPIRE

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February –** INSET day

*School reopens on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Teagan in 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.

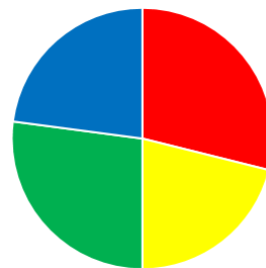
If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, or to school on time, please contact the school office so we can offer some support. Please note that school will not authorise holidays during the school term and that our policy is to refer such absences of 5 school days or more to Dudley Education 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 242, Diamond 177, Emerald 227 & Sapphire 192

Well done Rubies!



## Star Pupils of the week

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

**Reception-** Zayah for caring towards their peers

**Year 1-** David for resilience in writing

**Year 2–** Tillie-Rose for positive attitude in the classroom

**Year 3-** Lakhan for resilience in the classroom

**Year 4—** Scarlett for positive attitude in Maths

**Year 5–** Zuzia for resilience in class

**Year 6–** Colton for resilience in lessons



Our skills builders this week are:

Kamilla, Max, Benas, Reggie, Robbie,  
Millie & Joel

Our Century winners are:

Destiny, Harriet, Max and Skye

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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

1. advisable
2. memorable
3. impossible
4. comfortable
5. reliable
6. horrible
7. incredible
8. adjustable
9. flexible
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'.

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