

Friday
2nd Feb
2024



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

This week we have been working hard with our times tables ready for the Time Table Rock Start battle next week. We are determined to beat Woodside ☺ Children can take part in the online battle between the hours of 7:30 am and 7:30 pm Monday to Thursday next week.

Wrap Around Clubs

Recently, I have received more requests for after school childcare provision and I am aware that working parents have been struggling to find extra child care in the local area. I am currently trying to put together a plan of action to share with our Trust.

However, I am aware that it is a service we will not be able to offer unless we have enough children attending the club on a regular basis. If you would be willing to pay for and use the services of a wrap-around club, please can you ensure you complete the questionnaire on parent mail.

If you are in employment, you may also be aware that from April 2024, the Government are offering 15 hours funded nursery provision for two year olds. This is to support working families. If this is a service you would benefit from, then please ensure you complete the questionnaire accordingly. Unfortunately, unless we can gather evidence to support 'Wrap Around Clubs' and 'Time for Twos' we will not be able to offer this provision.

Reminders

Next week is mental health week – please ensure your child wears old clothes so that they can get messy when connecting with nature in our Forest School on Thursday.

Year 5 children will need to bring their old clothes with them as they are visiting Dormston in the morning. School closes on Thursday next week due to Inset day on the 9th Feb and will reopen on Monday 19th February

Health Alert This week I attended a meeting where concerns were raised about the growing cases of Measles across the West Midlands. Please ensure you read the guidance we have been distributing on Parent Mail. If your child displays symptoms do not bring them to school. Seek urgent medical advice via 111. DO NOT take your child into the communal areas of the GP Surgeries. If your child has not had their MMR vaccinations, then I strongly urge you to get your child vaccinated. Please see below for dates and drop in centres, who are now offering catch up vaccinations during the school holidays.

Please have a wonderful safe weekend. Mrs Johnson

Dudley MMR catch-up clinics

(Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccination)

Walk in or book an appointment by calling Vaccination UK 01384 431 712

- Saturday 10th February
 - Mary Stevens Park 10am-3pm
- Tuesday 13th February
 - War Memorial, Lye 9am – 2pm
- Friday 16th February
 - Dudley Market Place 9am – 2pm
- Saturday 17th February
 - Somers Square, Halesowen Town Centre 10am – 3pm

www.blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/measles

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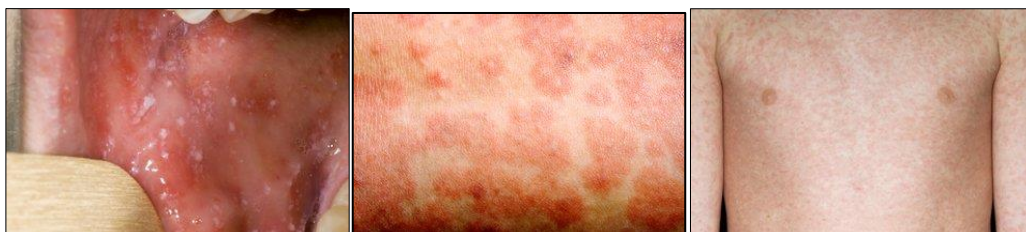
Measles signs and symptoms

The first symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A runny or blocked nose
- Sneezing
- A cough
- Red, sore, watery eyes

Followed by:

- Small white spots inside the cheeks
- Appearance of a rash a few days later
- The spots of the measles rash are sometimes raised and join to form blotchy patches.



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

This week our house points totals are:
Ruby 231, Diamond 202, Emerald 147 &
Sapphire 352

Well done Sapphires!

Star Pupils of the week have shown our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring.

Reception- Malachi for positive attitude to learning

Year 1- Harry for caring towards others

Year 2- Max for positive attitude to learning

Year 3- Rahaf for positive attitude in all areas of learning

Year 4- Robbie for positive attitude in Maths

Year 5- Karena for positive attitude in her learning

Year 6- Tyler for positive attitude in learning



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th February- Reception INSPIRE

Thursday 8th February- Mental Health Day, Year 6 INSPIRE & Y5 Dormston visit

Friday 9th February – INSET day

School reopens on Monday 19th February



Our skills builders this week are:

Daisie-Rae, Paris, Isla-Mai,
William-Lee, Zachary, Arjun &
Millie-Marie

Our Century winners are:

Destiny, Olivia, Melissa & Isaac

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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.

Years 3 and 4 spellings

Look and Say	Look, Say and Write	Cover and Write	Check and Write Again
arrive			
believe			
bicycle			
breath			
breathe			

Year 5 Spellings

Spelling:

Word Endings - 'ance' 'ancy' 'ence'

Sometimes words ending in '-ance', '-ancy', '-ence' and '-ency' sound similar, but are spelt differently.

ambulance residence tenancy agency

Both the '-ance' and '-ence' endings sound like 'unee'.

Both the '-ancy' and '-ency' endings sound like 'unoy'.

1. ambulance
2. residence
3. tenancy
4. science
5. patience
6. evidence
7. urgency
8. balance
9. guidance
10. *mystery word

Year 6 Spellings

Spelling:

Words with 'ough' in

Words that contain the letters 'ough' can sound very different. For example:

Here the 'ough' letters sound like 'oh'.

though

through

Here the 'ough' letters sound like 'oo'.

cough

1. though
2. through
3. cough
4. fought
5. plough
6. ough
7. dough
8. brought
9. borough
10. *mystery word

Number Day 2024

