



# NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK!

It is great to welcome all pupils back to Hurst Hill School this week. It is so lovely to see our families again. We also welcome **new nursery and reception families** to Hurst Hill who join us for the first time!

We have **happy children** back in school! Many children are glad of the return; back to routine, structure and challenge which many pupils really need. They are also coping well with our procedures to keep everyone safe. A great start to the term!

We have changed **collection arrangements from Monday** next week. I have sent a letter to explain. It will be staggered and you can collect any time between 3-3.15pm with the exception of Mrs Fryer (3pm) and Miss Abley's class (3.15pm).

I have exciting news about our school building. We are having **new windows, doors, gutters, fascias and soffits** being fitted! This shows our investment in the future of the school. You will see the scaffolding and workmen around the site. We are hoping the project will be complete by November.

Have a super weekend!

Best wishes, from Mrs Keen

### Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **96%** - a great return to school. This needs to be the case every week and we do contact families if attendance drops below 96%. The latest government guidance asks us to:

1. Ensure pupils attend school **daily** unless they have Coronavirus symptoms or are otherwise unwell
2. We will support families and any pupils who are struggling with the return. Please contact us so we can help get your child in school every day.
3. We have been given some catch –up funding that can be used to support pupils in their return to school so please tell us if you are struggling!
4. Staff in school will support and work with a range of professionals to support your child to attend school

All this action is taken so that your child does not fall behind. This is especially important as many children have missed lots of learning due to lockdown. We want your child to be happy in school and have a bright future.

### Safeguarding

We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the Schools Designated Safeguarding Leads within school. If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.

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## RESPECT

So that we can follow your wishes, please ensure that all start of year contact forms are returned to school. This gives us essential information for the safety of your child.

It ensures that we know who you give permission to collect your children. It gives us medical information about your child and all your contact details so we can contact you in an emergency.

## CARING

The one way system and start of day arrangements have run really smoothly. But so we can take care of each other, and to ensure that parents role-model appropriate behaviour inline with government guidance:

- Please can all adults stay 2m away from each other. Wear a face mask if you prefer.
- Do not gather in groups at the school gate or on the playground.
- Appointments only to the school office. Please ring instead.
  - Leave pushchairs at the front of school.
  - Only 1 adult must drop off and collect to minimise congestion around the building.
  - Do not arrive before 8.30am or 3pm.

## HONESTY

We use housepoints in class to reward pupils for making the right choices, following the school rules and for showing our school values of honesty, caring, respect, resilience and positive attitude. Our house teams are sapphire, ruby, emerald and diamond.

Each week on the newsletter, I will give a total of each team's housepoint scores to see which of our house teams are the winner! They then get the trophy on display.

## RESILIENCE

Times Tables Rock Stars involves resilience to keep trying to beat your scores and improve your times tables!

We are hoping to report weekly about your efforts at home. Watch this space for information next week!

## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

AR / MyOn—all pupils from Y1-Y6 can access AR and MyOn. MyOn is the quiz section attached to AR which tests pupils' understanding of the book they have read.

All pupils will be sent home with their AR book which is at their level.

We will report on the newsletter weekly, showing the top scorers / classes.

We also report on the newsletter about Century. Century is used by KS2 pupils. It teaches and reviews reading, maths and science content. It asks pupils questions, and if they don't know the answer, it teaches them how to do it.

We report which pupils have accessed Century the most.

Once we have new scores, we can let you know in the newsletter next week!

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