



# NEWSLETTER

11th September 2020

## Our First Full Week!

Mrs Johnson and I completed a **whole school learning walk** this week and all pupils have settled really well. Classrooms were calm, organised, tidy and productive. Behaviour was excellent. Classrooms are welcoming and useful environments for your children to study in. Pupils were following the school uniform requirements and looked really smart. A great start.

At the start of the day we are continuing to provide our **bagels** to get pupils' brains active and to meet pupils' basic needs. I want to say thank you to our new bagel monitors, Bailey and Evie T. You are reliable, polite and doing a super job! They are also encouraging pupils to say please and thank you.

Please do not use our facebook page, to notify school of your child's illness / non-attendance. **Please ring the school office.** The office is appointments only due to us not being allowed to have visitors in school so please ring.

Everyone in the country is now being asked to not meet in groups of more than 6 as the government launch their Hands, Face and Space campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. This will help our whole school community in minimising transmission rates.

So that we can follow your wishes, please ensure that your **use of images and local visits form** is completed on ParentMail as soon as possible.

Have a super weekend!  
Best wishes, from Mrs Keen

## Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **94%** which has decreased from last week. **It needs to be 96%.** We know there are a lot of colds and sore throats but if your child is well enough, they need to be in school. We can administer liquid paracetamol if you bring it in and give us signed permission. 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.**

# HONESTY-POSITIVE ATTITUDE-RESPECT-RESILIENCE-CARING

## RESPECT

**Star Pupils of the Week** show our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring:

**Nursery**—Kaleb R for a positive attitude to learning

**Reception**—Ava S for caring about her classmates.

**Year 1**—Harriet for a positive attitude to her learning and behaviour.

**Year 2**—Max G for a positive attitude towards learning.

**Year 3**—Farrell for caring for his friends.

**Year 3/4**—Roman for a positive attitude to his learning

**Year 4**—Imogen M for a positive attitude towards learning

**Year 5**—Rosie D for resilience with new challenges

**Year 5/6**—Paige B resilience for trying hard, even when work is difficult

**Year 6**—Sylar for a positive attitude in his work and behaviour

## CARING

**Parents must follow the one way system and collection arrangements please.** This is so we can take care of each other and is in line with government guidance. Some parents are still not following this so **PLEASE:**

- 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 at Hurst Hill to reward pupils for following our school rules and values. This week our house point totals are:

Ruby—155  
Emerald—142  
Diamond—125  
Sapphire—129

Well done to Ruby- this week's winners!

## RESILIENCE

Great news! All the new Times Table Rock Star classes have been created. Start playing to get your class on top!

Each week there will be different results published to see who has been working hard to practise their skills. Could you be a winner next week?

Top life time earners- Are you going to beat them this year?

Aminta in Year 4—824,589  
Holly in Year 5/6—469,521  
Bhaavya in Year 4—454,345

## 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.

Y3-6 (and some Y2 pupils) will have completed Star Reader tests this week to give them their zpd/ reading level. Pupils will then have a reading book sent home.

We will report on the newsletter weekly, showing the top scorers / classes once these tests are completed.

We also report on the newsletter about Century. All classes have now been set up. 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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