



NEWSLETTER

18th September 2020

The Sun is Shining!

What a great week we have had! We had a **health and safety inspection** this week and we were one of the top 3 schools ever audited. Well done to the Hurst Hill team! This shows how we care about our whole school site and team.

We have sent all parents a **curriculum map for Autumn** so you know what your child is learning about this term. They have suggestions about how you can help support your child at home. These are also on the school website.

We have a brand **new school website** going live next Friday! It will be the same website address, www.hursthillprimaryschool.com you will just notice a more modern page. Let us know if you have any suggestions about the website or if you can't find anything, whilst we get it up and running.

Please make sure that when you drop your child off and collect them from school, that your **mobile phone is in your pocket** and not being used please. This is in our safeguarding procedures and prevents you from any potential allegations of wrongdoing. Use your phone before you enter school site please.

We will now start to have **phase lost property boxes**, kept in each phase, rather than a whole school lost property box. Please make sure your child's clothing is labelled with their name and class so we can return lost items easily. Your child will be able to check the box themselves.

If any parents have **old PE kit or pumps** that your children have grown out of or don't wear, please donate them to the school office for us to use as spares. Thank you in advance.

Please don't forget to return **Gifted and Talented letters** so we know what talents, skills and hobbies your children have at home. These can be returned to the school office. The letter was sent out via parentmail. You could ring the school office if you prefer and we can record it for you. I will then collate a list of pupils for us to use to ensure your children are challenged further in those subjects at school.

Dudley Local Authority is asking all parents to be extra vigilant with mixing between households to prevent a local lockdown. We are being told to not meet in groups of more than 6, to continue to wash hands, cover your Face and make space, to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

This will help our whole school community in minimising transmission rates.

Have a super weekend!
Best wishes, from Mrs Keen

Attendance

Our school attendance this week is **95%. 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. 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.

Well done to Reception class for 99.40% this week! So proud of you! You are brand new pupils into school and if you do it, everyone can! What a great start to reception! Year 1 were a close second with 97.59% - keep up the great start!

Reception: 99.40%
1HR: 97.59%
2RW: 95.17%
3SW: 96.06%
3/4LF: 88.38%
4DR: 92.80%
5AWDJ: 96.72%
5/6JA: 93.90%
6AJ: 95.71%

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

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

Nursery—Milan for caring about new starters

Reception—Isla-Mai for resilience and having a can-do attitude

Year 1—Sophie for caring and respect in the classroom.

Year 2—Sophia for a positive attitude towards her work.

Year 3—Avie-Rae for a positive attitude towards subject challenges

Year 3/4—Jenson for a positive attitude to his work

Year 4—Esmiee for a positive attitude towards her maths work

Year 5—Junior for a positive attitude towards his learning

Year 5/6—Markuss for respect towards adults and being ready to learn

Year 6—Reece for respect towards and teachers and his peers

CARING

Parents must follow the one way system and collection arrangements please. This is so we can take care of each other and is inline 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—109
Diamond—84
Emerald—89
Sapphire—98

Well done to Ruby- this week's winners! Sapphire are not far behind!

RESILIENCE

New battles have been created on TTRS. Complete your homework and play along to help your class win! There'll be an update on who is the class in the lead next week.

See if you can also beat your class top average time scorer:

Year 2—Abdullah

Year 3 and 4—Vivaan, Dylan and Bhaavya

Year 5 and 6—Crystal, Markuss and Reece

I can't wait to see who the class winners are next week!

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

All children in Years 2-6 have been completing an online Star Reading test. These tests produce a **ZPD difficulty level** for each child to read independently. Pupils will then bring home an AR (Accelerated Reader) book. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer before choosing their next book.

Since we returned to school there has been lots of reading going on in each classroom. **Below is the word count for each class**

2RW - 9,326
3SW - 14,647
3/4LF - 591
4DR - 34,753
5AWDJ - 75,359
5/6JA - 239,408
6AJ - 108,116

Well done Miss Abley's class! Look out for new reading incentives to help encourage your child to read even more.

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