



# NEWSLETTER

27th November, 2020

## We Are Still Standing!

It has been a challenging week for us all but Coronavirus numbers are starting to reduce and many year groups are returning back to school. I appreciate it is very difficult for parents to have pupils at home self-isolating.

Don't forget that we are here to help you so please ring the school office if you need anything.

1. **Remember that if your child is self-isolating, they cannot leave the house.**
2. **Please make sure that your child is accessing home learning via Google Classroom.**

I will be sending a letter to parents soon about our Hurst Hill plans for Christmas. We know Christmas will be different this year but we will ensure that there are some lovely Covid safe activities going on in school.

**Pupils will not be able to send Christmas cards to each other in school this year so please do not bring any to school.**

The Xmas 4 Schools orders have arrived in school for those who ordered Christmas cards, labels, calendars and mugs. These will be disturbed to the children when they are in school.

We have received some lovely **sports equipment** in school. Thank you to Sports Directory who donated these items to us. The equipment will be used at lunchtimes and for PE resources in class.

Stay safe and best wishes—  
from Mrs Keen

### **Attendance**

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 by using the absence reporting on ParentMail. Don't forget to tell us the reason for the absence and how long you expect your child to be off.

Results of tests should be sent to [info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk), even at the weekend.

### **Book Bags**

Please make sure that your child brings a book bag to school everyday. This is essential so they can carry their **reading book, planner and water bottle to school.**

**Pupils must read at home for at least 10 minutes every night**

### **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**—Max for his positive attitude and improved speech and language

**Reception**—Jessica for her positive attitude and effort in lessons

**Year 1**— Travis for his resilience with home learning

**Year 2**—Archie for resilience whilst working in class

**Year 3**— Amelia for her positive attitude towards home learning

**Year 3/4**—Connah for resilience and working really hard

**Year 4**—Jacob for his positive attitude to home learning

**Year 5**—Theo for resilience with home learning and Phil for his positive attitude in dance

**Year 5/6**— Evie for her positive attitude this week

**Year 6**—Layla for her positive attitude to home learning

## CARING

Dudley Council are providing some lovely FREE opportunities for families to engage in activities at home together during these difficult times. Hold down Control and left click to book in and find out more information!

**Dudley Christmas lights switch-on**, 21st November  
4.30pm—Watch the show via the YouTube channel - [Christmas lights switch on](#)

**Jack and the Beanstalk Zoom pantomime**, 28th or 29th November—

[Saturday 28 November 2pm](#)

[Saturday 28 November 5pm](#)

[Sunday 29 November 2pm](#)

Singing at home this Christmas

**EYFS / KS1 Nativity**—[The Dudley Christmas Concert](#)

**KS2 Christmas concert**— [The Dudley Christmas Concert!](#)

**The whole family carol service**—[The Dudley Christmas Concert](#)

## 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—56  
Diamond—39  
Emerald—38  
Sapphire—66

Well done to this week's winners— Sapphires!!!

## RESILIENCE

The current top scorers on TTRS are:

Year 2— Abdullah

Year 3— Felix

Year 3/4— Sky

Year 4— Aminta

Year 5 — Alfie

Year 5/6 — Holly

Year 6— Reece

## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

This week we have been trying really hard with our reading. This week 4DR had the most words read— Well Done Mr Russell's class

Below is the word count for each class

2RW - 10,032  
3SW - 13,523  
3/4LF - 20,892  
4DR - 123,980  
5AWDJ - 33,252  
5/6JA - 85,308  
6AJ - 96,462

## Century

The century winners this week are:

Years 3 and 4— Libby, Sasha and Maddison

Years 5 and 6— Charlie, Holly and Kaeden.

Well done to all the children who have worked so hard this week

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