



NEWSLETTER

5th February, 2021

Your Fortnightly Update...

Home Learning

Thank you to all parents who are working so hard to support your children at home. You are doing a fantastic job!

Last week we had 77% of pupils registering and 73% uploading work for marking.

This is improving each week and it is our aim to support you to get **all pupils completing work at home** so we can minimise the impact lockdown has on your child's education. We have sent a **questionnaire to all parents** this week asking for your views on how you are finding remote learning.

Please complete the questionnaire so we know how to support you even further.

Thank you to all the parents who have shared their appreciation and thanks with school staff.

Please remember that your child must **write their own work**. You can support, to check their understanding, but work must be in their own handwriting / typed by them. We have also introduced a **non-screen time afternoon on a Friday**. Pupils are spending so much time on devices that we feel for everyone's mental health, we need to be encouraging pupils to do activities that are either outside, physical or involve interacting with the family. We are calling these sessions Fantastic Fridays and they will be on your child's timetable every week. We have **secured further funding for devices for our Pupil Premium pupils** to use at home so Mrs Johnson will be in touch.

In School Learning

Each week we are receiving more and more parents asking us for a place for their child in school. You either need to be a key worker or your child needs to have a social worker or EHCP for you to be eligible. And even then, the government are saying, if you work from home, please keep your child at home with you or if there are two parents at home, one is a key worker and the other parent is at home, keep your child at home. **We are reaching capacity for pupils in school so please consider this before applying**. All **school staff are now able to be tested** twice per week for Coronavirus to further ensure we minimise risk in school.

Half-Term Holiday

We break up for half term on 12th February at 3pm. We are closed over half term. We won't be setting pupils any work to complete from home during this time. It is a holiday so enjoy the rest! We are sending all parents of pupils in school a letter but **if your child tests positive over half term, you must contact school on info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk**, as we may still need to isolate bubbles if your child was contagious in school. If you need any support over this time then we have sent a separate letter with a few numbers for you.

We **return to school on TUESDAY 23rd February**, for key worker and vulnerable pupils only.

Stay safe
Mrs Keen

Attendance

All pupils who are not attending school currently, must be completing education at home. If your child is ill, you need to ring school and let us know, just like you would if they were in school. Please ring 01384 818845 to let the school office know or email info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk. They will then be marked as ill and we will not expect any work to be submitted for them that day. **All other pupils must be completing their work daily**. If your child attends school part time, then they need to complete remote learning on the other days at home.

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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POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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 47,335-
3SW - 44,405
3/4LF - 69,527
4DR -112,824
5AWDJ - 40,098
5/6JA - 68,789
6AJ - 94,446

Submitted Work Competition

The winners of the most work submitted are:

Reception— Jessica
Year 1—Olivia
Year 2— Imogen and Isabelle
Year 3— Isaac
Year 4— Crystal
Year 5— Lucy
Year 6—Daisy

CARING



A & A Walters kindly donated £400 and Asda £1000 which we will use to help our pupils.
Mrs Keen was very happy to receive the cheques to go into school fund.

RESPECT

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

Nursery— Leo for having a positive attitude to remote learning and Renezmair for a positive attitude in nursery

Reception— Avril for resilience when home learning and Macie for a positive attitude in her learning.

Year 1—Jaxon for a positive attitude to home learning and Anshika for resilience in her work.

Year 2—Isla for a positive attitude to learning and Max H for resilience with online learning

Year 3— Libby for resilience in her work and Amelia for resilience with home learning

Year 3/4—LilyMai for caring for others and Lucy for resilience with her work

Year 4—Jacob for a positive attitude in school and Harrison for showing respect to others

Year 5—Luke for a positive attitude in history and maths and Emily for resilience when completing difficult work.

Year 5/6—Lewis for resilience with online learning and James for a positive attitude to work

Year 6— Reece for a positive attitude to learning and Alfie for resilience with remote learning.

RESILIENCE

The current top scorers on TTRS are:

Year 1— Lexi Year 2— Abdullah Year 3— Felix Year 3/4— Sky

Year 4— Aminta Year 5 — Josh Year 5/6 —Holly Year 6— Reece

Aim to play for at least 10 minutes everyday and you could be our top scorer!

Century

The century winners over the last fortnight are:

Years 3 and 4— Libby, Mia and Maddison

Years 5 and 6— Theo, Holly and Sophie

HONESTY

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

Ruby—127, Diamond – 100, Emerald – 136, Sapphire—165.

Well done to this week's winners— Sapphire!

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