

NEWSLETTER



17th December 2021

What a busy term we have had! We have had behaviour, Nursery, Phonics and health and safety audits in school– all of which showed us to be a great school. We have had back parent questionnaire responses that were amazing and we are so proud you love sending your children to Hurst Hill! We have continued to support families with free school meal vouchers and have just supported more families who are not eligible for free school meals, with Our hardship funding– giving each family £90 towards gas, electricity, food or clothing.

Our Christmas activities have been really lovely this week and we hope Nursery and Reception parents have enjoyed watching our Hurst Hill nativity. Children have enjoyed their Christmas activities in class today, and all will come home with a present from Father Christmas. Mrs Ingram and the catering team cooked us a gorgeous Christmas dinner on Tuesday– it was so yummy!



Many of you have already been in to collect computers so we can be prepared for whatever happens after Christmas. Our home learning provision last time was rated highly by parents and we will continue to work in the same way if we are asked to move to remote learning. If I receive any more information about what will happen because of COVID, I will let you know as soon as I know (that is usually when Boris makes an announcement on the television though!)

Our website is up to date with all of the latest covid risk assessments and your children's curriculums for Spring term. Have a look at what your children will be learning about! Go to www.hursthillprimaryschool.com Select Parents and Our School Curriculum to find out more.

Don't forget, if your child is born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 then you need to apply for a place in Reception class September 2022. You have until 15th January 2022 to apply.

We return to school on Wednesday 5th January. We wish you a very merry Christmas.

Stay safe and take care of each other. We will see you in 2022!

Mrs Keen
Headteacher

Attendance

This week's attendance is 96.35%. Attendance at school is **mandatory**. Whole school attendance should be **at least 96%**.

The winning class is Mrs Weaver's class

Please let us know straightaway if your child has coronavirus symptoms. You should not send them to school and should book a PCR test for them. A lateral flow test must not be used for children with symptoms. Children no longer have to isolate if in contact with a positive case but should LFT test daily before coming to school. Children do have to isolate if they have a positive test result. If you are unsure, please contact the school office.

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 using the absence reporting feature on ParentMail. Please do not use our social media pages to report absences.

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 School's

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**.

Alternatively you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting www.childline.org.uk

HONESTY-POSITIVE ATTITUDE-RESPECT-RESILIENCE-CARING

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Below is the word count for each class for the Autumn Term

Year 1- 1,988
Year 2- 166,080
Year 3- 324,575
Year 4- 602,667
Year 4/5- 1,433,046
Year 5- 1,422,972
Year 6- 3,499,866

This week's **Century** stars are:
Deerece, Vivaan, Aminta, Evie R
and Junior
Well done!

DIARY DATES

INSET Dates: Tuesday 4th January, Monday 28th February and Friday 27th May

Tuesday 4th January- INSET day

Wednesday 5th January- Reception to year 6 return

Thursday 6th January- Year 3 visit

Friday 7th January- New nursery children settling in session 8.45-11.30

Monday 10th January- Nursery children return

RESPECT

Star Pupils of the term show our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring. They have earned a treat with Mrs Keen in the Spring Term

Nursery Ida	Reception Louis
Year 1 Billy	Year 2 Logan
Year 3 Imogen	Year 4 Lucy
Year 4/5 Bentley	Year 5 Isabella
	Year 6 Liam

CARING

Dudley Community Information Directory

The Dudley Community Information Directory is an important tool for the community, to find information on groups, support, activities, health and care services, and much more.

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought many challenges to local people, and in light of this, it's important for residents and the school community know that there is help accessible via the online directory. A new video has been produced to highlight the directory - to watch the video, people can go to <https://youtu.be/tS1uPamZkXY>

People can access the Dudley Community Information Directory online at: www.dudleyci.co.uk

RESILIENCE

We are running weekly class battles on Times Tables Rock Stars. The winning classes this week are:

2RW, 5MJ and 4/5JW

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- 159
Diamond-91
Emerald - 114
Sapphire- 101

Well done to this week's winners- Rubies!





This week's healthy eating recipe is Mac and Veg slices

Send us a picture of your creation to info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk or upload to our facebook page.

Mac and veg slices recipe

Like a thick omelette made with pasta and vegetables, this can be served hot, warm or cold for a tasty light meal.

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 30 mins

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 100g macaroni
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 pepper, any colour, deseeded and chopped
- 1 small courgette, grated
- 100g frozen peas (or sweetcorn)
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons semi-skimmed or 1%-fat milk
- 50g grated reduced-fat cheddar
- 2 teaspoons dried mixed herbs
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- salad, to serve

Method

Cook the macaroni in boiling water for 10 to 12 minutes, until just tender. Rinse with cold water to cool it quickly, then drain thoroughly.

Information:

You could use cooked potatoes instead of pasta. You will need about 225g, chopped into chunks.

Heat the vegetable oil in a non-stick frying pan and stir-fry the pepper for 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and add the courgette and frozen peas or sweetcorn. Add the macaroni and mix well.

Beat the eggs and milk together, then stir in the reduced-fat cheese and dried herbs. Season with black pepper. Pour into the frying pan and cook over a low heat for 4 to 5 minutes, without stirring, to set the base. Meanwhile, preheat the grill to medium-high.

Put the frying pan under the grill and cook for 4 to 5 minutes until the surface has set and is golden brown. Serve hot, warm, or cold, cut into wedges – with some salad on the side.

Information:

For a packed lunch or picnic, use an insulated container and include a small ice pack to keep the pasta slices cool and fresh.