

# NEWSLETTER



**23rd September 2022**

What a wonderful start to the Autumn term - the sun has shone and the children have all settled brilliantly into their new classes and are embracing their new curriculum. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families, you should be very proud of your children; they have transitioned into school so well.

Although we are only three weeks into term, I feel as though we have achieved so much already! We have undergone a SEND and behaviour inspection, which we smashed! Hurst Hill was described as a 'calm, nurturing and inclusive setting with very good behaviour'. Furthermore, as an executive head of the Hales Valley Trust, Mrs Keen still visits the school twice a week and quality assures teaching and learning – she too has been very impressed with the super start to the year. I am so proud of staff and children.

If your child is in year 6, then you must apply for their secondary school place by **31st October**, using the following links  
<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/>  
<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions>

This week we have sent out several forms on ParentMail to be completed. These include the annual consent form for local visits and the image consent form. On Monday, booking for parents' evening opens and appointments must be booked via ParentMail. We look forward to seeing you and updating you on your child's progress. If you need help with ParentMail, please ask at the school office.

Later this term you will receive a list of the wider experiences and residential visits that your child will be invited to attend across the whole year. I thought this calendar might be useful due to the ever-increasing cost of living. We are aware that coach prices have increased dramatically, and this can impact on whether trips can go ahead, so I will also be introducing payment plans for all parents so that payments can be staggered across the year. Hopefully, this should ensure we do not have to cancel trips due to lack of funds. Please catch me on the door if you have any questions.

As cost of living rises, and circumstances change, your child may be eligible for free school meals. Please complete the form at <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/> to check if you can apply. This also helps school as we get extra funding to support eligible children.

Our wonderful PTA are continuing to raise funds towards our very own mini bus. They will be sending out details of all upcoming events via their very own newsletter. They are a super bunch of parents and staff, who are always looking for more volunteers, so please get in touch with the school office if you are interested in helping out.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Mrs Johnson  
Head of School

## **Attendance**

Attendance at school is **mandatory**. Whole school attendance should be **at least 96%**.

**The 100% winner this week was Evie in year 6. The winning class was Mrs Westwood's class**

Guidance has changed regarding COVID as free testing has now ended in England. The current advice is children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend. 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](http://www.childline.org.uk)

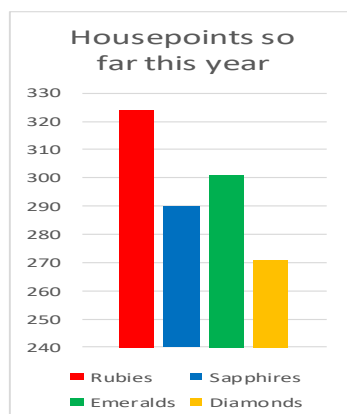
# HONESTY-POSITIVE ATTITUDE-RESPECT-RESILIENCE-CARING

## 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-139,  
Diamond-106, Emerald -112,  
Sapphire- 97

Well done to this week's winners- Rubies



## DIARY DATES

- 30th September- PTA Macmillan coffee afternoon 2pm
- 3rd October- Reflexions parent meeting 9am
- 4th October- Book fair arrives in school
- 4th & 5th October- Parents' evenings
- 11th October- INSPIRE session 6JG
- 13th October- Flu vaccinations
- 18th October- INSPIRE session Year 5
- 18th October- School Photographs
- 19th October- Harvest Festival
- 21st October- Break up for half term at 3pm
- 31st October- INSET Day

## CARING



Like all schools across the nation, Hurst Hill was devastated to hear that Queen Elizabeth II had passed. We have dedicated learning to discussions around the legacy of the gracious and caring Queen. All classes across Hales Valley Trust have produced work to reflect on her service during the period of mourning. A compilation of this work has been sent to Buckingham Palace to show how much we care.

Queen Elizabeth consistently upheld our caring value throughout her reign – and we will aspire to follow in her footsteps: Remaining good citizens who care for peers and the wider world around us. RIP Queen Elizabeth II.

## RESPECT

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

Nursery- Matthew for positive attitude in mark making and Maths

Reception- Willow for resilience in class

Year 1- Ellie for resilience in English

Year 2- Lakhan for positive attitude to PE

Year 3- Robbie for respect towards peers

Year 4- Theo for positive attitude to work

Year 5- Lucy for resilience in English

Year 6MJ- Julia for resilience in her learning

Year 6JG- Alfie for respect towards his peers.

## RESILIENCE



Our skill builders award winners this week are

Mason-Junior, Maximillan, Lexi, Austin, Skye,  
Christopher & Millie

## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

We have been trying really hard with our reading on MyOn.

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2- 172  
Year 3- 24,474  
Year 4- 9,961  
Year 5- 34,206  
Year 6JG- 143,543  
Year 6MJ- 65,841

This week's Century stars are: Sophie, Kyra, Amelia, Sasha & Wesley  
Well done!



As part of Mrs Weaver's experience day, children in year 4 submerged themselves into the role of the little boy in the book "Float" by Daniel Miyares.

In the story, the drenched boy returns home from being caught in a rainstorm to be greeted by a warm embrace from his dad. His dad proceeded to warm him up with a hot chocolate.

Year 4 tasted their own hot chocolate and discussed what the little boy might be thinking and feeling.

