

# NEWSLETTER



7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## Books, books and more books!

This week we have welcomed you all into school for parents evening. It has been lovely to see so many of you in school and talk to you about how well your child has settled into their new class. The children shone with pride as they were able to show you the work that had been completing in school.

There has been a real buzz about books in school this week as we have had the pleasure of hosting our first book fair of the year. Pupils have had the opportunity to visit the book fair in school to look at the amazing range of books on offer. Thank you to all the parents that have purchased books and to the Junior Leadership team who have helped with the sale. As a school we are rewarded for the amount of money spent on books, allowing us to buy books for our school. This year we have earned over £500 worth of books.

To support the children's love of reading, next week we will be launching 'The 40 book challenge'. Children will be rewarded for the number of books they have read (with completed AR quizzes). We are still encouraging children to join our 'Millionaire Readers Club', by reading a million words. I wonder who will be our first pupils to join the club this year?

We have been visited by Mrs Tolley this week from the Trust, who focused her visit on our SEND provision at Hurst Hill. She was very positive about her visit and was very impressed with many things that we have in place at Hurst Hill. Other visitors this week were Lynne and Hal from our local Church who led an assembly for us about Harvest.

Thank you for supporting the PTA with their Macmillan coffee afternoon. They raised £110 for the charity.

In school the children have completed a survey about the breakfast they eat. This includes the bagels that we offer each morning at school. We have been asked to ask parents to complete [this survey](#) to share their thoughts about the "Magic Breakfast"

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Weaver  
Assistant Head of School

### Attendance

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

**The 100% winner this week was Bella in Reception. 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

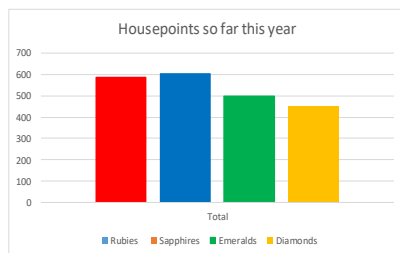
We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads within school.

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-71,  
Diamond-78,  
Emerald -103,  
Sapphire-118**

**Well done to this week's winners- Sapphires**

## DIARY DATES

**11th October-** INSPIRE session 6JG

**13th October-** Flu vaccinations. Please ensure that you have completed the online consent form <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2022/dudley>

**18th October-** INSPIRE session Year 5

**18th October-** School Photographs

**19th October-** KS1 Harvest Festival at 9.30am

**21st October-** Break up for half term at 3pm

**31st October-** INSET Day

## CARING

### Holiday Activities and Food

Registration for the HAF programme is open until 31st October.

The HAF programme is available to children (Reception to Y11) eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Once registered, children can be booked onto activities and events during the school holidays. More details can be found at: <https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/register-your-child/>

### Hardship Fund

Dudley Council are also continuing the Hardship Fund to help those families most at risk of poverty related issues. The increase in the cost of living easily demonstrates the need for this type of support for our children and families who sometimes don't meet the 'published PP or disadvantaged criteria' and slip under the radar.

We have been allocated a small amount of money for families who may need additional support. Please ask to speak to Mrs Pilbeam in the school office or email [info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk)

## RESPECT

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

**Nursery-** Luca for resilience in nursery all day

**Reception-** Jack-Junior for caring for others

**Year 1-** Leighton for resilience to learning

**Year 2-** Toby for positive attitude to learning

**Year 3-** Harjeevan for positive attitude to maths

**Year 4-** Keita for positive attitude to work

**Year 5-** Colton for positive attitude to learning

**Year 6MJ-** Tyler for positive attitude to all subjects

**Year 6JG-** Jacob for resilience in maths

## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

### **Below word count for each class for the week**

Year 2- 4,149  
Year 3- 35,938  
Year 4- 31,734  
Year 5- 49,303  
Year 6JG- 29,280  
Year 6MJ- 137,695

This week's **Century** stars are:  
Sophie, Rosie, Tilly, Alfie N and S

**Well done!**

## RESILIENCE

**Our skill builders award winners this week are**

Leo H, Max D, Avril, Myles, Luke, Kai, Abigail & Wesley

