

NEWSLETTER



Friday 14th October 2022

Safety First

At Hurst Hill, safety is always a priority. We received the outcomes of our external safeguarding audit this term and you will be pleased to know that the results were excellent.

This achievement does not happen by chance, it takes a lot of hard work to establish systems and procedures, which all teachers promote and all children follow. So I would like to thank all staff and pupils for their support.

In line with our safety procedures, we practised our annual emergency lockdown today. The children were a real credit. They knew exactly what to do and I am so proud of each and every one. Can I ask for parental safety support moving forward in ensuring that mobile phones are not used on school premises. Staff shall be actively reminding any parents who are seen taking calls or texting on the school grounds.

Congratulations to our new school councillors, who have been elected. They were presented with their badges in assembly this morning and do carry a lot of responsibility. They represent the opinions of their class and they will work closely with Mrs Waterfield and myself to help ensure that Hurst Hill provides superb teaching and learning through a well balanced curriculum combined with wider experiences.

We have seen an increase in holiday requests this year and I wanted to stress that I honestly have no wish to deprive families of their well-earned holidays, however as a school we are expected to put their education first, which means I cannot authorise such requests unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We have reached the end of another super action packed week with just one week to go before half term and a well earned rest for all, but next week is indeed a busy one! On Tuesday we have school photos, so for next week only, we are moving the year 5 and 6 PE day to Monday instead. Please ensure that your child is in full school uniform for photograph day.

We also have the Year 5 Inspire session on Tuesday; please complete the form on ParentMail if you are attending, so we can arrange seating. Our governors will be joining us on Tuesday to evaluate and quality assure our attendance systems and procedures. We have the Harvest festival on Wednesday for KS1 children and we will be joined by Reverend Jackson KS1 parents, please remember that it is one ticket per family and these must be handed in on entry to the celebrations. We welcome donations of tinned or long life food supplies. These can be handed in at the school office and we shall donate them to the Good Shepherd charity—a very worthy cause for our community.

Upcoming PTA events

Don't forget the PTA are hosting a quiz night on Monday - there is still time to enter!
Reflexions coffee morning on Friday 21st—please see their newsletter, which we sent out today and is uploaded to the PTA section on the website.

Thank you for continued support as always. Have a super weekend.
Mrs Johnson

Attendance

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

The 100% winner this week was Leo B in year 1. The winning class was Miss Floyd's class.

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. Do not use our social media pages to report absences. Please remember that school can administer medication in certain circumstances.

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.

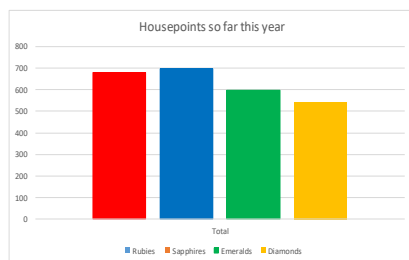
If you have concerns which are **not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.

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

HONESTY-POSITIVE ATTITUDE-RESPECT-RESILIENCE-CARING

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-92
Diamond-93
Emerald - 100
Sapphire-93

Well done to this week's winners- Emeralds

DIARY DATES

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

1st November- Return to school and INSPIRE session 6MJ

8th November- INSPIRE session year 4

9th November- Year 5 planetarium visit

CARING

New Happier Minds Website for Dudley

A new website has been launched to help young people, parent carers and professionals find information about mental health in Dudley borough.

www.happierminds.org.uk

Happier Minds can help you find the mental wellbeing information you need. It also provides information on how to get help urgently for people in crisis. The website has 3 sections – for young people, parent carers and school based professionals, all sections contain useful support and information. The young people section for those aged 11yrs and over (secondary school and college), has video resources and useful contacts. For parent/carers, there is information to help them to support their child and also resources to support their own mental wellbeing. The professional section of the website has been designed for those working with young people in schools/colleges and provides useful information and resources

"Happier Minds"

Mental wellbeing support for young people, parent carers and school based professionals in Dudley.

RESPECT

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

Nursery- Senna-Grace for positive attitude to learning

Reception- Emilia for positive attitude in class

Year 1- Milan for positive attitude to lessons

Year 2- Jessica for caring for others

Year 3- Aaliyah for resilience in her work

Year 4- Archie for positive attitude to reading

Year 5- Neveah for positive attitude to learning

Year 6MJ- Wesley for resilience in writing

Year 6JG- Millie for positive attitude to learning

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2- 4,294

Year 3- 37,067

Year 4- 18,181

Year 5- 53,064

Year 6JG- 95,230

Year 6MJ- 54,546

This week's winning class is 6MJ, who had the highest percentage of children completing an AR quiz. They have won a new book for their classroom!

This week's **Century** stars are:

Harriet, Keita, Jenson, Isabella and Sasha
Well done!

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Cameron, Emma, Macie, Marnie,
Zachary, Ezmai-Rose, Louise and
Alfie N





EXPERIENCE

At Hurst Hill we encourage children to have as many different Experiences as possible.

This week, year 6 have been making their own bread. They have followed the recipe, accurately weighed ingredients and have been able to proof, knead and bake their own bread roll.

They have worked exceptionally hard and demonstrated excellent teamwork, listening skills and creativity.

Well done to Maxie in year 2, who has achieved his yellow stripe belt in Taekwondo



Beatdown Music Academy offer lessons on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in school for:

Guitar, Drums, Ukulele, Piano, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute and Percussion

Lessons are paid for half-termly in advance and cost just £6.50 per week. For more information or to book, please contact:

www.beatdownmusic.co.uk

www.facebook.com/BeatdownMusic1

07582471060 – Mr Kris Davies-Kohler