

NEWSLETTER



Happy half term

This half term really has fled by. Children and staff have worked so hard and I am very proud of the progress made to date. We have had many inspections and quality assurance checks - all with positive outcomes. It is clear that Hurst Hill is going from strength to strength

Thank you to all year 5 parents for attending the Inspire session this week. It was the highest turn out to date and a huge success. Can you please remember to sign up for all events using the form on ParentMail, so that we can ensure we have enough seating and resources.

The key stage one Harvest Festival was superb this week. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and children who worked hard learning lines and Harvest songs. Reverend Sam was also very impressed with the assembly and we are grateful for her support. Thank you for all your Harvest donations - The Good Shepherd charity will ensure your donations go to needy families.

You will be pleased to hear that work has started on our forest school - we are capturing images of the journey so watch this space for information.

Please remember that secondary school applications for year 6 children need to be completed by 31st October.

Our after school clubs start next term and a message has been sent to confirm spaces. Please ensure your ParentMail details are correct so that you do not miss valuable information.

Our wonderful PTA will be using the advertising board at the front of school to share up and coming events. We are adding photographs of all members so that you know who is who.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy half term. Enjoy the well deserved rest and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 1st November.

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 Arjun in year 5 . 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.

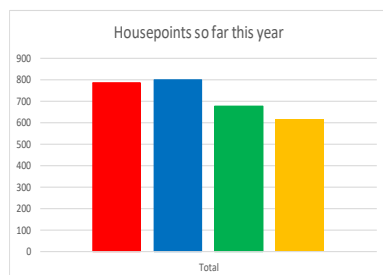
Safeguarding

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

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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– 108
Diamond– 69
Emerald – 80
Sapphire– 103

Well done to this week's winners– Rubies!

CARING

Thank you for donating to the Harvest Festival. We have collected 5 boxes of items for the Good Shepherd Charity.



We still have availability in our Hardship fund from Dudley council, please email info@hurst-hill.dudley.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Pilbeam in the school office.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 8,892
Year 3– 9,174
Year 4– 22,714
Year 5– 65,703
Year 6JG–37,427
Year 6MJ–42,567

This week's winning class is Year 2, who had the most AR quizzes passed this week! They win a new book for their classroom.

DIARY DATES

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

15th November– INSPIRE session Reception

18th November– Children In Need

22nd November– INSPIRE session year 1

29th November– INSPIRE session year 3

2nd December– Year 2 visit to Enginuity

RESPECT

Star Pupils of the half term show our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring. They have won a reward afternoon with Mrs Johnson

Nursery– Helen

Reception– Pablo-Junior

Year 1– Tyler

Year 2– Lottie

Year 3– Connor

Year 4– Isabelle

Year 5– Ruby-Jane

Year 6MJ– Olivia

Year 6JG– Louise

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Arpan, Teddy, Billy, Sophie,
Daisy-May, Thomas, Macey G & Louise





EXPERIENCE

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

This week, children in year 2 have been making bird feeders, using different seeds and materials.

Years 1 and 2 practised their performing arts by hosting their harvest festival for the parents.

Nursery children have ended their reading of Goldilocks and the three bears by making and tasting porridge at their teddy bears picnic!

