

NEWSLETTER



Santa Claus is coming!

Yes - Santa Claus is definitely on his way to Hurst Hill. The decorations are up and ready for Santa's visit tomorrow morning where children will enjoy their breakfast and a Christmas disco. If you purchased a ticket, then you can join us for EYFS/KS1 at 9.30am and KS2 at 11am. Please drop your children at Reception when you arrive, but collect from the rear of school by Tech Central. Don't forget your ticket!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Carvers for donating a real Christmas tree to school - and for parents who have donated decorations to help make Christmas as special as we can. As a school we work hard to ensure all children join in with the Christmas Spirit and that they look forward to their gifts from Santa. We want to keep the magic of Christmas alive, whether your children believe or not. So we kindly ask you to please encourage your children to join in with us

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Zalmeza for the giant Toblerone that has been donated. It is over 4kg in weight! Please ensure you have a chance of winning this super prize, or the large hamper of food and drink, by purchasing a £2 raffle ticket from Mrs Johnson or the school office. Photos of the prizes are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Christmas lunch day is Wednesday 14th December. Please book on the normal menu on ParentMail by 6th December. On this day your child can wear their Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper. Normal school trousers/skirts and shoes should be worn unless they have PE, in which case they can wear their PE bottoms and trainers.

Year 4 were visited by the TimeZone Romans this week, and Year 2 have visited Enginuity today. The children really enjoy and value these experiences which are so beneficial for their learning. Trips are only possible thanks to the support of parents.

As confirmed in our recent LPPA award - for working with parents- we listen to your requests and strive to meet the needs of all families. We have therefore made amendments to our website, it can now be accessed in seven different languages in line with our pupil's home languages. These are available in the parent drop down tab on the home page.

Just a quick reminder that we do still have places available in Reception - applications do need to be in by 15th January. I can't believe where this year has gone - time certainly has flown by.

Wishing you a super and festive 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 Ellie 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.

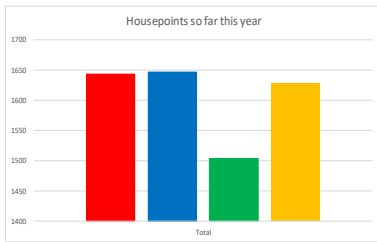
Safeguarding

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

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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– 175
Diamond–202
Emerald – 165
Sapphire–178

Well done to this week's winners– Diamonds

DIARY DATES

3rd December– PTA Breakfast with Santa

6th December– INSPIRE session year 2 & Polar Express cinema evening– years 1, 2 and 3

8th December– Year 1 Drama Hut Visit

9th December– EYFS Visit to Ash End Farm

12th December– Carol service at St Mary's

13th & 14th December– PTA uniform sale 9am-10am

14th December– Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

15th December– EYFS nativity

16th December– Last day of Term– Break up at 3pm

SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

CARING



Year 2 had a visit from Dudley Council to discuss "The Journey of Recycling"

This fits in with our caring value; caring for our environment and our planet.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 9,654
Year 3– 73,835
Year 4– 12,114
Year 5– 57,950
Year 6JG– 48,645
Year 6MJ– 16,063

This week's winning class is year 3 for the highest amount of extra words read. They win a new book for their classroom!

RESPECT

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

Nursery– Freya for respect towards others

Reception– Max for resilience in the nativity practice

Year 1– Max for positive attitude to Maths

Year 3– Anshika for caring and encouraging others

Year 4– Kyra-May for positive attitude to work

Year 5– Ezmai-Rose for positive attitude to work

Year 6MJ– Roman for resilience in reading

Year 6JG– Sebastian for resilience in reading



The PTA are hosting a raffle to win the contents of the food and drink hamper (as shown on the left). Second prize is a giant Toblerone. Tickets cost £2 each and it will be drawn on Thursday 15th December.



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

Olivia S,
Melissa,
Caitlyn,
Ethan H &
Evie R

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