

NEWSLETTER



Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the PTA for making breakfast with Santa so spectacular. The children had a wonderful breakfast, chatted confidently to Santa in his grotto and then they danced the rest of the morning away at the disco... What a fantastic morning! The event has enabled us to raise another £370 towards our mini bus. Thank you! Next up is the quiz night on the 15th December ... So if you fancy your chances against Mrs Keen's team, make sure you get your tickets!

This week children have been working hard to learn their words for the church service, which is taking place on Monday. Please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat for the event as all children will be walking up Hurst Hill and the current forecast does predict rain. The KS2 service starts at 10am and KS1 starts at 1.30pm.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for attendance in EYFS next week - we have had a higher percentage off than usual with coughs and colds; this has unfortunately impacted on nativity rehearsals, as we have not been able to gather all children together. If EYFS attendance decreases any lower, then we may have to cancel the Nativity for this year, but we will update you on Tuesday via Parent Mail.

Year two had a super Inspire session this week, our children really look forward to these events, so they can share their fun learning with parents. Thank you so much to all who attended - we were overwhelmed with the positive feedback from parents who attended.

EYFS children who were in school today have had a super time at 'Ash End Farm'. They had the most wonderful time and made memories to cherish. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers for the continued support with school trips regardless of the weather conditions - without you some of our trips would not take place. We are very grateful and fortunate to have such super parents and grandparents.

Dudley council have developed a council web page to provide more advice and support for parents/carers and others who wish to find out more about Group A Strep and Scarlet Fever and what to do if they suspect their children may have the infection. Please see this link for advice should you require further advice
<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/strepaandscarletfever>

I would like to wish you all a super festive weekend -
only 16 sleeps until Christmas!
Mrs Johnson

Attendance

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

The 100% winner this week was Marnie in year 3.

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

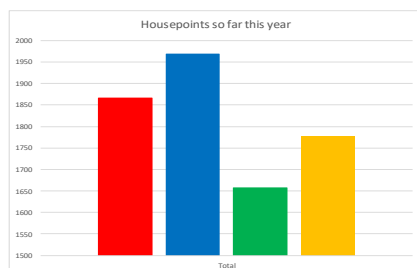
We all have a **responsibility** for the welfare of our children. If something concerns you about the welfare of a child within school then please contact the class teacher in the first instance who will refer to the School's Designated Safeguarding Leads within school.

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– 223
Diamond– 150
Emerald – 154
Sapphire– 322

Well done to this week's winners–
Sapphires

DIARY DATES

12th December- Carol service at St Mary's
KS2 10-11am, KS1 1.30-2.30pm

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

At Hurst Hill, we care for all families, especially those less fortunate than others.

We are all equal, regardless of our nationality, religion, opinions and beliefs. At Christmas, we get together to show our care for one another and celebrate our differences.



POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 7,663
Year 3– 33,865
Year 4– 14,972
Year 5– 71,918
Year 6JG– 20,558
Year 6MJ– 14,967

This week's winning class is 6JG for the person who read the most words. They win a new book for their classroom!

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

Scarlett, Melissa, Caitlyn, Taylor, & Evie R

RESPECT

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

Nursery– Satkar for positive attitude to nativity practice

Reception– Grayson for positive attitude to learning

Year 1– Amarion for positive attitude towards Maths

Year 2– Clara for respect to others

Year 3– Myles for positive attitude to singing

Year 4– Isla for resilience to school work

Year 5– Layton for resilience in school

Year 6MJ– Ethan for resilience in Maths

Year 6JG– Autumn-Lea for resilience in Maths

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Daisie-Rae, Molly, Oscar, Maisie,
Daisy-May, Joel, Aminta & Sasha



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