

NEWSLETTER



Merry Christmas

So here it is merry Christmas, everybody will soon be having fun...What a wonderful countdown to Christmas the children have had this week. There has been such a magical feel to the whole school; many complimentary visitors have been popping in, full of praise about our children's behaviour and lovely manners.

Please accept my apologies for not being able to walk the children to church for the carol service - it would have been too dangerous with the ice. As an alternative we have recorded the key stage one and two children's performances. These have been made available on Google classroom. They will be available for viewing this weekend only, as there is a timer which will automatically remove them on Monday.

Thank you to all EYFS parents and residents from the Sedgley Court Care Home, for joining our 'Born in a Barn Nativity' this week. Due to the high volume of absences, it was touch and go as to whether we would be able to host the performance, but we decided to give it a go and the children really enjoyed themselves. I am sure you will join me in thanking all staff, across the school, for their hard work so far this year. They really are passionate about teaching and learning, whilst also providing exciting educational experiences that your children will remember for a lifetime... They are our very own magic weavers and I feel blessed to have such dedicated staff and equally supportive parents. - this fantastic team work enables us to help your children grow into the best versions of themselves - into confident individuals who will go on to follow their dreams.

Like you I too am looking forward to the Christmas break, spending quality time with loved ones and relaxing. However, it is always equally as lovely to listen to the children when they return after the Christmas break, because it is generally not the presents they talk about. Instead, it is the games they have played with mom, dad and family members; the cuddles on the sofa watching films and drinking hot chocolate; the walk to the park or shopping day out ... quite simply it is the time they spend with you that makes their Christmas magical. So I although I hope that Santa brings you everything you wished for - I hope you will remember there is no greater gift than you; the wonderful parents and carers of Hurst Hill children. I would like to wish you all a magical and merry Christmas - stay safe and I will see you all on Tuesday 3rd January.

Mrs Johnson

Attendance

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

The 100% winner this week was Tyler 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.

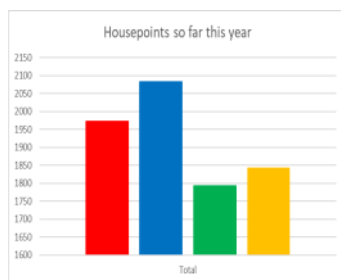
If you have concerns which **are not** school based you can: Call the children's services referral and advice service on **0300 555 0050** during office hours (9am - 5pm). Out of office hours contact the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 555 8574** or in an **emergency call 999**.

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– 106
Diamond– 66
Emerald – 135
Sapphire– 115

Well done to this week's winners– Emeralds

DIARY DATES

SCHOOL REOPENS ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

Wednesday 4th January– Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 11th January– Helping Hands– Year 6 visit

Wednesday 18th January– Parent Reflexions meeting

CARING

School Council and the PTA invited residents of Sedgley Island Care Home to see our EYFS nativity and enjoy a mince pie and a cup of tea!



RESPECT

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

Nursery– Logan

Reception–Imani

Year 1– Paris

Year 2– Ava

Year 3– Harriet

Year 4– Ebony

Year 5– Jailen

Year 6MJ– Crystal

Year 6JG– Charlotte

They will get a reward afternoon with Mrs Johnson

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Isla, Milan, Reggie, Maisie,
Connie, Amelia, Evie D & Evie R

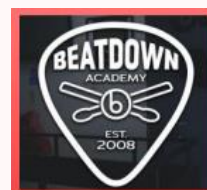


POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below is the word count for each class for the week

Year 2–9,590
Year 3– 34,627
Year 4– 17,996
Year 5–42,673
Year 6JG– 8,352
Year 6MJ–30,622



Beatdown Music Academy offer lessons on 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

Email: info@beatdownmusic@gmail.com
07582 471060– Mr K Davies-Kohler (Music Teacher)
07562 705571– Mr A Holyhead (Head of Service)

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Hurst Hill's got talent



When Santa came to Hurst Hill!



Raffle Winners:

The winner of the hamper contents was ticket number: 65— Josh
The winner of the giant Toblerone was ticket number: 108— Jaxon
The 3rd prize winner was ticket number: 68— Amiyah
The 4th prize winner was ticket number: 120— Isla

Thank you to the Junior Leadership team for selecting the winners

