

NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all our parents and carers - may it be filled with joy, peace, good health and happiness.

It has been lovely catching up with children this week, listening to the recounts of quality time spent with families and friends. Reverend Steve welcomed in the new year with a super assembly on Tuesday and children once again showed outstanding behaviour.

As an Ofsted rated good school, we are fortunate to have been selected by Ofsted as a school for a research study into the teaching of English. We are all very excited and proud to be part of wider studies. You will have received a parent mail informing you of the research details and how Ofsted are exploring English. A few parents have asked if this is an Inspection - so I thought I would clarify that this is just part of a research project across the country - it is not an inspection.

With a rise in illnesses across the country last term, I wanted to assure you that we are still very conscientious of handwashing and school hygiene. We do welcome parental support practising regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water: catching coughs and sneezes in tissues, then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay at home from school (and nursery if applicable) until they feel better and the fever has resolved. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, handwashing is not as effective - so again please keep your children at home for 48 hours to prevent spreading to other children and staff. COVID Guidance continue remains the same and can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Just a reminder that we do still have celebration assemblies on a Friday morning at 9:05 am to share the success of our star pupils. If your child is selected, you will be notified in advance and two seats will be reserved for you or family members to attend.

Applications for our Reception 2023 intake closes on 15th January, so please ensure that you have completed your application by then.

Thank you for your continued support as always.
Enjoy your weekend
Mrs Johnson

Attendance

Attendance at school is **mandatory**. Whole school attendance should be **at least 96%**.
The 100% winner this week was Harmani 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.

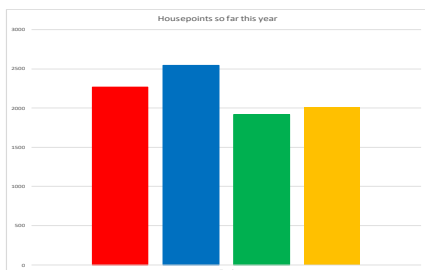
Safeguarding

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

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– 296
Diamond–157
Emerald – 123
Sapphire–460

Well done to this week's winners– Sapphires

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th January– Helping Hands– Year 6 visit

Tuesday 17th January– 4RW INSPIRE session

Wednesday 18th January– Parent Reflexions meeting

Tuesday 14th February–2NF INSPIRE session

Thursday 16th February Year 3 TimeZone visit

Friday 17th February Last day of half term– return to school Tuesday 28th February

CARING



This week we have been looking at Article 25: All children have the right to be cared for and kept safe. Some children can't stay at home and need to go somewhere safe to be cared for.

Not all children live in the same kinds of families, there are **families of many different types**. Draw yourself with the people who look after you. Add details about who they are if you like.

RESPECT

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

Reception– Leo for positive attitude to learning

Year 1– Leo B for positive attitude to learning

Year 2– Reggie-Rae for positive attitude in class

Year 3– Olivia for caring for her classmates

Year 4– Ava-May for resilience towards school work

Year 5– Jimmy for positive attitude to work

Year 6MJ– Alfie N for positive attitude to maths

Year 6JG– Sebastian for resilience in reading and writing

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 4,888
Year 3– 22,184
Year 4–21,092
Year 5–3,985
Year 6JG– 121
Year 6MJ– 3,068

This week's winning class is year 3 which was the class with the most words read. They win a new book for their classroom!

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

Harriet, Ava-May, Tilly, Isabella and Abigail

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Carter, Renezmaj, Archie, Scarlett, Hayden, Tilly, Ethan D & Courtney

