

NEWSLETTER



20th January 2023

It is hard to believe we have only been back at school for three weeks. Already the children have made so much more progress! We were extremely pleased with how mature and confident our children were during the Ofsted research project last week. They were a true credit and we are tremendously proud.

We have sent reminders this week regarding the use of ParentMail to order school lunches. As from the 23rd January ALL lunches must be placed by midnight the day before - we cannot accept late orders in the school office. Children who do not have orders placed in time, will receive a grab bag. If you struggle to access ParentMail, we are facilitating a drop in session next week on Wednesday 25th January at 9am where you will be able to check how to use the app and we can support with setting controls etc...

Thank you to all parents who attended the inspire session this week. We had some wonderful feedback - 100% of responses were positive ! Thank you. We do always try to take on board ideas and constructive feedback, so we shall consider longer sessions and afternoon timings for next term.

We have certainly felt the cold this week, our site manager in particular felt it when clearing the paths for a safe entry. We will always endeavour to get the grounds cleared in time for the school day, however if we are surprised, or there is very heavy snow, then we will use the front doors for key stage 2; the small side playground for key stage one with Reception and Nursery children all accessing the Nursery entrance. Please ensure that your child is supervised on the playground and not throwing snowballs. I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for their patience and support this week

School disco tickets for the Valentine disco on Thursday 16th February will soon be on sale through our wonderful PTA. They will be on sale at the front of school for a limited time from 30th January until 3rd February. Remember to purchase your child's ticket to avoid disappointment as no tickets will be sold after this date.

Have a wonderful 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 Georgie in year 3. The winning class was Mrs Westwood'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.

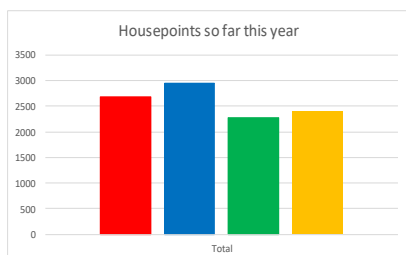
Safeguarding

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– 177
Diamond–205
Emerald – 196
Sapphire– 174

Well done to this week's winners– Diamonds

CARING

With the ever-rising cost of heating and food, We thought we would share the 'Too Good To Go' app with you. If you register, you can receive notifications of heavily reduced food packages from a variety of stores. The idea being that no food is wasted, it is merely sold cheaper. You can even book your time slot to collect the food! Every little helps!



Also, our PTA have preloved uniform for sale for 50p. Please ask at the school office.

RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Willow, Leo B, Annalise, Sophie, Isla,
Arjun, Wesley and James



POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

Below word count for each class for the week

Year 2– 10,694
Year 3– 55,442
Year 4– 24,893
Year 5–41,208
Year 6JG– 288,693
Year 6MJ– 26,636

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

DIARY DATES

Monday 23rd January– Year 6 Money Sense workshop

Wednesday 25th January– Parent drop in session– Help with ParentMail 9am

Thursday 26th January– 6MJ INSPIRE session

Tuesday 31st January – 5JW INSPIRE session

Monday 6th February– Reception Animal Man Visit

Wednesday 8th February–6JG INSPIRE session

Tuesday 14th February–2NF INSPIRE session

Wednesday 15th February– Year 4 trip to Thinktank

Thursday 16th February Year 3 TimeZone visit & PTA Valentine disco

Friday 17th February Last day of half term.

We return to school Tuesday 28th February



RESPECT

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

Nursery– Oliver for positive attitude to activities

Reception– Leo H for positive attitude to learning

Year 1– Liam for resilience in English

Year 2– Frankie for resilience in his writing

Year 3– Georgie for positive attitude to Maths and English

Year 4– Connie for positive attitude in class

Year 5– Avie-Rae for positive attitude in lessons

Year 6MJ– Harmani for resilience in Maths and English

Year 6JG– Jacob for positive attitude in Maths