

# NEWSLETTER



## Happy Easter

We have certainly had an 'egg-citing' week counting down to half term.

Year 5 children had a wonderful experience day with our Egyptian visitor and their behaviour was described as impeccable. They also delivered a superb class assembly educating the rest of the school about plastic pollution. Well done Year 5!

Year 1 have ended their topic with a bang during their farm visit—they had a wonderful time despite the rain. Year 2 took part in a theatre workshop about the Great Fire of London and EYFS were superstars during their Easter Bonnet Parade. What a parade it was too! We certainly have some very talented parents—the bonnets were amazing and it was incredibly hard to choose the winners. Thank you to all for making the parade a huge success. All children have been presented with an Easter egg for their efforts.

Our Junior PCSO children have been working hard with the police learning about the law, how to look after the environment and one another. They celebrated their achievements in assembly this week and were presented with a gift and a certificate. They also made their pledge to uphold the law. After Easter, our Junior PCSOs will be conducting additional work with Police Officers around parking. PCSO King was shocked by the inappropriate parking on Paul Street today and will therefore be returning regularly to improve the pavement and road safety for Hurst Hill pupils. Please note that this will include issuing parking tickets where necessary.

## Safeguarding

An altercation between parents on school site this week has resulted in verbal warnings being issued in line with our Parent, Carer and Visitor Code of Conduct and Behaviour on School Premises policy. We have safeguarding at the heart of all we do. Our children do not need to see or hear adults shouting or acting with aggression towards one another and it will not be tolerated on the school site. Please be mindful that we do reserve the right to ban parents from school grounds as stated in our policy and I will not hesitate to do this in order to maintain the safety of all children.

We have also had a pupil's scooter taken from school site and left on the corner of Paul Street. We have spoken to the people involved and emphasised the fact that we have CCTV on school grounds. If your child should accidentally take items that belong to someone else, please return them to school as soon as possible.

Finally, we held our first mini market to raise funds for the nominated charities today: NSPCC, Acorns and Make a Wish foundation. It was certainly a busy afternoon! Well done to all children involved we raised £181.01

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and happy holiday.

School reopens on **Monday 17th April** for the Summer term. Please note that Nursery children return on Tuesday 18th April.  
Mrs Johnson :)

## Attendance

**Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%.  
The 100% winner is Ida in Reception . The winning class this week is Miss Floyd's class.**

The Department of Education has made it clear that schools must be stricter when dealing with families whose children are persistently absent or late for school. A child's absence from school can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, for example, if they are too poorly to attend or if they have a medical appointment that cannot be made outside school hours. If your child is persistently absent or regularly late for school, whatever the circumstances, a referral may be made to Dudley Education Investigation Service, and this could result in a fine.

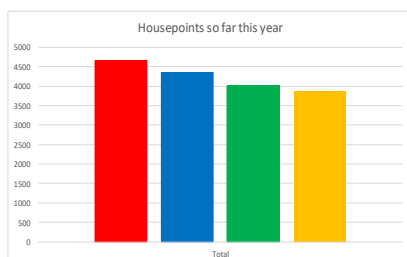
If you are having difficulty getting your child to school, or to school on time, please contact the school office so we can offer some support. Please note that school will not authorise holidays during the school term and that our policy is to refer such absences of 5 school days or more to Dudley Education Investigation Service who may issue a fine. 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



# 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 – 331  
Diamond – 161  
Emerald – 207  
Sapphire – 170

Well done to this week's winners – Rubies

## RESILIENCE

Our skill builders award winners this week are

Leo, Max, Lottie, Harjeevan, Megan, Farrel, Isabella, and Charlotte

## CARING

Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at Hurst Hill

We care deeply about the well being and safety of all our children both in school and out. However 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 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) within school. These are: Mrs Johnson, Mrs Potts, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Morgan. Alternatively, you can always pop in and chat to DSL directly

If you have concerns, which are not school based, then you can call the children's services referral and advice service on 0300 555 0050 during office hours (9am - 5pm). (option 4)  
Out of office hours, then please contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0300 555 8574.

If you have immediate concerns about the safety of a child, then please call 999 and state that there is a child at risk of immediate harm.

Alternatively you can call ChildLine on **0800 1111** or email them by visiting [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

## POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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

**Below** is the word count for each class for the year to date

Year 2–	222,824
Year 3–	858,473
Year 4–	1,172,241
Year 5–	1,088,315
Year 6JG–	1,007,228
Year 6MJ–	1,082,521

Well Done Year 4.

## DIARY DATES

We reopen for Summer Term on **Monday 17th April** (nursery return on Tuesday 18th April)

**Tuesday 25th April**—Year 5 INSPIRE session

**Monday 1st May**—BANK HOLIDAY— school closed

**Tuesday 2nd May**—Year 2 INSPIRE session

**Thursday 4th May**—Jacqueline Wilson visit

**Monday 8th May**—BANK HOLIDAY— school closed

**Tuesday 9th– Friday 12th May**—SATs week

**Tuesday 16th May**—Year 4 INSPIRE session

**Monday 22nd May**—Pioneer Parent meeting

**Tuesday 23rd May**—Year 3 INSPIRE session

## Word of the week

### Confide

Definition: another word for tell—usually associated with telling someone information that should be kept confidential /a secret.

**'I decided to confide in Jack and tell him what I knew'**

## RESPECT

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

**Reception—**  
Ida

**Year 1—**  
Aiyarna

**Year 2—**  
Jude

**Year 3—**  
Olivia

**Year 4—**  
Luke

**Year 5—**  
Jenson

**Year 6MJ—**  
Harmani

**Year 6JG—**  
Courtney

After Easter, there will be a change to the school menu. The new menu can be found on the website.

### Healthy Eating

We would like to send you our thanks for the changes we have seen over the past few months with regards to healthy eating. We are pleased that children are bringing in healthier snacks for break time and that there are a variety of healthy snacks in lunch boxes.

The week beginning the 24<sup>th</sup> April will be Healthy Lunch week in school where we can reward all of the hard work. Children will receive stickers for making healthy school dinner choices. There will be a colouring competition and prizes for the winners. The healthy eating ambassadors have worked hard to make posters to promote this week with their classes.

I would like to refer you to the letter which was sent out by Mrs Johnson earlier in the year which refers to our school policy on snacks and lunches.

### Snack and break time

As we are a healthy school, please can we remind you that water bottles should contain water only for drinking in lessons. Squash can be brought in for lunch times only and it is provided by kitchen staff for school dinner orders. Healthy options for snack at break time are:

- Fruit & vegetables
- Crackers
- Yoghurt
- Milk

### Lunchboxes

Just a reminder that lunchboxes should contain:

- a healthy choice sandwich or wrap filling
- fruit or vegetables
- a low fat yoghurt
- cereal bars
- A drink

If you have any further questions about Healthy Lunch week, please see Mrs Jones in year 5



**WELL DONE TO OUR EASTER  
BONNET WINNERS!**