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HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK

I hope you have all had a super Easter enjoying quality time with the children.

Please may I express thanks to all the generous parents who sent in unexpected Easter gifts in for staff, it was very thoughtful, and staff were touched by the generosity.

This week we have been busy planning events for the summer term. The end of the academic year will be here very shortly, so we shall be releasing the end of year disco dates, Nursery graduation information, leavers' productions and leavers' parties very soon.

The PTA are already very busy organising leavers' hoodies for the year six children. If you child is in year six, and you would like to purchase a hoody, then please look out for the consent forms and payment information soon to be released.

Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery (except studs or a standard watch) or bring toys to school unless an arrangement has been made with school staff or we have a specific 'Toy Day'. This includes football cards etc...

We are very proud of our SEND provision at Hurst Hill. We are an inclusive school and all children are supported in line with their needs. Provision is implemented in line with the SEND code of conduct and follows recommendations from wider professional. As a result, we have very good relationships with external agencies. Indeed, we find that we are now highly recommended to wider families due to our nurturing provision. If you have any concerns about the development of your child, then please do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher, Mrs Potts or myself.

Launch day for Rocksteady Music Tuition is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. We will be having workshops for Reception, KS1 and KS2. For those who have already agreed to sign up, further details will be sent out after the workshop and lessons will start 5<sup>th</sup> May. Spaces are still available – further details can be requested from the school office.

Mrs Johnson  
Head of School

## DIARY DATES

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

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

**Tuesday 2nd May**— Year 1 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

**Thursday 25th May**— Last day of Half Term— break up at 3pm



## Word of the week

### Stamina

Definition: the physical and/or mental strength to do something that might be difficult and will take a long time:

*The triathlon is a great test of stamina.*

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## RESPECT

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

**Reception**– Arpan for positive attitude in class

**Year 1**– Nicky for positive attitude in school

**Year 2**– Noah for positive attitude in his work

**Year 3**– Robbie for caring for others

**Year 4**– Millie for resilience in lessons

**Year 5**– Caitlyn for positive attitude in lessons

**Year 6MJ**– Ethan for positive attitude to work

**Year 6JG**– Lloyd for positive attitude in school.



## Attendance

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

**The 100% winner is Roman in year 6. The winning class this week is Miss Floyd's class with 100%!**

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



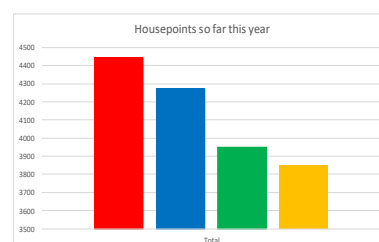
## HONESTY

We use house points to reward pupils for following our school rules and values.

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 111, Diamond 140, Emerald 141 & Sapphire 89.

Well Done Emeralds!



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We are seeing a growing number of pupils partaking in extracurricular activities outside of school and we love celebrating these in assemblies. Feel free to drop us an email or send in photos of your child's wider achievements, so we can continue share successes and reward achievements. This week, we dedicate newsletter space to celebrate Maisie's charity raising efforts and Tyler's Rugby achievement.



Maisie and her sister held a table top sale selling cakes, books and puzzles. They raised over £175 for Ravens Rescue charity.

Tyler represented Wolverhampton Rugby club in the Rugby Tiger Challenge in Bognor Regis.



**Skills Builder**  
PARTNERSHIP

**Our skill builder award winners this week are**

Heaven, Eliza, Toby, Tillie, Riley and Sebastian

## WORD COUNT

Our word count this week is:

**2NF:** 17,304

**3SW:** 36,556

**4RW:** 3,314

**5JW:** 14,683

**6MJ:** 49,980

**6JG:** 109,347



# Coronation Celebrations

**Wednesday 3rd May 2023**

**Traditional roast chicken dinner  
with crown cookies**

(Regular menu options will also be available)

**School meal children can enter the Cupcake  
colouring competition**

**1st prize - £50 Odeon Cinema Voucher**

**2nd prize - £20 Amazon Voucher**

**3rd prize - £10 Amazon Voucher**



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## HEALTHY EATING

Next week is Healthy Eating week at Hurst Hill

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#recipes>

Please see the above link regarding hints and tips for healthy lunchboxes.

At Hurst Hill we advise the following:

- ◆ A healthy sandwich or tub of pasta
- ◆ At least one portion of fruit / vegetables
  - ◆ Yogurt
  - ◆ Water or 100% fruit juice
- ◆ One cereal type bar or club style biscuit OR a cupcake /sponge finger cake.

We do not recommend crisps unless they are baked—not fried.

### Soft cheese and salad sandwich recipe

A quick and easy sandwich to provide some dairy in your child's lunchbox. This would work well with an apple and a fruit teacake.

Prep: 10 mins  
Serves 1

[+ Nutritional information](#)



#### Ingredients

- 2 thick slices of wholemeal bread
- 2 tablespoons medium-fat soft cheese
- 3cm piece of cucumber, finely chopped
- 20g celery (about two-thirds of a stick), finely chopped
- small wedge of lettuce, to give 2 tablespoons when shredded
- pinch of black pepper or paprika, optional

#### Complete your lunchbox with:

- an apple
- fruit teacake
- small bottle of water

#### Method

1. Spread both slices of bread with the cheese.

Spreading the cheese on both slices of the bread – and patting the salad dry – helps prevent a soggy sandwich!

2. Pat the salad dry and use to fill the sandwich, sprinkling with pepper or paprika if using.

Try other salad vegetables, or even some pineapple.