

Friday
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2023



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Happy Bank Holiday ☺

Fingers crossed for better weather this weekend. School is closed Monday, but open as usual Tuesday.

Thank you to all parents who attended Inspire this week and thank you for all the positive comments received. Every questionnaire response was indeed positive with many parents stating they enjoy working with their children and now have a greater awareness of what they study. We have had a request for more hands on practical activities, so we will take that on board and see what we can plan for next year.

Thank you also to all parents who follow our safety policies by not using mobile phones on the playground/car park, and to those who park sensibly on Paul Street. Please can you be very mindful of your children as they leave classrooms at the end of the school day and take responsibility for their behaviour. We have seen a growing number of children climbing walls, gates and the totem poles, which is dangerous. We have also seen some children running away from their parents, racing around on their scooters and bikes and this has proved overwhelming for our smaller children – it has even caused injury. Scooters and bikes are not to be used on school grounds please, they should be dropped at the bike station on entry and collected on exit. This is an expectation so we can keep all children safe and free from harm. Thank you for your support in this area. Next Friday we celebrate The Coronation of our King and children will be able to wear red, white and blue. There will be no praise assembly next week, all certificates will be rolled over. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Johnson.

DIARY DATES

Monday 1st May– BANK HOLIDAY– school closed

Tuesday 2nd May– Year 1 INSPIRE session

Thursday 4th May– Jacqueline Wilson visit

Friday 5th May- Coronation celebration – wear red, white and blue

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: **Transcendent**

Definition: exceeding usual limits (: exceeding usual limits : surpassing. : extending or lying beyond the limits of ordinary experience)

This year, Hurst Hill pupils will make transcendent progress in their learning.

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Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%. The 100% winner is Lily-Mae in year 3. 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



RESPECT

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

Nursery—Dylan for positive attitude in activities

Reception—Marni for positive attitude to learning



Year 1—Emma for positive attitude in English

Year 2—Macey for resilience in writing



Year 3—Myles for positive attitude in his work

Year 4—Karena for positive attitude to school work

Year 5—Skye for positive attitude in lessons

Year 6MJ—Tyler for positive attitude to English

Year 6JG—Jacob for positive attitude in letter writing.

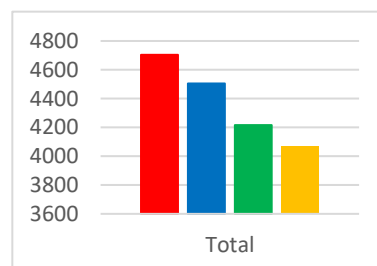
HONESTY

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

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 260, Diamond 220, Emerald 268 & Sapphire 232.

Well Done Emeralds!



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FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Whiston has been very busy this week!

She has been completing her forest school training ready for pupils to enjoy our new forest school area when it is completed.

From tool making to campfires, our children will be able to enjoy learning outdoors and develop important life skills.



HEALTHY EATING

<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.

Ham and fresh coleslaw pittas recipe

You can make a healthier version of coleslaw in just a few minutes. Enjoy some in these tasty pittas.

Prep: 15 mins
Cook: 3 mins
Serves 4

[+ Nutritional information](#)



Ingredients

- 150g firm white cabbage, finely shredded
- 1 carrot, grated
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp low-fat natural yoghurt
- 4 wholemeal pitta breads
- 4 slices lean roast ham
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 handfuls cherry tomatoes
- ¼ of a cucumber, sliced

Add a seasonal twist

Some peeled and grated beetroot makes a great seasonal addition to the coleslaw!

Method

1. Mix together the cabbage, carrot and spring onions. Add the yoghurt and stir together. Season with black pepper.
 2. Warm the pittas in a toaster or under the grill. Split them open and stuff each one with a slice of ham and the coleslaw.

For a vegetarian version, omit the ham and add 40g reduced-fat hard cheese to the coleslaw, either grated or cut into tiny cubes.
 3. Serve each pitta with cherry tomatoes and cucumber.
- Another time, use skinless roast turkey or chicken instead of ham.

WORD COUNT

Our word count this week is:

2NF: 16,932

3SW: 23,005

4RW: 9,224

5JW: 9,467

6MJ: 104,560

6JG: 22,460



Our skills builders this week are:

Alyssia, Benas, Mason, Lexi, Connie,
Jenson, Aminta & Ethan

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PHONICS

Phonics - the teaching of sounds and their corresponding letters, is paramount in KS1 as it lays the foundations for reading. All KS1 children across the country complete a statutory phonics test every June - this is more commonly known as the Phonics Screening Check. Poor attendance, illness and late starts to the school day, can impact on a child's ability to develop strong foundations and consequently some children can struggle with reading. I therefore thought I would share some phonics clips for parents, who may wish to practise sounds (phonemes) and letters (graphemes) at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The link consists of clips that show how to pronounce pure sounds and tricky words etc... that children need to know. If you would like any additional information, then please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Floyd - Hurst Hill's Phonics lead.



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or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate)
8am-8pm, Mon-Thurs, 8am-6pm Fridays

ROCK STEADY™

Children took part in a music workshop this afternoon and had so much fun. Forms to sign up have been sent home today, and lessons start on Friday 5th May.



Maxie in year 2 has been working very hard. He achieved 3rd place in his taekwondo sparring and 3rd place in patterns, as well as student of the month.

He was also sent a lovely thank you letter from New Cross Hospital after he donated some of his toys for the children. Well done Maxie.



Dear Maxillian,

Thank you for your lovely donation of Toys, Books and DVDs for our patients and their families.

On behalf of all the children, parents and staff, our grateful thanks go out to you for the generosity and consideration shown to us; your kindness is very much appreciated.

Our PTA will be hosting a Bingo night at Coseley Ex-servicesmen's club, 135 Ivyhouse Lane, Bilston WV14 9LA on Thursday 25th May from 7.30pm.