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HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Happy Coronation Weekend

This week the children have been learning about the upcoming coronation and they all enjoyed coming together to celebrate this historical event during our whole school assembly. EYFS children proudly displayed their superb crowns - Mrs Westwood, our History lead selected Regan and Rayan as winners. She thought all crowns were excellent and did find it very difficult to judge.

Next week our year six children will be sitting their SATS - they have been working hard all year and I know they will give 100%, which is all we can ever ask of them. If your child is in year six, please can you try to ensure they have an early night on Monday, so they are not over tired. After working hard all year, it would be a shame for children to not be able to achieve their full potential, due to tiredness. Year 6 can attend school from 8:15 next week and have breakfast with peers - please send them through the main reception entrance. Please also ensure you send your children in to school even if you wake up a little later than usual, as they can still take their exam.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend. I hope you all enjoy the Coronation festivities

Mrs Johnson
Head of School

DIARY DATES

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

Wednesday 24th May– Reception eye tests

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

Friday 26th May– INSET day

Monday 5th June– INSET day

Tuesday 6th June– Reception INSPIRE session



Word of the week: Impeccable

Definition: in accordance with the highest standards; faultless.

"he had impeccable manners"

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Attendance

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

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

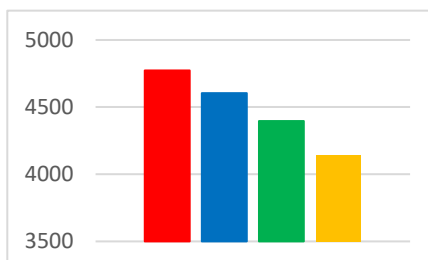


This week a select few children were able to attend Earls high school and meet Jaqueline Wilson. They listened to her talk about her life, how she became an author and she also shared her new books. Hurst Hill children were absolutely amazing. I think everyone should know how proud we all are, because their behaviour was impeccable and they stood out during the whole visit.

HONESTY

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

This week our house points totals are:
Ruby 69, Emerald 149, Diamond 77 and Sapphire 99. Well done Emeralds!



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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.

Tuna mayonnaise and sweetcorn sandwich recipe

The mild flavour of tinned tuna combined with sweetcorn. This would work well with sticks of carrot or cucumber and some mixed berries.

Prep: 10 mins
Serves 1

[+ Nutritional information](#)



Ingredients

- half a 160g can of tuna in spring water, drained
- 1 level tablespoon reduced-calorie mayonnaise
- 1 heaped tablespoon sweetcorn (tinned, or cooked from frozen)
- large pinch of black pepper
- 2 thick slices of half-and-half bread

Complete your lunchbox with:

- 1 small carrot and a 3cm chunk of cucumber, cut into sticks
- 60g mixed berries
- 200ml semi-skimmed milk

Method

1. Mix the tuna with the mayonnaise, sweetcorn and pepper.

Mix the filling the night before and store in the fridge to save time in the morning.

2. Sandwich the mixture between the slices of bread.

Double the recipe to use the rest of the can of tuna if you have 2 lunchboxes to prepare.

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.