

Friday
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HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Well Done to Year Six.

Hurst Hill pupils consistently work hard, as a result I am always proud to show off their achievements. However, this week I am immensely proud of the Year 6 pupils. You may have seen negative comments on social media about the challenges they have faced this week during the KS2 SATs and I can confirm the SATS papers were indeed very challenging. All we ever ask is for pupils to try their best; to bring the best version of themselves to school every day and my goodness they certainly did... Every single year six pupil, used every single ounce of their resilience and problem solving skills, as they took the challenges in their stride. They held their heads high... We had no tears of frustration... I could not have asked for more... In fact, as they sat in the hall waiting to start the tests, you could almost hear their thoughts of 'Bring it on Mrs Johnson'. What superstars they are! 😊
So, I would like to thank all of our year six pupils from the bottom of my heart - I could not be more proud. I hope they have a super weekend.

Mrs Johnson

Head of School

CATERING COMPETITION WINNERS

The winners of the colouring competition celebrating the King's coronation were:

1st Place: Rennie
2nd Place: Max D
3rd Place: Courtney

DIARY DATES



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

Monday 5th June- INSET day

Tuesday 6th June– Return to school for first day of Summer 2

Tuesday 20th June- Year 3 INSPIRE and Trust Arts event at Dudley Town Hall

Wednesday 28th June-Friday 30th June– Y6 Pioneer

Word of the week: **unanimous** (*adjective*)

Definition - all in agreement.

"the teachers were unanimous - they all agreed that the SATs papers were challenging this year"

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Attendance

Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%. The 100% winner is Maisy in year 3. The winning class this week is Mrs Garbett'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.

Reception—Heaven for resilience in learning

Year 1— Lyla for caring for others

Year 2— Annalise for caring for others

Year 3— George for positive attitude to learning

Year 4— Zachary for positive attitude to lessons

Year 5— Jailen for caring towards his classmates

Year 6MJ— Evie R for caring for others

Year 6JG— Alfie G for positive attitude for school life

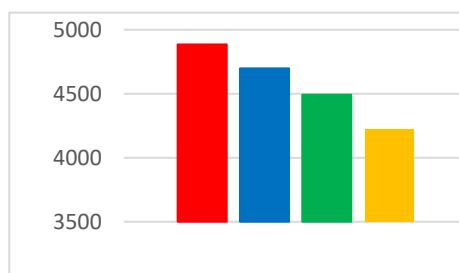
HONESTY

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

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 112, Diamond 73, Emerald 96 & Sapphire 94.

Well done Rubies!



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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.

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.

Crisps are not allowed at break time - that is any form of crisps -including baked.

Crunchy salad pittas recipe

This colourful, crunchy salad is perfect served alone, or stuffed into warmed wholemeal pittas.

Prep: 15 mins
Serves 4

[Nutritional information](#)



Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice or white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Dijon or wholegrain mustard
- 1 quarter of a small red cabbage, finely shredded
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 medium apple, cored and chopped
- 20g sultanas or raisins
- 50g reduced-fat hard cheese, cut into tiny chunks
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 4 wholemeal pitta breads

Method

1. Whisk together the lemon juice or vinegar, olive oil, and mustard, then add all the remaining ingredients (apart from the pittas!) and toss together gently.

Use green cabbage instead of red, if you prefer.

2. Warm the pittas in a toaster or under the grill. Split open and stuff with the salad. Serve at once, or wrap and keep cool until lunchtime.

You could use chopped ready-to-eat dried apricots instead of raisins or sultanas.

WORD COUNT

Our word count this week is:

2NF: 36,796

3SW: 9,331

4RW: 103,761

5JW: 13,695

6JG: 18,424



Our skills builders this week are:

Max, Mason-Junior, Jude, Skye,
Sofia, Tyler, Alfie & Autumn