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HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

# School Newsletter

## Honesty, Positive Attitude, Resilience, Respect and Caring.

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Year 2 pupils have been sitting the statutory assessments this week, Miss Floyd, Mrs Fleming and myself have been very impressed with their resilience and determination when answering some challenging questions. They have been fantastic and have all worked so incredibly hard - just like our year six pupils did. Well done year 2!

This week pupils in EYFS have been celebrating their topic of 'People Who Help Us'. Police, food transportation companies and NHS employees have joined in with activities and explained what they do to keep people safe and healthy. The pupils were definitely inspired and very appreciative.

We have had a couple of first aid incidents after school on school property this week. These have happened between 3:00 and 3:15pm, whilst pupils have been climbing and attempting to walk on the walls at the front of school. For their safety, please could you remind your children not to walk on the walls or climb in these areas.

I am sure you will agree that we have been blessed with gorgeous weather this week, I'm sure this will make your half term break all the more enjoyable. I hope you all have a super holiday.

School will be closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June for Inset Day, but open as normal on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes Mrs Johnson

### DIARY DATES

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June-** INSET day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June-** Return to school for first day of Summer 2 & Reception INSPIRE session

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June-** Year 6JG INSPIRE session

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June-** Year 2 INSPIRE and Trust Arts event at Dudley Town Hall

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June-** Year 6MJ INSPIRE session

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June-Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June-** Y6 Pioneer



Our skills builders this week are:

Kian, Louis, Mia, Rayan, Riley, Esmiee and Taylor

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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



## RESPECT

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



**Nursery– Senna**

**Reception– Maja**

**Year 1– Amarion**

**Year 2– Macie**

**Year 3- Maisy**

**Year 4— Hayden**

**Year 5– Tilly**

**Year 6MJ– Aminta**

**Year 6JG– Jacob**



## HONESTY

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

This week our house points totals are:  
Emerald 218, Rubies 294, Diamond 152, Sapphire 143  
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.

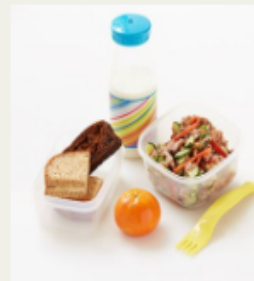
**Crisps are not allowed at break time - that is any form of crisps -including baked.**

### Tuna and bean salad recipe

This colourful salad is a good way to include fish in your child's lunchbox. This would work well with a slice of malt loaf and a satsuma.

Prep: 10 mins  
Serves 1

[+ Nutritional information](#)



### Ingredients

- 3 teaspoons olive oil
- juice of half a lemon
- large pinch of dried mixed herbs
- large pinch of mustard powder
- large pinch of black pepper
- 1 slice of pepper, chopped
- 2 spring onions, sliced
- 3cm piece of cucumber, chopped
- 1 heaped tablespoon canned mixed beans in water, drained
- half a 160g can of tuna in spring water, drained
- 1 thick slice of wholemeal bread and lower-fat spread

### Method

1. Mix the oil, lemon juice, mixed herbs, mustard powder and black pepper.
2. Add to the salad vegetables, beans and tuna and mix gently.
3. Serve with the bread and lower-fat spread.

Double the recipe to use the rest of the can of tuna and save for the next day.

This would also work well with cold pasta as a pasta salad, instead of serving with bread.