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2023



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

This year has been a very busy, but incredibly successful one and I want to thank you for all your continued support for our pupils and Hurst Hill staff team. There have been many great achievements for school in terms of attainment performance, safeguarding provision, online safety, parent partnerships, bronze sports award and healthy eating. However, these would not be possible without your support and together we have been a super team.

Thank you 😊

We appreciate how privileged we are in our roles and we enjoy every minute we spend enabling our pupils to learn, laugh and respect one another. We shall therefore be sad to say goodbye to our year 6 pupils on Tuesday, they have been an incredible cohort and we wish them all the very best of continued success as they move to secondary school.

School reports have been issued today. Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed by completing and returning the form inside.

Staff changes next year.

We will be saying a sad farewell to two members of our teaching staff, Mrs Walker and Mrs Jones. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Potts who is moving permanently to Lutley. We wish them all the very best with promotions and new pastures. They shall be fondly remembered by all. We are also saying goodbye to some of our support staff: Mrs Evans is retiring, we wish her lots of well-deserved rest and fun with her family; Miss Cope has taken on a full time role at Beacon, so you may still see her around; Mrs Norwood and Mrs Hyde are also changing their working hours at alternative settings. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all their loyal service to this school and wish them well for their future. Our wonderful Mrs Jimenez and Mrs Garbett will be on maternity leave from September, and we wish them the very best with their new bundles of joy... but we shall see them very soon. I am delighted to tell you that Mr Lart, Miss Walters and Mrs Coleman will be joining us in September – I am sure you will welcome them with open arms, they have already embraced Hurst Hill values and pupils really enjoyed spending the day with them on Monday.

Finally, I would like to wish all pupils and parents a fantastic summer break. I hope you create fantastic memories and look forward to seeing everyone safe and sound when we return.

Mrs Johnson 😊

Just a gentle reminder that school is open Monday and Tuesday next week. Summer holidays commence from the 26th July and school reopen to pupils on Wednesday 6th September.

DIARY DATES

Monday 24th July- Leavers production
6.30pm

Tuesday 25th July – Y6 leavers award
assembly 9am and last day of summer
term- school closes at 3pm

**SCHOOL REOPENS WEDNESDAY 6th
SEPTEMBER**

Word of the week Socialisation

The activity of mixing socially with others.
"socialisation with students has helped her
communication skills"

The process of learning to behave in a
way that is acceptable to society.

"Nursery starts the process of
socialisation"

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ATTENDANCE

**Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%.
The 100% winner this week is Delilah in Reception. The winning class is Miss Floyd's class.**

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.



The following children have 100% attendance for this academic year

Molly, Evie D, Leon, Caitlyn, Mia B, Harjeevan, Harriet, Maisy S, Olivia S, Lakhan, Annalise, Avril, Macie R and Miles

This is a super achievement- well done!

We have a limited number of food vouchers for those families that do not qualify for free school meals but who may need additional support. Please ask at the school office.

RESPECT

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

Reception– Willow

Year 1– Max D

Year 2– Macey T

Year 3- Maisy S

Year 4—Sofia

Year 5– Isaac

Year 6MJ– Danny-Lee

Year 6JG– Evie D

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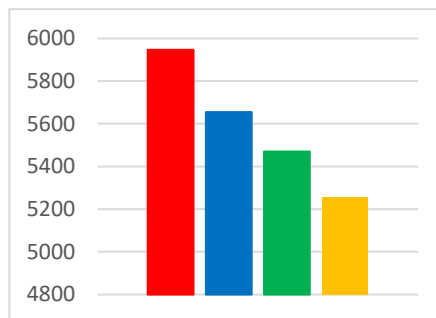


HONESTY

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

This year our house points totals are:
Ruby 5947, Diamond 5256, Emerald 5470 & Sapphire 5655.

The winning house this year is: **Rubies!**



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.

Fishy toast toppers recipe

Make a speedy toast topper with mackerel and prawns, with tomato, cucumber, spring onions and lemon. Lovely!

Prep: 15 mins
Serves 4

[+ Nutritional information](#)



Ingredients

- 80g smoked mackerel, skinned and flaked
- 50g cooked prawns, peeled and thawed if frozen
- 4 tablespoons 0%-fat Greek yoghurt
- 3 spring onions, finely chopped
- 1 tomato, deseeded and chopped
- half a cucumber – a quarter finely chopped, a quarter sliced to serve
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest, finely grated
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 4 slices wholemeal bread
- small handful of watercress, to serve

Method

1. Put the mackerel into a bowl and mash with a fork, removing any bones. Add the prawns (chopped if large), yoghurt, spring onions, deseeded tomato, cucumber and lemon zest. Season with a little black pepper and stir everything together.

If using peppered smoked mackerel, you won't need to use any extra pepper in the recipe.

2. Toast the bread, then spread the fish mixture on top. Serve with cucumber slices and watercress.

Another time, try using smoked trout instead of mackerel.

CENTURY

Our Century winners this week are
George, Imogen, Neveah and Macey



Our skills builders this week are:
Carter T, Milan, Lakhan, Gary, Kyra,
Tyler S, Holly and Ethan H