

Friday
10th Nov
2023



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

I would like to begin by welcoming everyone back to school life and by thanking our wonderful PTA. On the 20th November, Hurst Hill will meet the 'Funtime Theatre Company' when they will perform the pantomime story of Cinderella - **the PTA are covering the cost in full as a gift to the children to thank them and parents for support and commitment to our fundraising and events.** This means that all Hurst Hill children will have a wonderful Christmas experience 😊. I am sure you will agree that we are very fortunate to have such an amazing team of parents, who are dedicated in providing fantastic educational experiences.

Today we have held our Remembrance assembly and we have discussed 'Armistice Day' which is observed in Britain on the 11th of November to mark the agreement which came into effect "on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. The agreement was signed between the Allies and Germany and it brought an end to the First World War. We have spent time reflecting about the soldiers who gave their lives during that savage conflict, as well as reflecting on those who have lost their lives in subsequent wars defending freedom. Please take a moment to talk to your children about Remembrance this weekend and the symbolism of the Poppy as it is an icon of resilience and renewal, of hope and of the promise of a brighter tomorrow, even amidst our darkest days and warfare.



Next week is very busy indeed. Not only is it anti bullying week, but we also celebrate Kindness Day on Wednesday and Children in Need on Friday. We shall come together as a school on Monday to launch the foci and end the week with a 'SPOTACULAR' own clothes day. If you wish to support, then you may donate to Children in Need via the link, which has already been sent to you via parent mail. All donations go straight to Children in need.

Children may then attend school dressed in spotty clothes and wearing odd socks. To further support anti bullying, I have enclosed this Parent Wise link. This is a superb resource - you can learn about issues that could affect a child and get tips on how to help them. In school, we shall be ensuring online relationships and online kindness is also discussed. <https://parentwise.campaign.gov.uk/>

Finally, the 'School Council Pupils' have asked me to share their three selected charities for the academic year:

Local - Food bank (Can choose own charity each term)
National - NSPCC
Global - Save the Children

Please note, whilst we all do our best to support charities, we also appreciate that the cost of living has increased and there has been a huge rise in poverty. Therefore, please only donate if you can afford to - we do not wish to add any pressure to families.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Johnson.

Payments for school visits can be found in the shop on ParentMail. In the app, select payments and then at the bottom is the shop icon.

Please can you ensure that payments are received by the payment deadline, as if we do not have enough contributions then unfortunately trips will be cancelled

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Attendance

**Attendance at school is mandatory. Whole school attendance should be at least 96%.
The winning classes this week are Mrs Weavers/Mrs Westwood's and Miss Coley'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



DIARY DATES

Thursday 16th November- Year 1 INSPIRE* (change of date)

Friday 17th November- Own clothes day for Children in Need

Tuesday 21st November - Year 2 INSPIRE

Tuesday 28th November – Year 3 INSPIRE

Wednesday 29th November – Year 4 visit to Thinktank

Monday 4th December – Y3 TimeZone visit

Tuesday 5th December- Year 5 INSPIRE

Thursday 7th December- Sports focus day

Friday 8th December- Nursery and Reception farm visit

Tuesday 12th December- Year 4 INSPIRE

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch day

Thursday 14th December- Church service at St Mary's

Thursday 21st December- EYFS/KS1 Nativity

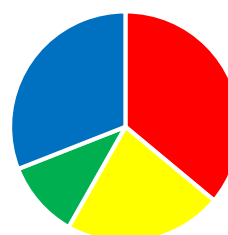
Friday 22nd December- School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas



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

This week our house points totals are:
Ruby 213, Diamond 131, Emerald 64 & Sapphire 183

Well done Rubies!



Funtime Theatre

Professional Entertainment Duo
Presenting.

CINDERELLA

Monday 20th November

(In school time)

EYFS and KS1 – 9.30am

KS2 – 10.30am

Our PTA at Hurst Hill are gifting all of the children a fabulous pantomime experience in school, this year.

This is a fabulous treat for all of our children as a huge thank you to all of our parents and families for all of your support with our events this year.

