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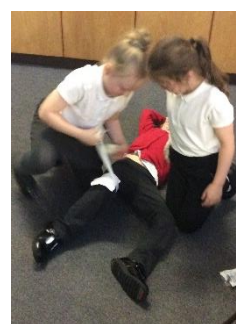
HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

It's been a busy week at Hurst Hill! Children have been learning about kindness. Year 1 hosted their first INSPIRE session on online safety; part of this is about being kind online. In assembly we also linked online safety to about anti-bullying week. Today we have been wearing our own clothes to raise money for Children in Need – and wearing odd socks to raise awareness for anti-bullying.

After school clubs also restarted this week. Miss Walters has continued with her football club and a new date for the tournament should be issued shortly. Mrs Coleman's Mindfulness Club and Mrs Whiston's First Aid Club are both full and the children have been having a great time learning new life skills. 😊



Can year 6 parents please remind children that when they are walking home on their own, that they are still representing Hurst Hill and should show best behaviour. Any reports of silly or unsafe behaviour may result in the walking home alone privilege being revoked for those children.

We are aware that some local streets are closing for re-surfacing next week. Please can you be mindful of residents when parking outside school at the beginning and the end of the day. To keep our children safe, please do not drive onto school site or use mobile phones anywhere on the school site.

We are busy planning for the festive season. If you have not completed your child's annual consent form, then we shall be sending a paper copy home shortly. Please complete and return to the school office. The PTA are starting a choir after school on Mondays - if your child is interested in performing at the Christmas mini market on 15th December, then please complete the form on ParentMail.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Johnson

Children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of last year visited Earls High School in Halesowen to listen to Matt Lucas talk about his new book.

Matt's book, "The boy who slept through Christmas" is a musical novel. The children got to sing a song from the book and ask Matt questions.

The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to Hurst Hill.



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Attendance

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

The 100% winner this week is Olivia

The winning class this week is Mrs Weaver/Mrs Westwood'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



Our Century winners this week are:

Jude, Olivia, Max & Caitlyn



Our skills builders this week are:

Jailen, Matthew, Marni, Jax, Billy, Chay & Ebony



Star Pupils of the week

have shown our school values of honesty, positive attitude, resilience, respect and caring.



Reception- Ethan for resilience in writing

Year 1- Ida for positive attitude to learning

Year 2- Lyla for positive attitude to learning

Year 3- Clara for positive attitude in all areas

Year 4- William for positive attitude in his learning

Year 5- Ava-May for positive attitude in all subjects

Year 6- Caleb for resilience in year 6



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DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 12th December- Year 4 INSPIRE

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas lunch day & Christmas Jumper 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

Please remember to book in for INSPIRE sessions on ParentMail (one adult per child) so that we can provide the correct number of resources. We would be grateful if you did not ask on the day to join in, as refusal may cause offence.

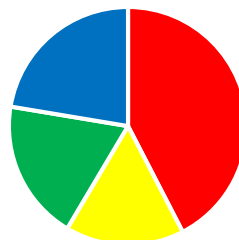


We use house points to reward pupils for following our school rules and values.

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 271, Diamond 103, Emerald 122 & Sapphire 143

Well done Rubies!



Parents of Nursery children can now apply for their child's reception place at Hurst Hill

Dudley residents should apply via

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>

Wolverhampton residents should apply via

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions-applications>

Applications should be completed by 15th January 2024

