

Friday
20th Oct
2023



HURST HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter

Honesty, Attitude, Respect, Resilience, Caring

This week Hurst Hill underwent a reading deep dive by the Director of Education for Hales Valley Trust. I am thrilled to say that it was extremely successful; teachers and pupils demonstrated how hard they work and were a credit to the school. Both Mrs Keen and myself are very proud of Team Hurst Hill.

I would like to begin by expressing my thanks to all the Hurst Hill parents, who park sensibly and consistently support school to keep children safe. However, unfortunately over the past few weeks, I have had to speak directly to more parents and carers for inconsiderate parking on the school site - this is despite reminders on the newsletter and texts. Today the car park was blocked once again by cars and our disabled families could not access the grounds. This is not acceptable, it is also dangerous. A rainy day does not grant people the right to use the car park. As a result, the school car park will now be closed to all families with the exception of our three disabled families during the morning and the five who collect on an afternoon. Please note - our security cameras record all movement on the school carpark and we shall be working closely with the police moving forward.

I would like to express my apologies to the school footballers - they were so very excited about the Trust tournament, but the decision to cancel was for their well-being. We shall however reschedule so please watch this space.

Finally, we are looking forward to the KS1 Harvest Festival next week. If you have any further donations, please can they be brought to the school office by Wednesday morning.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.
Mrs Johnson

Please ensure that your child bring their disco ticket to the PTA's disco on Tuesday if they are attending. There will be a tuck shop for children in years 1 to 6. Items will begin at 20p and we suggest up to £2 per child who wishes to buy a snack.



Our Century winners this week are:

Jude, Olivia, Max & Tommie



Our skills builders this week are:

Luca, Leo, Lilly, Lakhan, Robbie, Luke & Joel



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Attendance

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

The 100% winner this week is Isla in year 5.

The winning class this week is Miss Walters' class. Well done year 3.

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



Star Pupils of the week

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

Reception- Helen for positive attitude to learning

Year 1– Heaven for positive attitude to school

Year 2– Milan for caring for others

Year 3- Lily for positive attitude to school

Year 4— Olivia for caring for others

Year 5– William for resilience in school work

Year 6– Daisy for positive attitude to work.



Parents of year 6 children can now apply for their child's secondary school place.

Dudley residents should apply via

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/secondary-year-7-intake/>

Wolverhampton residents should apply via

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

Applications should be completed by 31st October 2023

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 25th October- KS1 Harvest Festival (last day for donations)

Thursday 26th October- SEND Coffee morning & School Photographs

Friday 27th October- Year 4 class assembly 3pm

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 27th October and reopens at 8.45am on Tuesday 7th November

Tuesday 7th November- Reception INSPIRE

Tuesday 14th November- Year 1 INSPIRE

Tuesday 21st November - Year 2 INSPIRE

Tuesday 28th November – Year 3 INSPIRE

Wednesday 29th November – Year 3 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

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

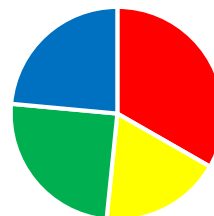


We use house points to reward pupils for following our school rules and values.

This week our house points totals are:

Ruby 205, Diamond 113, Emerald 153 & Sapphire 145

Well done Rubies!



Duncan Edwards, Crystal and Halesowen leisure centres and The Dell Stadium are offering £1 football sessions, soft play, SEN sessions, a water disco and much more, with details at <https://www.dbleisure.co.uk/school-holiday-activities>

Borough residents aged 16 and under can enjoy free-swimming at the three leisure centres from 28 October to 5 November inclusive, with sign up and terms and conditions at <https://www.freeswimindudley.co.uk/home>