

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2017



HUDSON WEEKLY LEARNING UPDATE - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

What a terrible week for weather but a fantastic week for learning at Hudson. Our first full week back and it has been all go, school is brimming with positivity!

The children are settling in brilliantly to their new classes and we have had plenty of new faces around and about school with two new families joining the school and a couple of new members of staff adding to our team.

Many thanks to those efficient families who have already managed to return medical and other essential forms to the school office this week. It is not too late for those on a catch up, but please do get them returned for next week so we are able to contact you or cater to yours and your family's needs appropriately. We are unfortunately having to **delay starting clubs** until next week as we have not yet had a majority return with letters or payments. Children should also be returning any applications that they have for being a part of our pupil volunteer team or a member of the class council.

This week all Learning Journey projects have started and you should have received a full package of the usual homework projects to take part in. Remember homework should be a daily activity built into the family routine. All children should be reading daily and heard by an adult at least three times per week. Children in years 1 to 6 will also receive spellings weekly and be learning their times tables and number facts. Each half term all children will have a project list in their Learning Journey homework book which contains ideas for activities to do together as a family. The expectation is not to do all of the project list, but to return at least something on the last Friday of the half term (20th October). The children are rewarded for their efforts with Class Dojo Points and any work for display will be presented and shared with the class. Please check your child's bag, the web and the app today to catch up with communication!

I need to say a big thank you this week to our two fabulous mums and their babes who came to visit Little Acorns Class on Wednesday. The children and staff were all in awe of our visitors, and our youngest Hudsonians were able to articulate well thought out questions with their enquiring minds. We were all very proud. Keep an eye out for other events coming up on our school events planner.

BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

Monday

- Snack/toast money in please - £1 per week including Nursery, or £5 for the rest of term
- Swimming for Chestnut, class at 2 - 3.40pm
- Whole School Assembly with Mrs Whitelaw **The Summer Reading Challenge** 2.50pm

Tuesday

- School Council and class council voting at 2.30pm

Wednesday

- Singing Assembly with Miss Day and Mrs Macpherson at 2.50pm

Thursday

- Whole School Assembly with Mrs Pritchard 2.50pm

Friday

- **Wear Denim or Jeans for genetic research - £1 donation needed please!**
- 1.30pm Treats and sharing work for all those Excellence winners this week
- 2.30pm Celebrations assembly - All invited to the school hall for volunteer, school and class council badges to be awarded.



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EVERYONE EXPERIENCES EXCELLENCE...

Friday brings us smiles, and celebrations. This week join our team in giving due praise and recognition to our shining stars of excellence and champions of behaviour:

This week the children who have stood out exceptionally well for demonstrating aspects from our behaviour charter, our very own **Behaviour Charter Champions** are:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Champan, Mrs Spafford and Team): Archie T and Shea S

Maple Class (Miss Day, Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Sophia Mc

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Bobbie W

Silver birch Class (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Grisedale): Isabella K

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Luke W

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Nathan E

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Holly L

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Daniel E

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and team): Caleb J

We can also not forget to mention and give praise to those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning** -those who have truly excelled and impressed: **Layton P, Stephanie UP, Bobby Mc, Nicole R, Mason C, Poppy K, Emma R and Eve D.** Be

sure to ask your child to tell you all about the work they have displayed proudly in school and shared today.

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week's ambassadors of kindness are **Izzy E and Aimee C** in Chestnut class, for thoughtfulness and generosity at lunchtime, great support to our lunch staff. Hudson is very proud of you, well done!

Attendance Masters this week are: Oak class with 99.35% attendance.

Professors of punctuality this week are: Maple, Chestnut, Yew and Larch class with 0 late marks.

Please be aware that the parking outside of school is limited, but we need to be considerate of the neighbours and not park over driveways or on grass verges. This can be extremely hazardous and you could be fined, it is also causing the residents great stress!
We are a community school that thrives on building respectful relationships with our community.

EXTENDED SERVICES NEWS - Manager: Kelly Herron

The Children's Centre

The team have been having a good shake up with new training. With working so closely with the school and the community we recognise the growing need for mental health work and emotional support. We have worked hard to provide this for adults in our children's centre with our various 'Shine' projects and have others brewing for the children of Maghull. The first step in providing this is a programme called 'Relax kids.' Our very own Shirley McCleneghan has recently become trained to deliver this programme that involves teaching children techniques to relax, reduce stress and build these activities into everyday living. The programme also teaches children how to become better aware of their emotions and feelings and again how to manage these well. In general, we will see our children enhance their ability to concentrate, gain better emotional fitness, improve their resilience and behaviour and from this promote a better self-awareness and confidence.

Shirley will be working the programme throughout the school but her first challenge is our Year 6 Chestnut class. We will keep you updated on her progress and where she moves to next. Feel free to catch her to chat on the kinds of activities she does. www.relaxkids.com

Relax Kids

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PTFA NEWS - Secretary: Vicki Garside

(Registered charity no: 1156873)

On Wednesday we had our annual constitution meeting and re-elected our committee and office holders and even welcomed a new member onto the committee. Watch out for our page next week telling you all about us all, what we do for the children and what we are planning! With this in mind here are some provisional dates for your diary:

- Race Night 6 October - all welcome; fancy dress (optional)
- Disco booked for Tuesday 31 October.
- We have also almost booked the Christmas pantomime and entertainer. Quite a productive meeting really.

Have a great weekend!

LEARNING JOURNEY NEWS - Our themes for the term

We have now started out new learning journey themes, here is a little taster of what the autumn term has instore for their young minds...

Early years and Key Stage 1

Nursery Class- Why do you love me so much?

Our wonderful little ones will this term think about what is particularly special about each of them. They will be involved in learning that explores each of their individual and uniqueness. They will consider what love and families is and how we can show our emotions and feel cared for. There are lots of opportunities for families to get involved and tell their own stories. This is a beautiful journey to start off the year and give children as sense of who they are and what family means to them.

Maple Class- Do you want to be friends?

Our new Reception class will this term think about friendship and how important this is. They will explore all the qualities they have that make them a good friend, they will then develop the skills that help them all get along together - even that very valuable but difficult skill of sharing and turn taking. The children will immerse themselves in the life of the school with their buddies by their sides and then go on to think about friends all around us and people who help us within our community.

Yew Class - The Enchanted Woodland

If you go down to the woods today you're sure of a BIG surprise! Foxes, badges, voles and mice, beady eyed owls swaying from the tree tops. Beneath the leaves are tiny footprints...animal or imp? You decide!

Deciduous or evergreen? What can you find? Can our children match a leaf to its tree, a petal to a flower? We will build a den, stick by stick, branch by branch - and maybe a tiny teeny home for a woodland fairy.

A party down in the woods is called for with fantastic Mr Fox and his woodland friends - we better not get lost, we will leave a trail of conkers as we go! At last it's time to rest by the forest school fire - listening to stories and tasting our sweet, gooey marshmallows.

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Key Stage 1

Sycamore Class, Year 1 - Splendid Skies

Imagine floating high above land and sea on a bed of clouds, silently sweeping by on a billowing breeze. Right back down to earth - Sycamore class are now taking a walk outdoors, what shall we wear? How do we even know what the great British weather will be like today? We will be reading and writing poems and postcards, sending messages by balloon - how far will the wind blow it? Where will it land and who will find it? What weather do you prefer - let's all put our wellingtons on and let's go outside.

Silver birch Class, Year 2 - Wriggle and Crawl

Grab your coat and pooter - we're going out and about on a minibeast hunt! Sweep your nets and puddles and ponds and lift up logs and see just who is at home. Then set up your own minibeast laboratory and observe their every move. Add notes and labels and ask your own research questions - just like a real entomologist! Learn about bees and worms and butterflies too. Can you make a food chain to show who eats who? Carry out investigations to find out more, line how far a snail travels in a day and how a spider catches its prey. Then animate to show how your favourite bug transforms from one form to another perhaps a caterpillar to a butterfly or a maggot to a fly...urgh! On your belly, legs at the ready, it's time to wriggle and crawl!

Key Stage 2

Elder Class, Years 3 - Tremors

Tremors. Overwhelming and mighty, Mother Nature's awesome energies hiss and roar deep within the Earth. Plates collide, spewing lava. Rocks rain down and mud slides in torrents. Towns and cities vanish under ashen clouds. Discover the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters and glimpse their savage and deadly effects. Visit the ancient city of historic Pompeii, frozen in time, then create your own blistering explosions from model volcanoes that fire foamy lava. Discover the properties of rocks shaped by the Earth's breath-taking power. Watch out! Volcanologists detect formidable rumblings from an extinct volcano in Scotland's capital. Red alert! What would you do?

Oak Class, Year 4/5 - Off with their head

What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour - and even swifter falling of heads! Develop your painting skills in miniature, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff - if you want to survive at Tudor Court! Flex your detective muscles and become a criminal investigator! Will you find out the facts, or will the evidence from the past bemuse you? How will you find the accused... innocent or guilty? It's your turn to take part in one of the most famous trials the world has ever known.

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Larch Class - I am Warrior!

I am warrior! I am strong, brave and powerful. Meet me in battle. Draw your sword, wield your axe and challenge me if you dare! Invade and attack, Romans versus the Celts, the fight is on...

Discover warring Britain: meet Claudius, Boudicca and Julius Caesar, and find out what the Romans did for us.

Get ready for Gladiator School and learn alongside Spartacus and Spiculus: brave soldiers of the Roman Colosseum.

When all that battling makes you hungry, relax, lie back and feast yourself on dormice and grapes, or perhaps a roasted swan sprinkled with nuts?

Chestnut Class, Year 6 - Hola Mexico!

Welcome to Mexico! Get ready to explore this unique country, from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals.

Tummy rumbling? Concoct a traditional fruit cocktail or delicious Mexican meal. What's on your shopping list? Go steady with the spices! Discover the mysterious world of the ancient Maya civilisation. Make their chocolate, learn their poetry, play their ballgame and follow all their curious rituals. Just try and keep your head!

Feel like celebrating? Design a flute, grab a drum, join a tribe and make some noise! Have you got what it takes to be a chief? Let's find out...

Reminders/Info

Please could everyone with a child/children from Reception - Year 4 return their Flu Nasal consent form/s by Monday, many thanks.

PGL Residential trip

Shortly we will be holding a brief questions and answers meeting for the children who are going on our school residential in June. A letter and more info shortly.

Temporary Cleaner required.

If anyone is interested in a temporary/supply cover position as a cleaner then please call in and speak to Mrs Cook for more information. This is an early start for anyone who is interested.

Have a fantastic weekend, best wishes, Niki Craddock and Team



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