

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2017



HUDSON WEEKLY LEARNING UPDATE - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

I have had a lovely week with the children, I have made it my mission to actually get into classes more and get a taste for teaching and learning again. I spent a great part of my week in the Early Years and it has given me immense satisfaction to see our school vision for high quality and excellence in action. Both of the environments are set up perfectly for the Early Years - the best around and the skills of the teaching team amaze me. During my visits I have hunted for treasure, been busy in the creative area and helped with tidy up time. I even went on a bear hunt one morning after Mrs Sealey lent me her wellies and was invited back by Poppy and Ella for a hot crumpet snack because they missed me. I have never felt so loved and in awe of all the magical learning going on.

My week got even better when I returned from a cluster meeting to discover that Hudson Primary had only gone and won the MADCOS reading challenge! Mrs Whitelaw was over the moon; it will be the shiniest trophy on the cabinet in our new library. We battled it out against all of the other 10 primaries and came out top of the pile - great thanks to you families for ensuring your children read over the summer. Reading is a top priority at Hudson this year and this is just the recognition and impetus we need to keep driving its importance with our children. Very soon we will be re-opening our very own newly replenished school library and welcoming visitors, employing mini librarians and encouraging the loaning of books. We will also have our school book fair visit for you to purchase books after half term and introducing to the children's key book lists for each age range, this details book titles within our library that they can earn certificates for when they have read.

The week has ended now with transition thoughts - which seems ridiculous to think of at the start of the school year - however it is now time for our current Year 6 children to consider their secondary school places and get their applications in online for October. Further to this our current 3 Year old nursery children need to consider their Reception school choice with their own applications needing to be completed from now up until January, again online. We have 38 children eligible for a Hudson place this year but only 30 places available. Please see a member of our team for more information.

BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

Monday **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY!**

- Snack/toast money in please - £1 per week including Nursery, or £4 for the rest of term
- Swimming for Chestnut, class at 2 - 3.40pm
- Whole School Assembly with Mrs McNally 2.50pm

Tuesday

- School Council first meeting of the year! 12.20pm, Class Council 2.45pm

Wednesday

- Why do you love me so much party in the Nursery
- The Wild Show experience in Year 2 - Silver birch class
- Singing Assembly with Miss Day and Mrs Macpherson at 2.50pm

Thursday

- Oak class visit to Ordsall Hall
- Whole School Assembly with Miss Chapman 2.50pm
- Deyes High School - open evening for yrs 5 and 6 (letters sent home)

Friday

- **Non-uniform day- £1 towards school panto day out in December**
- 2pm Treats and sharing work for all those Excellence winners this week
- 2.50pm Celebrations assembly with the school teaching team

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): Evelyn R and Phoebe B

Maple Class (Miss Day, Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Joseph K

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Hayden J

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

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Alfie M

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Natasha P

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Christopher N

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Harley S

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and team): Grace H

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:

Isabelle H, Millie T, Niall C, Ben S, Jamie B, Thomas S, Dylan E and Megan B.

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 **Ellis W** in Oak class, for beautifully kind and caring behaviour helping to settle a new classmate in. Hudson is very proud of you, well done!

Attendance Masters this week are: Chestnut class with 98.28% attendance.

Professors of punctuality this week are: Maple, Sycamore, Oak, Chestnut and Yew 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.

PTFA NEWS - Secretary: Vicki Garside

(Registered charity no: 1156873)

Welcome to all new Hudson families throughout the school and welcome to your PTFA. Keep reading to learn more about, and put a name to a face of our committee members. Here at Hudson we have the usual annual events - Summer and Christmas Fairs - as well as discos in the Autumn and Spring terms, Family Christmas Bingo and our younger children's favourite, Tea with Santa.

In the past year the children have benefitted through donations to the school for much needed resources, Christmas and Easter presents, entertainers, ice cream treats, donation towards the Year 6 outing and buying them a reminder of Hudson as they left, not to mention funding the transport for Reception to Year 6 to attend the Pantomime in Southport Theatre, enabling school to reduce the cost of the trip to parents.

So, what can you expect for your children this year? Well, as long as the funds are there we will continue to provide treats and resources for the children and welcome any new ideas. In this term alone we have already booked a **Family Race Night for Friday 6 October, Autumn (optional fancy dress) Disco for Tuesday 31 October** and the **Pantomime** and coaches are booked for **Tuesday 19 December**.

What can you do to help? Anything! Time is precious to everyone with work and extra curricular activities, but even attending our events, or donating an item when asked to, benefits the children. Helping out means you meet families from throughout the school, can share experiences and what's more, the children love you being involved!

Tickets are on sale Monday for Family Race Night on 6 October so come along and speak to us and find out more!

Have a lovely weekend from the PTFA

Our school PTFA 2017-18

A big welcome to Hudson's small but fantastic PTFA lead members for 2017-18. These are the people who meet every half term or so to prepare all of the fundraising events at school. They are a volunteering bunch of dedicated people, keen to support the school team, families and our children's futures. Although they are the decision makers they need hands on helpers too this year to make all of the events happen. Please feel free to come along and add to the decision making process or bring your ideas and help!

The Team

Hi my name is **Gill Lloyd** and I have been involved with Hudson for years as I also have two older boys who attended. I joined the PTFA a few years ago to see if I could help raise funds to give the children extra treats and put on special events. I didn't realise how much planning and organisation was needed until then!



I'm **Vicki Garside** and I am mum to two former pupils of Hudson, my daughter Emily having left last year, and am a former pupil myself. I have been involved with the PTFA since 2012, first as a helper and then on the committee and I also teach Spanish to KS2 on a Friday afternoon. I love being involved with the school, getting to know the children and seeing how much they enjoy the events that we put on for them. Even the smallest thing can bring a smile to their face and they always say "thank you". I won't lie, it is hard work at times, but it is worth it knowing that we are providing them all with so many memories and experiences as well as seeing how their experiences change over the years as they grow.



My name is **Mandy Hoey**, I have a son in Year 6 and my eldest son attended Hudson as well. I joined the PTFA because I wanted to share my ideas and have a say in how to spend the money raised for our children. I have loved being part of my son's journey at Hudson being a member of the PTFA. It's not a huge commitment but I feel like I've made a difference since I joined.



My name is **Enid Hodge**, I am the Grandmother of Emily and Joshua, former Hudson pupils and I am mother to Vicki Garside. I became a member of the PTFA to help raise funds to enrich the experience of school for our children. The funds we raise help towards the annual panto trip and the entertainer for nursery and reception buy a gift for each child at Christmas and also treats at Easter. We also help towards the cost of various items for school, as requested by Mrs. Craddock. We also pay for Year 6 leaving gifts and donate money towards their leaving outing at the end of the year.



We also have three staff members on our PTFA Niki Craddock, Rebecca McNally and Alex Kemble. We are not only staff but family and friends of the school, dedicated completely to providing the best for all of the children in learning as well as wider community enrichment. We are lucky enough to be able to offer a school voice to the team as well as a parental one.



SCHOOL NEWS

School and Class Council Members

Many congratulations to all of the children today who were presented with their badges for School and Class Council representation in Assembly. I am very excited to announce our team:

Sycamore and Silver birch Class

Elder Class

Charlie K	Chairperson		Charlie C	Chairperson
Oliver Mc	Vice Chair		Lily D	Vice Chair
Isabella Mc	Treasurer		Louis L and Eva Price	Treasurer
Matilda C	Secretary		Ronnie W	Secretary

Oak Class

Larch Class

Zachary B	Chairperson		Caleb J	Chairperson
Grace F	Vice Chair		Liam H	Vice Chair
Joel Sh and Ava M	Treasurer			
Ellis W	Secretary			

Chestnut Class

Thomas G	Chairperson
Sophie H	Vice Chair
Joseph Mc	Treasurer
Harry G	Secretary

All children who are Chair and Vice chair will form our School council. What a team!

Our Pupil Volunteers

Again today in assembly we were able to welcome our pupil volunteers to school. These children value their place within the school and have applied for additional responsibilities in order to make Hudson a place of excellence. The children today who proudly came and accepted their roles and badges were:

Stationery shop workers: Megan B Izzy E Grace S Libby G	Eco group: Charlie C Millie D Abbie S Euan J	Plant monitors: Amelia Mc Martha G Emily Mc Grace W Logan T	ICT and assembly support: Wil H Bobby B
Foundation stage monitor: Ellie M Q	Play equipment monitors: Charlie C Sophie UP	Lost property monitor: Sophie UP	Dining room assistant: Vacancy
Play Leader: Jessica B, Faye H, Evie S, Holly L, Nicole R, Faye P, Sian M, Megan B, Sophie H, Eve D and Sophie UP.			

Many thanks families for all of your help in assisting the children with writing well thought out job applications. A fantastic life skill!

Hudson University Clubs (HUC)

All clubs are due to start next week, however we don't have anyone signed up for Wake up shake up and only 3 for Funky fingers and story time so we are putting these on hold for now. In the build up to Christmas we will be introducing a multi sports session after school for our younger children and a sewing club for our elder children during the school day.

SCHOOL NEWS - CONTINUED

We are looking for donations! Could you please be on the lookout for:

- Sewing machines, Dressmakers scissors, Tape measures, Pins, safety pins and sewing needles. Seam rippers, Thread (in all colours), bobbins. Fabric, fat quarters, sheeting, etc. Buttons, press studs, zips, Velcro, elastic, etc. Lace, sequins, beads, bias binding, etc. Iron and ironing board.

Remember if your child is collected by a different family/friend member from clubs - we need to know in advance for your child's own safety.

Children who take part in clubs out of school hours can still collect their credits too - please collect a HUC passport from the school office. Many thanks - Mrs McCleneghan and Mrs Craddock.

SCHOOL NEWS - HOMEWORK!

As a school constantly wanting to improve and move learning on we welcome feedback and ideas. One of the most popular discussions is about homework. In the past we have set quite arduous tasks that have caused friction at home and have resulted in families falling out, weekend trauma and teachers often marking work that parents have had to complete in fear! None if this has been beneficial to anyone.

We have tried many differing ways to promote a love of learning a rehearsal of skill, acquisition of knowledge and showcasing talent. As a team we have formulated the best model we can for this year that focus on all the things that matter most for education and child development purposes. What you will see in our plan and rich range of resources is what we believe is the optimal model for child success.

Year group	Monday	Friday
Reception & Year 1	Bring in: Dinner money Reading records and books	Take home: Some key words and alien non-words. Half termly tasks related to learning journey 1 sheet per half term. Maths and literacy activities (occasional for Reception class).
Years 2,3,4,5 and 6	Bring in: Dinner money Reading records and books in	Take home: New spelling words timetables focus with results from the previous week. Maths and literacy activity pages - on bottom of spelling sheet. Occasional SAT work (Y2 & 6)

Reading: It is important that your child reads on a daily basis and brings their book to school **every** day. Your child will have a Learning Journey task to complete each half term. This will go on display in their class area. They should work on it each week until it has to be returned.

In addition to our current reading scheme we have online reading materials and activities: **Bug club** for reading, **I am Learning** for general learning activities. Children will receive all details of these and passwords at our settling in Family Conference in October.

Our **NEW** homework activity books for **English and Maths** are study books by Collins - a great deal of research and trial has gone into choosing these, however we are still also using Schofield and Sims for phonics. We are asking families to contribute towards payment of these. The book will last all year and teachers will direct families to specific pages each week to pre learn or rehearse skills that are in line with what is going on in the classroom. This is a chance for you to play your part in home educating and partnership learning with the school. The books don't need to be returned and although they are optional we can see the tremendous benefits they will offer in the progress of your child's learning.

The books can be purchased from WHSmith and other retailers, however if you order them through school we can get them at a school's price which is up to a 50% discount as we are not looking to make money on these sales.

Please complete the return sheet overleaf to secure your progress development books.

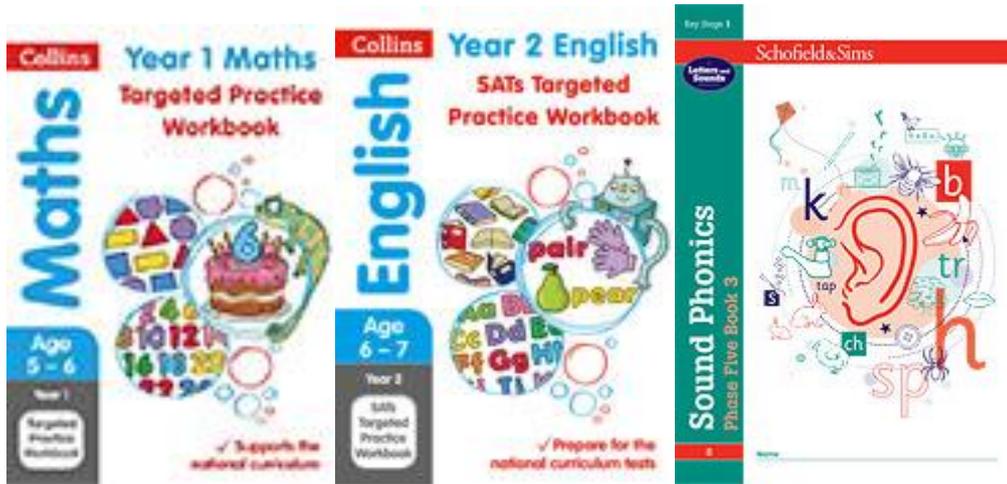


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SCHOOL NEWS - HOMEWORK!

Order form for Home Learning Progress and Practice books



Collins Maths Targeted Workbook £2 (Each)

Collins English Targeted Workbook £3 (Each)

Schofield and Sims Workbook £2 (Each) - *children will use more than 1 book across each year*

Recommendations:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sound phonics - teachers will recommend a particular phased book for each child	Some children may need sound phonics then move to Collins English All children Collins Maths	Collins English 2 Collins Maths 2 SAT practice books to be provided: Collins English Collins Maths	Collins English 3 Collins Maths 3	Collins English 4 Collins Maths 4	Collins English 5 Collins Maths 5	Collins English 6 Collins Maths 6 SAT practice books to be provided: Collins English Collins Maths

Ordering:

Child 1 name:		Class/Year:	
Child 2 name:		Class/Year:	
Child 3 name:		Class/Year:	
Child 4 name:		Class/Year:	
Number of Maths Books required	Number of English Books required	Number of Phonics Books required	Total cost enclosed

Books will be ordered on Friday 6th October

Signed: _____



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