

# Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



## Family Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017



### HUDSON WEEKLY LEARNING UPDATE - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

We ended last week with lots of smiles and pride as the children were awarded their pupil volunteer badges and then we were also able to announce and present badges to our School and Class council representatives. The assembly was fantastic - it was wonderful to see so many parents and family members there too to celebrate along with us. Looking at the family and pupil questionnaires from the summer a few of you have mentioned that this is something you enjoy and the children have asked for more assemblies that you can be a part of. Keep a look out on the web or events planner as there are others coming up, in particular we have our **first family maths session on Friday next week** - come and spend an hour in class (Years 1 to 6) from 9am, learn our **new Singapore techniques** that we are having some great success with. You can work alongside your child and year 2 and year 6 families can also take away some Statutory Assessment Test (SAT) information, just to get you all prepared early on!

This week has been another action packed one with all kinds of events and adventures. Monday brought about our school photograph day. However, don't fret if you missed it as there were so many children, staff and photo combinations the photographer is returning this Monday too! Nursery children who don't normally attend on Mondays are more than welcome to come to the school office at 9.00 to get their photo taken. On Tuesday Percy The Park keeper came to visit Sycamore class - I'm not sure who enjoyed it the most - Mrs Whitelaw (in her favourite character costume) or the children, the children all played along brilliantly for her ☺ On Wednesday the 'Really wild show' spent the day with Silver birch class, handling all sorts of animals and creepy crawlies - I stayed well away, however the children were very brave and Mrs Pritchard reports that she was blown away with their well-articulated questions!! Also on Wednesday Willow den was full to the brim with our beautiful nursery children, staff and families as they hosted their 'Why do you love me so much' event. There was lots of family learning, getting to know you time and partying that morning - I'm sure everyone slept well on Wednesday evening. On Thursday Oak class ventured out to Ordsall Hall to find out all about Tudor life, this is a firm favourite of Miss Marl's and I know the children would have loved the hands on experiences on offer. Today we've asked everyone to come to school in non-uniform in return for a £1 donation - this money will be used to put towards the Christmas activities and panto which isn't too far away now!

### BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

#### Monday **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS AGAIN**

- Snack/toast money in please - £1 per week including Nursery, or £3 for the rest of term
- Swimming for Chestnut, class at 2 - 3.40pm
- Whole School Assembly with Mrs Craddock 2.50pm
- **X country at Deyes 3.45 - 4.45pm**

#### Tuesday

- Maple class - school nurse in, 'People who help us'
- School Council meeting 12.20pm, Class Council meeting 2.45pm

#### Wednesday

- **Maghull Cup - Selected Y6 to Maghull High 1.45pm - 4.30pm**
- Singing Assembly with Miss Day and Mrs Macpherson at 2.50pm

#### Thursday

- Whole School Assembly with Miss Marl 2.50pm

#### Friday

- Maths Sessions - Families welcome 9-10am Years 1 to 6, sign in at the office
- 2pm Treats and sharing work for all those Excellence winners this week
- 2.50pm Celebrations assembly with the school teaching team
- **7.00pm FAMILY EVENT - PTFA RACE NIGHT!**

## 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): Reuben Mc

**Maple Class** (Miss Day, Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Freya L

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Ruby C

**Silver birch Class** (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Grisedale): Ashton W

**Yew Class** (Miss Devine and Team): Harry R

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts): Millie D

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl): Evie S

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Abigail L

**Larch Class** (Mr Murphy and team): Dylan E

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: **Lucca G, Jack P, Aiden Q, James P, Mark F, Lilly H, Nathan S and Harlie F.** 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 ambassador of kindness is **Grace F** in Sycamore class, for loving and caring support for another child struggling in her class. Hudson is very proud of you, well done!

**Attendance Masters** this week are: Larch class with 100% attendance.

**Professors of punctuality** this week are: Sycamore, 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.*

## 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](http://www.relaxkids.com)

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## PTFA NEWS - Secretary: Vicki Garside

(Registered charity no: 1156873)

**Next Friday is Family Race Night! Tickets are on sale from the office £5 for a family of 4, £2 per adult and £1 per child -all welcome, 7pm.**

For those of you who have not been before this is a great night for all the family. Bets are just £1, the races are named after our Hudson classes, and featured horses include Shrek, X-Factor, Kerplunk, Buckaroo, Little Mix, Mickey Mouse, Coldplay, Cola Cubes, Lollipop, Flake, Double Decker, Florida and Benidorm. Not to mention "our very own Mike McKeown" will be keeping an eye on proceedings and entertaining us between races, refreshments including healthy options and more games.

Have you ever fancied yourself as a race horse owner? For just **£1** you can own a horse that will be running on Friday night or even be the jockey- if your horse wins, you win a prize - it's that simple. I will be selling horses and jockeys on **Friday at afternoon break** if the children want to bring their money in then, or **after school on the playground on Friday**. Even if they aren't coming along to support their horse, the children will still receive their prize if their horse wins.

Have a great weekend!

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Hudson University Clubs

All clubs are up and running now, there are still some vacancies though so if you want to join a club it's not too late!

Football on a Monday for Y3 and 4 is very empty so we are opening this up to Year 2 children too from next week. Call into the office to let us know if your child will be attending.

Again for safeguarding purposes please let us know if there is a change to collection of your child, even if it is a familiar friend or family member.

### Safeguarding

We have had some terrible local news lately about nurseries and school safety so in a bid to keep your children safe we are locking gates and doors immediately after drop off at 9am and nursery 9.10am.

If you know you will not be down the path and at the doors by this time please then come to the front of school and wait with your child until a member of our office team can escort them through school all together at 9.20am.

Additionally, collection of children can cause some distress. If there are particular family members or close friends who routinely collect your children please ensure that we are made aware of this routine.

Most importantly if there are people who you do not want to collect your child - again this is information we need to know.

**Parent app** - username - hudsonparent      password - schoolapp and please register.

**FLU consent forms** - please can we have any outstanding consent forms returned by Monday please for Rec,1,2,3,4. If you need another form please collect form the school office.

*Best wishes for a lovely weekend, Niki Craddock and Team  
See you all at the Race Night next week*



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

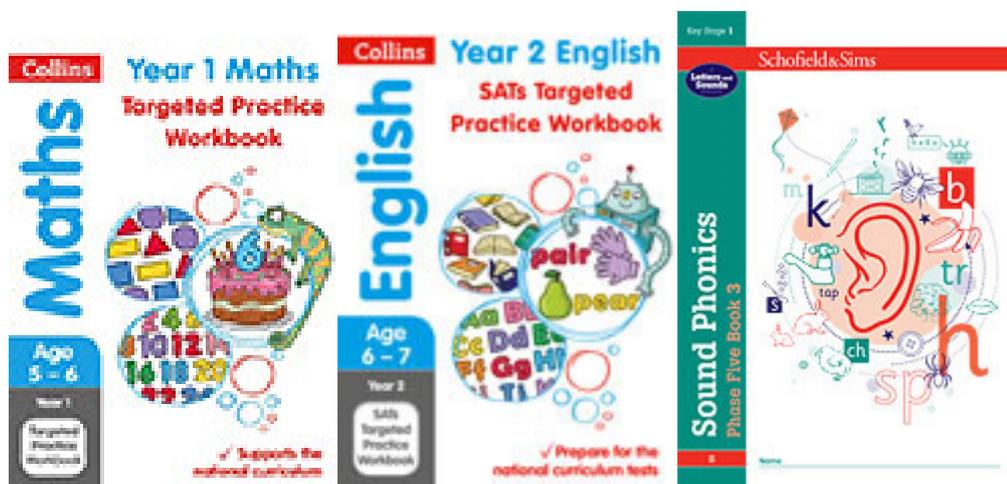


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### Order form for Home Learning Progress and Practice books



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:	
<b>Number of Maths Books required</b>	<b>Number of English Books required</b>	<b>Number of Phonics Books required</b>	<b>Total cost enclosed</b>

Books will be ordered on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_