

# Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



## Family Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017



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

A very busy week again at Hudson with so much learning and progress brimming in each classroom. This term we have lots to focus on, but our main aim is getting the children settled into their new classroom routine, building relationships, acknowledging expectations and then the learning should flow.

This year you may already know that we have a high focus on improving reading, also in securing high quality maths but a big difference will come from educating our parents. Our aim is to provide a better foundation for sharing information on learning with families, in order to influence learning development in the home. We want our parents and families to feel far more confident to support learning, far more knowledgeable about where their child's learning is up to, more informed about the up to the minute support your child is being offered at school and the role that you as parent/carer need to carry out in order to advance your own child's progress. So far we have mapped out what parent educator's sessions are of most priority and benefit, for example early reading and fine and gross motor skills in the early years (to help with writing and mark making).

In the main school reading comprehension, phonics, Singapore maths and handwriting.

Today we have opened our classrooms to families to give you an insight into what the Singapore method to maths looks like. There will be more opportunities for this sort of family learning in the future so please take full advantage of this - plus the children love showing off in class the work they are proudest of. Another phase we have started in our plan is our homework packages. This term we have chosen yearlong full curriculum support booklets for families to purchase at around £5 for the whole year. The books are a superb quality and the teachers will guide you weekly (see the bottom of the spelling sheet each week - after half term) on just what to focus on that will either rehearse learning from the classroom that week or give the children a pre-learn warm up for the week ahead. Again please don't miss out on this opportunity especially as they are over 50% cheaper than purchasing them from the high-street. Tutoring services are something we plan to look at before Christmas so keep involved and up to date.

Alongside all of the brain work out's this week, the children have been getting very active - despite the weather. Well done Mr Roberts and Miss Devine's little runners this week who really did us proud at Deyes High on Monday. We have so many keen children representing our school this year, I am absolutely delighted 😊

### BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

- School Council meeting 12.20pm, Class Council meeting 2.45pm

#### Wednesday

- Singing Assembly with Mrs Macpherson at 2.50pm

#### Thursday

- Whole School Assembly with Miss Marl 2.50pm
- X country at Maghull High 3.45 - 4.45pm
- Football at Summerhill 3.45 - 4.45pm

#### Friday - Family conference times go home

- 2pm Treats and sharing work for all those Excellence winners this week
- 2.50pm Celebrations assembly with the school teaching team



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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): Nathaniel M & Aaron H

**Maple Class** (Miss Day, Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Ella J

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Jamie B

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

**Yew Class** (Miss Devine and Team): Mason C

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts): Lexi W

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl): Holly M

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Sian M

**Larch Class** (Mr Murphy and team): Mia G

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:

**Annabelle B, Jamie F, Oliver Mc, Abigail S, Archie M, Frankie J, Liam H and Daniel DC.** 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 **Holly L** in Oak class, for assisting Mrs Dillon with IT this week. Hudson is very proud of you, well done!

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

**Professors of punctuality** this week are: Chestnut 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

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**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

### Staffing updates

Lots of changes are going on at the minute with staffing as we have some moving around and new recruits! This week we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Day and Miss Grisedale as they left to start their maternity leave. We also said hello to our new Hudson Baby Jamie Goodwin, as our very own Miss Stephens gave little Jen a beautiful new baby brother on Tuesday night.

We have now welcomed Mrs Bolger back to join our fantastic EYFS team in the Nursery, some of you may remember her from being our current Year 6's teaching assistant when they were in the nursery! We also welcomed Mrs Dillon a local community member to work in KS2 in Elder and Oak class in the mornings and supporting many children throughout the school in the afternoons. We are still however in desperate need of reading volunteers!

### 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.

### Sefton Family News

#### Sefton SAVVY Launch Events

Over the past 18 months a group of young people from across the borough have been working with Sefton's SEN and Inclusion service to design and produce IT based tools to raise awareness of the support available to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their parents and carers. These resources are now available on Sefton's Local Offer (Website).

This work was initiated as a response to the SEND reforms and we hope shows Sefton's commitment to placing children, young people, their families and carers at the heart of service design and delivery in the spirit of co-production. As a way of celebrating and recognising this work Sefton Parent Carer Forum and the Children with Additional Needs Network are supporting the launch of the Sefton SAVVY App and creative films.

There will be two events, one in the South of the borough and the other in the North.

**Thursday 2nd November: 11.30am - 2.00pm**

**Salvation Army Centre, [65 Shakespeare Street, Southport PR7 5AJ](#)**

**Thursday 9th November: 11.30am - 2.00pm**

**The Plaza Cinema, [13 Crosby Road North, L23 0LD](#)**

The event is aimed at **parents and carers, schools and colleges and key partners.**

Please see full details of the events and how to confirm your attendance on the attached flyer.

I do hope you can attend and join us in celebrating this work by our young people.

Kind Regards,

Adele Hoskison-Clark & Liz Barr-Jones

*Have a fantastic weekend - hope to see you all tonight at our first family event...*

*'The Hudson Race Night' - don't forget to bring a bottle!*

*Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team*



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