

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2017



HUDSON WEEKLY LEARNING UPDATE - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

The last day of term has arrived! Autumn is here and hopefully the children will get to play in the leaves, wrap up warm and have some fun outdoors over the half term.

This week the children have brought back their first half terms homework, and today it has been wonderful to share this together and value the learning that has gone on in the home. Many thanks for your support on this. Over the half term there are two projects for the children to get involved in; most children in Years 1 to 6 will bring home reading comprehension activities, so children can continue with our school target of improving key reading understanding skills. The second activity for all children is a fun pumpkin decorating one. Both of these activities are needed back on Monday morning when we return after the break. The Pumpkins will be displayed on the window sills in the main school corridor and the used for decorations at our school disco on Tuesday evening. There will be prizes awarded at the disco for the children's efforts. After the half term all of the families who have purchased home learning support booklets (Phonics, or English and Maths) will receive them with the identified pages to work through each week. Again these are rally valuable in ensuring success for your children and work in partnership with school.

This week has been busy with activities and meetings. **Children across our school have had a teddy bears picnic, met the police in their cars on the playground, had a chocolatier visit and made their own chocolate, toured Chester with a Roman, explored a farm and collected pumpkins and also represented the school in a football tournament managing to get to the semi-final!** I think everyone would agree that this is one amazing week. We are exceptionally proud of our children - they always represent us very well, and I thank all of you families for your hard work and support alongside my amazing team who ensure your children get the best of everything. Here's to next half term when Christmas arrives! ☺ See you all on Monday 30th October ☺

BE PREPARED FOR THE WEEK BACK!

Monday - **Reading week, the book fair arrives!**

- Snack/toast money in please - £1 per week including Nursery or £8 for the term
- Swimming for Chestnut, class at 2 - 3.40pm
- Whole School Autumn Celebration Assembly with Mrs Craddock 2.30pm - **some families will be invited**

Tuesday

- School Council meeting 12.20pm, Class Council meeting 2.45pm
- PTFA disco, tickets only - 4-5.30pm

Wednesday

- Singing Assembly with Mrs Macpherson 2.50pm
- 5pm PTFA meeting

Thursday

- **Maple class to Freshfield!**
- Whole School Assembly with Mrs McNally 2.50pm
- **Football Hudson V Melling 3.45 - 4.45pm at Hudson**

Friday - £1 Non uniform day money goes towards the Christmas Panto and entertainer

- **Homework comes home today**
- 2pm Treats and sharing work for all those Excellence winners this week
- 2.50pm Celebrations assembly with the school teaching team
- **Reading week: Harry Potter day** - children could wear something themed if they wish

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): Hattie S & Amelia H

Maple Class (Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Blake L

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Amelia D

Silver birch Class (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Grisedale): Daniel B

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Jamie B

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Louis L

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Daniel S

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Harry 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:

Oscar C, Jackson R, Mia A, Holly L, Harry R, Bradley W and Jak Mc. 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

Faye P in Chestnut class, for amazing kindness that reaches far further than Hudson - please see Faye's story at the end of the newsletter. Hudson is very proud of you, well done!

Attendance Masters Unfortunately this week there are no classes with 100% attendance.

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

(Registered charity no: 1156873)

Don't forget our Autumn Disco on Tuesday 31st October, 4-5.30pm. Children can go home to get changed for the disco, ready for a four o'clock start.

After half term it is all about Christmas, with our usual offerings so put these dates in your diary and keep an eye out for posters and the newsletter for more information: **Wednesday 22nd November - tree decorating, Friday 24th November - Christmas Fair/ Market, Friday 8th December - Tea with Santa (tickets only), and, date to be confirmed - Christmas Bingo** Enjoy half term!

SCHOOL UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE: Chris Cook

Cleaning position - long term temporary. Ideally we are looking for an 'earlybird' to join our team of cleaners. If mornings don't suit you but you are still interested in this position then please come and see me in the office for a chat.

PGL residential - reminder that the interim payment of £35 is due in no later than Monday 30th October.

Uniform - Please can you make sure that all uniform has you child's name in it. It can then be returned to its rightful owner when it's found.



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SCHOOL NEWS

The Future of our Children's Centre

You may be aware if you are a centre user or have read the front cover of last week's Champion that Children's Centres are up for review again. There is a new Sefton strategy and vision for Centres - combining them as Family wellbeing service providers for the 0-19 age range. This will most likely see a big shift in how Hudson is used in the future, and who are staff will be as the proposal includes locality working of some of our existing staff, and job losses too. There will be a complete change in the services that run directly from Hudson, our centre could no longer be a place that provides a 0-5 specific services. Family/community consultation is taking place through a questionnaire The consultation closes on November 17 so please take the time to give us your views and ideas to help shape how services can look in the future. To get involved visit sefton.gov.uk and click on the 'take part in a consultation' tab, or pop into the school and pick up your own paper copy. The number of returns from our locality will indicate whether there is a need at all for family services in our area!

Sefton Council's Cabinet should be in a position to consider the consultation response in December, 2017 where we will have a better idea on what the next steps are.

Please help our school and shape our centre!

Pupil Fund Raising

You may be aware that Faye P in Y6 Chestnut class is raising money for a very spectacular children's charity. She is currently being sponsored to have all of her long blonde locks cut off and donated to children going through treatments that result in hair loss. Faye is being very brave and generous - her target this year was to not only donate her hair but raise £200. So far she has through the generosity of family and friends raised £1037. If you would like to support her and the fabulous work of The Little Princess Trust, then please visit the Just giving website 'Faye's haircut' page or see her mum Sue on the playground. We are so very proud of you Faye!!

Parent feedback

In the summer within the envelope of your child's school report we sent out a family survey which asked your opinions on the quality of education alongside other things we do at school. There were 21 returns in total, so thank you to those families.

I was really pleased to see that almost 100% of those returns agreed or strongly agreed that children were happy, safe, taught well and parents were listened to and ideas considered. There were some that fell into the unsure or disagree categories for homework, information sharing and behaviour which obviously following this we will endeavour to tackle these aspects thoroughly.

The overwhelming positivity in the section that asked for 'the strengths of the school' was deeply heart-warming for the whole team to read and has really strengthened staff ambition and motivation, so thank you for this. The ideas for improvement have been read and thought out conscientiously. I have now had time to discuss the outcomes of these with the staffing team and governors and the suggestions and opinions will now be used to shape the direction for improvement this year. The developments we have discussed so far include:

1. Development of reading for pleasure: Actions include - Revitalised library for the whole school. Purposeful class libraries. Investment in home, guided and class readers and resources for the home.
2. More contact with parents and families for underachieving children: Actions include - Tutoring set up in Autumn/Spring for Underachievers. Parents notified of school contribution/support methods and early intervention strategies and their parental role within it.
3. Healthy snacks education and also options at events: Actions include - NC to speak to PTFA regarding event offer of snacks. Staff to look at the healthy eating curriculum for all children.

Remember it is not too late to have your say about our school: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Have a fantastic half term, best wishes Niki Craddock and Team



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