

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

Friday 9th March 2018



HUDSON WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

What a term!! I am not quite sure if I love or loathe the snow right now. What I can definitely say is we were not prepared for a week of limited heat, a missing roof and heavy snowfall, but I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience, every attempt was made to keep the school functioning as best we could, but risk assessments were carried out and advice sought concluding the very disruptive outcomes of the last couple of weeks. What we have had though is lots of fun in the snow, plenty of adventures and lots to talk about!

World book day last week was a huge success - there were so many fantastic costumes, which were superbly thought out to consider a good quality read. Mrs Whitelaw was very impressed, I hope all of the children enjoy their free books- making good use of the token that were given out, and also quickly get the opportunity to read their new class book prize, added to the class library! The book fair will be arriving after half term to keep the children's enthusiasm going for reading we will then be opening our library and launching our reading challenges for the year - it is most definitely all go!

Last week we also had another successful excursion out to Quarry Bank Mill for Y6 they looked fantastic dressed in traditional outfits from the time and I know the Victorian learning that went on was very hands on and has given them a perfect insight to life in the past - many thanks to all of the staff and volunteers for making this a cold day out but a worthwhile one!

At the end of last week we sent correspondence home about a child from our Base who had tragically and unexpectedly passed away. You may have heard or seen articles of information in the local newspaper or on social media too about the tragedy, and at Hudson we have been left absolutely devastated. Ryan was a huge part of our school and Year 6 last year, and we are making plans to remember him and celebrate the short life he had in ways that honour him and the memories we have of him. I have taken ideas to the School council to start off this project and I am proud of the attitude they have had and the imagination and creativity demonstrated so far. I will keep you all posted on this. I have had to consider the issue of bereavement and grief with the children and staff and so far have contacted the Local Authority and Samaritans for support. Grief and bereavement are not uncommon emotions but very difficult ones to deal with, those who are struggling should know that support is out there, I have spoken to some beautifully thoughtful people lately: Samaritans...Whatever you're going through, call us free any time, from any phone on 116 123.

Monday

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Snack money for the term £2 including Nursery or £1 each week
- Swimming for Oak class with a return to school at 3.35pm
- Class council meeting at 2.50pm

Tuesday - SCHOOL PERFORMANCE (Rec - Year 6)

- 2pm Come to the school hall and see Reception through to Yr 6 perform!

Wednesday - ANNUAL REVIEWS FOR BASE FAMILIES & MAPLE CLASS TO FARMER TED'S

- Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson at 2.50pm
- Year 6 PawsB wellbeing final session

Thursday

- Whole school assembly with Mrs McNally at 2.50pm

Friday - SWIMMING GALA

- Excellent worker work share with Mrs Craddock - 2pm
- Whole School Celebrations Assembly with the Teaching Team at 2.50pm

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 **for the week:**

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 Chapman, Mrs Spafford and Team): Hallie L, Elliot Mc

Maple Class (Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Jennifer G

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Elle O

Silver birch Class (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Adams): Liam L

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Mark F

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Natasha P

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Sam M

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

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Whole of Larch

We can also not forget to mention and give praise to those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning our EEE winners!** Those who have truly excelled and impressed: **Molly M, Hayden J, Nathan E, Lexie C, Archie M, Sophia L, Sian M, Emma R.** 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 **Niamh P and Sophia L in Oak Class.** For showing thoughtful and sincere kindness to another child, going out of their way to be the best they can be, Hudson is very proud of you!

Attendance Masters: Our best classes for attendance this week are Sycamore and Yew class.

Professors of punctuality: Sycamore, Chestnut and Larch classes have had no late marks this week.

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.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS - Chris Cook School Administrator

PGL - hopefully all 45 children have now received their consent forms and information packes for the residential. All monies to be paid by the end of March. If anyone has any queries, questions etc please come and see me.

Trips - A general reminder that we have several trips coming up so please don't forget that we need permission slips and payment.

Thank you - A big thank you to everyone who has donated to our new sewing club, especially Milly (Ellie and Kians nan). Without your generosity our club would not be possible.

SCHOOL NEWS AND REQUESTS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

LATENESS FOR SCHOOL

Please be aware that the school main playground doors open at 8.50 for children to enter and receive their registration mark. At 9.00 the doors will be closed and this is the signal for teachers to then prepare to close the register meaning your child will be marked as late. When children are late they need to be accompanied on their journey to the main school office by their guardian with a reason for lateness. It may be that the guardian must wait with their child until a member of the school office is available to take the child/ren through the school security door system. This week we have had a significant increase in the number of children who are late for school - this then removes the two school office staff from dealing with family queries, payments or school business and communication - **and this cannot continue.**

Please be aware that lateness is recorded in the same way that absence is - it is reportable to the local authority and has a threshold of ten episodes across two terms before family could face a fine and therefore be liable to prosecution.

Children learn best in the morning and at Hudson all of our most in-depth learning is planned for during the first few hours of the day. By continually being late or absent you are enabling your child's learning to be negatively affected. Please support us on this matter by ensuring children have a good night routine, plenty of rest, and arrive at school on the main playground before 8.50am.

HOMEWORK PROJECTS REMINDERS

Families have all received their Learning Journey projects for this term when they returned to school in January - these will be due back in March. Other projects that are still ongoing are the Maths and English text book challenges sent home each week from the Collins books families purchased. Children will still be asked to read regularly and learn weekly times tables and spellings. Please don't forget about the online Bug Club books as these provide the comprehension questions that sometimes as parents we forget to do!

Also this term we will be celebrating Easter - so it may be that you are thinking of entering your child into the Easter Bonnet parade this year? If so this is a little reminder that there are only 4 weeks left to get your child involved in homework projects and Easter bonnets!

BOOTLE AND NORTH SWIMMING CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR NEW RECRUITS!

Bootle & North Liverpool Swimming Club is a competitive swimming club catering for all ages from 5 upwards with no requirement of swimming skills for younger swimmers. We offer up to 3 training sessions per week based on ability. The club has been around for over 130 years and is a very family orientated club, putting the children at the heart of everything we do. We compete against other local clubs in the Merseyside league as well as running our own inter club galas throughout the year. We act as a feeder club to the City of Liverpool Swimming Scheme and currently train a number of county level swimmers. If you are interested in finding out more or arranging a trial for your child please contact **Mary Webb on 07769690984**, visit the facebook page *Bootle and North Liverpool Swimming Club Community* or the website <http://bnlsc.weebly.com/>

*Have a lovely weekend, make sure you spoil the special ladies in your life ☺
Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team.*



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