

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter

Friday 13th April 2018



HUDSON WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Welcome back for our final Summer school term, unfortunately the weather at the moment is not really telling us its summer term, fingers crossed this changes soon! Children however are looking summer ready though in their beautiful summer dresses and shorts, well done families for getting organised over Easter! This week has been quite eventful as the builders have returned to our Nursery developing the outdoor environment for our children. The outdoors has been enhanced with artificial grass, a canopied all weather section allowing for outdoor learning whatever the weather and lots of refreshed resources. The children are going to love it next week when we are safely able to open up the doors. Our next project will take place in a couple more weeks on our main playground with an enhanced climbing zone in memory of Ryan, designed by the school council. Let's hope the sun shines so the children can get out and enjoy the great outdoors and the beautiful surrounding we are creating at Hudson.

It's a busy term ahead with lots of excitement and quality learning planned, on top of this we have our weeks of statutory assessment looming, so please do ensure your child is making the most of every minute of school. Tuition is still in place on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings so also continue to support your child in getting them to this free service each week. Attached at the end of the newsletter is an updated events schedule to keep you all informed of what is going on at school, this has also been added to the school website calendar and the school APP calendar.

Today we have celebrated the achievements of the children from the end of the spring term. Class teachers have selected a prize winner that represented excellent behaviour and a further prize winner for excellent work. During this assembly we have also given praise to the 87 children who ended the spring term with 100% attendance and furthermore the 34 children who have continued 100% attendance from September - fantastic achievements! Again thank you families for continually supporting our drive for excellence. Welcome back everyone!

Monday

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Snack money for the term £6 including Nursery
- Swimming for Elder and Larch starts class with a return to school at 3.35pm
- School council meeting at 12.20pm
- Assembly with Mrs Craddock at 2.50pm

Tuesday

- Class council meeting at 2.50pm

Wednesday - Book Fair arrives! Open after school outside the hall for a week 😊

- Larch trip to Liverpool Play House
- School and Centre Management - Governor meeting at 6pm
- Football match 1.30pm @ LFC Academy

Thursday

- Oak trip to Blackpool
- Whole school assembly with Mrs Whitelaw at 2.50pm

Friday - St George's Day celebrations wear red and white!

- 1pm Cricket assembly - Cricket all-stars for Year 2!
- 2.45pm Celebrations assembly with Mrs Craddock



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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 **for the whole of last term!**

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): Roma C, Alfie F

Maple Class (Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Sadie W

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Grace F

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

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Archie M

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Poppy K

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Euan J

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

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Lewis J

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:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Chapman, Mrs Spafford and Team): Masie M, Emelia H

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

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Millie T

Silver birch Class (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Adams): Molly B

Yew Class (Miss Devine and Team): Malachi J

Elder Class (Mr Roberts): Eva P

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Daniel S

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

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Liam H

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 **Aaliyah R.** For being a good friend and treating everyone equally with care. Hudson is very proud of you!

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

Professors of punctuality: Sycamore and Chestnut Classes have had no late marks this week.

Attendance and Punctuality are high agenda targets of importance for Hudson, we love to celebrate and praise those children who get 100% attendance each half term. Please help your child achieve this and encourage them to get to school on time each day to get the most out of all that is on offer.

SAFETY NOTICES

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.

In the Maghull Community pages of social media the school is being badly advertised for careless community parking, please help to eradicate this.



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PTFA NEWS - Vicki Garside PTFA News (registered charity no: 1156873):

On **Wednesday 25 April** we will be meeting at **5pm** to discuss our Summer term events, including the Summer Fair. The Summer Fair is one of our biggest events, and we try to make it as appealing to everyone as we can. However, our team of volunteers is small in numbers and we need as much help as possible to make this as big a fundraiser as we can. The time around the Summer Fair is always busy with one thing and another, so if you have any ideas or can help us out in any small way, please come along to our meeting on 25 April or let one of the team know what you can do. Remember your contribution does not have to be a big one, but even the smallest amount of help or time benefits your children.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS - Chris Cook School Administrator

PGL - Please could all forms be returned by Monday so I can move forward with our residential trip. All outstanding money is now overdue but I am available every morning if you need to speak to me. If anyone has any queries, questions etc. please come and see me. There is a waiting list if anyone has changed their mind.

School hot dinners -new price for a school dinner is now £2.10.

Swimming - Monday 16th swimming starts for Elder and Larch class.

Music Lessons -£37 music payment in now please.

SCHOOL EXTENDED SERVICES NEWS - Kelly Herron School and Centre Manager

As part of our current drive to improve communication between school and parents we are adjusting how we support payments and enquiries to the office in the school day.

From Monday 16th April all payments and update requests on current fees will be supported in the morning between **8.30am - 11.00am**. This is to ensure that the correct person is able to help with your enquiry and process your payments. Please note payments can also be sent in with your child for day trips/dinners etc., although we would ask for larger amounts such as outstanding fees/residential are not paid in this way.

Standard office opening hours are 8.30am-4.00pm Monday - Friday. Occasionally you may be aware of staff within the office before / after these times, however please note these staff do not necessarily have the access to systems or information you may require and therefore we ask that you keep enquiries within these standard hours.

Many thanks



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SCHOOL LEARNING NEWS

New Learning Journeys have begun...

Little Acorns - Why is water wet?

This is a project that will really capture our little ones interests and natural curiosities about the world around them during the spring and summer. Our youngest children at Hudson will question and investigate why water is wet and why it changes shape, they will think about the different properties that water has, where it comes from and where it goes. Within our play based investigative learning we will also reinforce the safety aspects of being close to water.

Maple class - Why do Ladybirds have spots?

The children in Maple class will have lots of fun this term discovering answers to the many questions they have about the outdoors. Our wonderful reception children will think about why ladybirds have spots and why spiders spin fantastic webs. The children will explore their immediate environment going hunting for habitats and learn about the ecology around them.

Yew and Sycamore class - Paws, Claws and whiskers

Soft fur, sharp claws and twitching whiskers...What's your favourite animal? One that meows? One that barks? Or maybe one that scurries or slithers?

From pets at home to animals in the zoo, let's find out what animals like to eat and where they sleep. Do you know how to look after a rabbit? A cat? Or even a snake?

Find out how the elephant got his trunk and how the rhinoceros got his leathery skin...Perhaps you know how the dog got his waggy tail? Can you make a food chain to show who eats who? Who is a herbivore and who is a carnivore? When a gaggle of mysterious pets arrive at the local pet shop, it's up to you to take care of them...Feed them, clean them and discover their daily needs. After all that work, curl up and take a nap...a cat nap!

Silver birch class - Land Ahoy!

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum! Arrrrr...me hearties - it's a sailor's life for me!

Get your sea legs on. It's time to sail the salty seas. Navigate, investigate and explore the world - just like Captain Cook. Make a boat, sink a ship, fly a pirate flag! Speak like a pirate, write like a poet, then weigh and measure pirate booty! How do rescues happen at sea? Find out about brave volunteers and young Miss Darling, rowing her boat across stormy seas. Sing a sea shanty whilst cleaning the poop deck then search the school grounds for Captain Longbeard's hidden treasure. Thar's land ahead, me bucko's! Let's get t'ship t'port.

Elder class - Predator!

It's time to take a walk on the wild side! Find out who's coming to visit...is it a bug-munching lizard or an eagle-eyed bird of prey? Whatever it is, do you think you can handle it?

Learn about creepy crawls and amazing alligators, the deadly assassin bug and the voracious Venus flytrap. Be inspired to write an informative leaflet all about your favourite predator and compose a poem about a predator or its prey.

Then use what you know about the ultimate predator; the apex of the chain. Cross your dad with a peregrine falcon or your nan with a great white shark! What an incredible species - can you imagine?

Feeling peckish? Let's jump aboard the food chain!

Larch class - Potions

Open wide- let's take a look inside! We're on a voyage of discovery to investigate the busy Potion: a poison, a mixture, an aromatic brew, a vapour, a liquid or sticky goo. Welcome to the amazing and magical world of potions and their properties...

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Larch class - Potions continued...

Now scientists, beware! There are some powerful and deadly potions out there - dangerous, unpredictable or plain tragic (just ask Romeo and Juliet).

Use what you know about materials and their properties to create incredible potions in Professor Hazard's potions class.

Oak class - Scream Machine!

Roll up, roll up! You're going on a day trip to a theme park to soak up the unique sights, smells and sounds of the fair. Learn about the science behind roller coasters and write poems that are shaped as a loop the loop. Design your own theme park and show your ideas on a digital map.

Testing, testing! Time for some mini investigations. Cam mechanisms, pendulums, pulleys and prototypes. Let's go behind the scenes to see forces at work.

Good news! The engineers at Scream Towers love your work and want you to build a death-defying new drop ride for a theme park. Make a working model and test it out with uncooked eggs. Cracking stuff! Okay, ready to ride? Don't forget to scream if you want to go faster!

Chestnut class - Tomorrow's World

Text messages, e-mails, websites, blogs and podcasts - there are so many ways to communicate.

Learn how to set up your own class blog and build a home page on a subject of your choice. Suggest ways of improving your school website hopefully the headteacher will listen to your ideas!

Discover movers and shakers in the world of technology - the people who have shaped the modern world. Perhaps you might be a visionary for the next generation?

Build robots and circuits, break codes and investigate gadgets galore. Why not write a thriller narrative in the style of Anthony Horowitz? Then on request from MI99, build a website for a new Spy School. What pages will it need? One for gadgets? A secret lunch menu? You decide! Let's start today - Tomorrow's World...

Have a lovely weekend, best wishes Niki Craddock and Team.



SCHOOL EVENTS 2017-2018 - SUMMER TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
9 th April	Tuesday 10 th April	Return to school for the start of Summer term - shorts and red and white summer dresses Children don't need to attend school until Tuesday as Monday is a teaching team training day.
9 th April	Friday 13 th April	Attendance letters go home for families along with homework and HUC letters Check your child's school bag today as there is plenty of information for you to complete and make note of!
16 th April	Thursday 19 th April	Audition time for summer performance 12.20pm with Mrs C and Miss C It is time to get ready for our Summer show!
16 th April	Friday 20 th April	Dress up in St George Red and White St George's Day - non-uniform
14 th May	ALL WEEK	KS2 SAT testing and whole school assessment starts Please ensure your child has good attendance and punctuality this week. We will be working hard to showcase all they have learnt so far in the year, celebrate successes and make plans to support any difficulties.
14 th May	Friday 18 th May	MADWABBIT day - walk, bike, bus, scoot to school! All schools across MADCOS celebrate this event, please leave those cars at home. This is a non-uniform day for everyone with special badges for all those who park and walk or walk/scoot/bike.
21 st May	Friday 25 th May	Non-uniform event £1 donation
Half term Friday 25th May return to school Tuesday 5th June (INSET Monday)		
4 th June	Monday 4 th June	INSET for teachers - no school today! Children don't need to attend school until Tuesday as Monday is a teaching team training day.
4 th June	Friday 8 th June	Summer Celebration Assembly - families welcome at 2.30pm It is time for us celebrate the first summer achievements of our children. We will today give special mention to those with 100% attendance and award prizes to Behaviour charter champions and excellent workers of the first term from each class and also view some of the art work completed during the week.
11 th June	ALL WEEK	Hudson ART week - make sure your child has an old shirt to wear all week that covers their uniform!
11 th June	Friday 15 th June	6pm Summer Performance An event not to be missed - a ticket only show to see the talent of Hudson in an annual musical one off performance. Come and support our brave and wonderful children.
18 th June	ALL WEEK	KS1 Phonics screening test for all children in Y1 Please ensure your child has good attendance and punctuality this week. We will be working hard to showcase all they have learnt so far in the year, celebrate successes and make plans to support any difficulties.
18 th June	Friday 22 nd June	2pm The Hudson Bake Off - all invited to attend the assembly and see who the baking champions are for the year.
25 th June	ALL WEEK	School Sports Week including PSHE focused work on Health and relationships Time to get active! Children can wear their school PE kit indoor/and outdoor kit only all week.
25 th June	Tuesday 26 th June	Sports Day and Summer fair Today we will have our competitive sports days for our Nursery children in the morning and the main school in the afternoon. Afterschool our



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		PTFA and school community will host our fundraising Summer Fair, come along and get involved there is lots to do for all of the family.
25 th June	Thursday 28 th June	Wally Cain Dance festival: 9.30-11.45 rehearsal Evening performance - Floral Hall Southport
25 th June	Friday 29 th June	Race for life A sponsored event for the whole family. Children will run 3km for cancer research, a charity that means a lot to our local community. Come and cheer the children along as they cross the line on our school field.
25 th June	Friday 29 th June	End of HUC clubs for the year Many thanks to all of our club leaders and volunteers for hosting these clubs all year round.
2 nd July	Friday 6 th July	School End of Year reports go home It is time to review the years learning and progress, all children will bring home their report envelope today.
2 nd July	Friday 6 th July	Hudson's Got Talent show 6pm It's performance night again at Hudson - come a long and show your support for our talented children. This is a fantastic variety performance and is a ticket only event!
9 th July	ALL WEEK	Transition starts for all Hudson children - getting ready for the new year ahead It is time for our children to meet their class teachers and get familiar with their new classroom environment for after the summer holidays.
9 th July	Wednesday 11 th July	Report drop in time or a chance to meet the new class teacher from 3.30pm If you have any queries about your child's report this is an opportunity to drop in and chat with the class teacher.
9 th July	Thursday 12 th July	10am Nursey Graduation Celebration A beautiful ceremony for our Nursery children moving on into their Reception class in September, families are welcome to attend and celebrate their child's achievements with us in our school hall.
9 th July	Thursday 12 th July	2pm HUC Graduation Celebration Time to celebrate the extended hours dedicated children have committed to. Lots of awards and praise to be given during this assembly, all welcome to attend.
9 th July	Friday 13 th July	am School HUC Graduation visit and party Our highest HUC graduates will be given an extra treat today!
23 rd July	Tuesday 24 th July	2pm Leavers Assembly - all invited to attend A beautiful ceremony for our Y6 children moving on to their new Secondary school in September, families are welcome to attend and celebrate their child's achievements with us in our school hall.
23 rd July	Wednesday 25 th July	9.15am End of Year Praise Assembly The end of the school year has arrived - what a celebration we have in store. This is a long assembly celebrating the best that Hudson has this year. Lots of singing, certificates, prizes and performances! All welcome to attend with special seating for prize winning families.
23 rd July	Wednesday 25 th July	End of year - school finishes at 1pm today Please remember that today your child needs collecting at 1pm and unfortunately there will not be any Willow den after school care available.