

# Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



## Family Newsletter



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018



### HUDSON WEEKLY SCHOOL UPDATE - Head teacher; Niki Craddock

We have arrived at the end of the school year, it is really hard to actually comprehend that this is the last newsletter of the school year, and oh what a year it has been.

This week has been full of fun and finishing off, the children returned back to their familiar classes on Monday ready to prepare for the final week of school. Despite the miserable start in the weather and it being the last full week the children have been in really high spirits - there is still a motivating buzz around school. Today they all have been asked to share their summer terms worth of learning journey homework, and today has been dedicated to sharing with their teachers and teaching assistants. Many thanks to families who have taken the time out to work with these projects with their children. A new approach and school investment in home learning approaches will begin in September!

I am incredibly proud of the children at Hudson, and the successful year we have had, my team works exceptionally hard and always has the very best intentions for all of the children in their care. We don't always get this right but you always have our guarantee that we will work relentlessly to improve things. I hope you have all enjoyed the year that has passed, as a staffing team along with the governing body this week, we have been very reflective at the position the school is in and the future that lies ahead. In January I will enter my 12<sup>th</sup> year at Hudson, with more years now as head than previously as the Deputyhead of Hudson, the school has constantly evolved and in September we celebrate this success even further as we create our final classroom at Hudson, the last space we have to grow the school further through the addition of Rowan class. Over this past year we have built our new classroom 'Hazel class' from our old library, created a new beautiful reading space and added to our vast outdoors space creating classroom zones that are energetic and technologically sound. This next year will bring further investments in ICT with new computing programmes, laptops and a bank of children's iPads. There will be increased enhancements to the indoor learning environments throughout the whole building and furthermore our biggest investment will come in the form of mental health and wellbeing support pathways for children and adults. We are all brimming with ideas and are excited for the new school year, particularly as we seamlessly link our very own Children's centre and family services with the school more purposefully as this space has now become Hudson's, managed by myself with the support of our new School and Family services Manager Kelly Herron.

Next week we will finish in style with lots of celebrations, farewells to our oldest school learners in Year 6 (My beautiful mini 7's) and complete the short week with our annual end of year show - 'School praise assembly.' Tuesday and Wednesday are open to our school family to attend, however special seating will be dedicated to year 6 parents on Tuesday afternoon and prize winning families on Wednesday morning.

### PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Last few days of the school year!

#### Monday

- Barn Owl Bill to visit Nursery
- 2.45pm Mrs Craddock's assembly

#### Tuesday

- 2pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly

#### Wednesday

- 9am End of year Praise Assembly
- 1pm end of school day - Summer holidays begin ☺

## 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.

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): All Brilliant Butterflies and All Outstanding Owls

**Maple Class** (Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Whole Class

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Levi & Francesca C

**Yew Class** (Miss Devine and Team): Malachi J

**Silver birch Class** (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Adams): Isabella Mc

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts): Beth L

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl): Jack F and Charlie GA

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

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Whole Class

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:

**Maple Class** (Miss Cook and Mrs Scott): Nevaeh S

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

**Yew Class** (Miss Devine and Team): Luke W

**Silver birch Class** (Mrs Pritchard and Miss Adams): Aiden Q

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts): Whole Class

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl): Euan J

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

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs McNally and Miss Goodwin): Whole Class

Be sure to ask your child to tell you all about the work they have displayed proudly in school and shared today.

Our new awards to celebrate are our Hudson Reading Challenge Certificate. This is a real challenge and we love to celebrate these achievements throughout the school year.

Those who have met the challenge this week are:

**Bronze** - Malachi J, Matilda J

**Silver** - Malachi J, Matilda J

**Gold** - Isabelle H, Frankie J, Aaliyah R and Daniel G

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week's ambassador of kindness is **Haripriya D in Silver birch Class**, for generosity with her kindness when children have needed it most. Hudson is so incredibly proud of you!

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.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS - Chris Cook School Administrator**

**Fee's** - Please could we have any outstanding payments in for nursery, dinners, breakfast club, willow and trips before we start our new payment system, Parent Pay. Some bills have been sent out today so can you please try and bring the outstanding payments up to date before we finish. Any remaining balances will be put onto the new parent pay system. Any queries then please pop in any morning and speak to me.

**Race for Life** - could we please have all your sponsor money in please.

**Parent App details** - username - hudsonparent password - schoolapp

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

Another year has come to an end with the PTFA contributing to many activities throughout, including the Autumn and Valentine's discos, Race Night, Christmas Fair and Bingo, Tea with Santa, Christmas treats for all, Easter Bonnet prizes and treats for all, ice creams for everyone to celebrate their hard work in Summer term assessments, the Summer Fair, refreshments at all performance events, donations to the new Early Years reading scheme, donation to the Year 6 Leaver's trip and leaving presents and of course our biggest (and favourite) contribution the Pantomime and Christmas entertainment morning. We also introduced the Hudson Lottery which helped our fundraising and produced some lucky winners, as did our raffles.

We couldn't run any of these events without our small committee and small team of helpers, so thanks to everyone who has contributed in some way. It is our intention to be able to do as much as we can next year, particularly for the children, who after all are the ones who gain from the volunteering that we do.

That said, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers and new ideas and welcome anyone along to our **first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday 12 September at 5pm** to find out more details of our fundraising this year, and what the school would like us to contribute to next year.

Cold drinks will be available at the Praise Assembly on Wednesday.

All that is left for us to say is good luck and goodbye to our Year 6 as they move on to pastures new.

See you all next year, have a lovely Summer.

### **SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING NEWS - Kelly Herron - School and Family Services Manager**

This afternoon at approximately 12.30pm we initiated 'quiet' lockdown due to an incident and considered potential threat at the local shops. The police were contacted immediately who gave the school the all clear and we were able to quickly resume normal activities within ten minutes. Children were not alerted to the event and remained calm and indoors under a 'wet play' directive. The event passed with no further incident thanks to the reactions from staff and families visiting at the time.

*Have a wonderful family weekend, best wishes, Niki Craddock and Team ☺*



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# FIRST DRAFT EVENTS PLANNER FOR AUTUMN

## SCHOOL EVENTS 2018-2019 - AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>INSET days for teaching staff</b> Children don't need to attend school today as it is a teaching team training day, children return on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September.
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Pupil volunteer job applications go home</b> Children in years 1 to 6 have the opportunity to take on a volunteer role at school, please help your child to complete the application form and return it to school on time. <b>Hudson University for Children club letters go home</b> It is time for our clubs to start - please ensure your enrolment fee is paid on time and you also collect our out of hour's passport for clubs your child attends away from Hudson.
10 <sup>th</sup> September	For two weeks	<b>Reception class NFER testing starts &amp; baseline assessments for all other classes</b> Please ensure your child attend school every day and also on time so that accurate assessments can be made and relevant targets set for the term and year.
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>PTFA - Constitution and welcome event planning 5pm</b> Come along and share hour ideas for projects and events for your child.
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>School council applications go home</b> It is time again for us to recruit our new members to our school and class councils. Please support your child in completing their crucial application and returning it on time. <b>HUC confirmations go home</b> Children will today receive a reply slip from their application for Hudson University Clubs. Please read it carefully to check start dates and finish times of clubs.
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>HUC clubs start</b> Our clubs will start this week, please ensure that verbal correspondence is made for any changes to collection of your child or acceptance of their or non-attendance.
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Wear Jeans for Genetic research charity. Wear denim £1 donation.</b> One of the children's favourite charity events - wear jeans and donate £1 towards genetic research. Any non-uniform will do if your child does not like wearing denim.
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	<b>Pupil volunteer jobs announced</b> <b>School Council badges awarded 2.30pm - Families welcome to attend</b> A special assembly to celebrate the achievements of children who have been successful in their application for an important role within our school community.
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>PTFA meeting 5pm</b> Come along and join our hardworking team of volunteers to plan events for your children and organise spending. No experience or particular skills necessary.
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Non-uniform event £1 donation towards panto trip 1 of 4</b> It is time to get saving towards our fantastic entertainer and pantomime events during the Christmas period. Any sensible non-uniform can be worn in exchange for £1
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>National Poetry day - performance poetry assembly in school hall from 2.30pm</b> A chance to see the children perform as a whole school, their love of literacy, poetry, rhythm and rhyme and also of course performing!
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Hello Yellow Event</b> Supporting world mental health day - Young minds event £1 to charity, wear something yellow
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Settling in meeting with Teachers</b> A session with your class teacher to see your child's new learning environment, find out what the year has in store and ask any settling in questions you may have.



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15 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Harvest donations in - tins and jars please!</b> Harvest has arrived again, at Hudson we like to support those in our locality not as fortunate. All donations will go to our very own Foodbank sources.
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>2pm Harvest festival service - Maple class lead</b> Come along and join in our Harvest celebration, listen to readings, songs and stories.
<b>Half Term Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October return Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Autumn themed PTFA disco £3.50 per child for goodies 4-5.30pm</b> Another fantastic disco organised by our PTFA. All children are invited to come and party. Younger children from our Nursery and Base will need an adult to party with. This is a ticket only event.
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Autumn Celebration Assembly - families welcome at 2.30pm</b> It is time for us celebrate the first Autumn 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.
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Family conference letters go home - return by Wednesday next week</b> It is time to find out about learning developments and targets in learning for your child. Please read the letter carefully and return it promptly in order for us to deal with your requests thoroughly.
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Non-uniform event £1 donation towards panto trip 2 of 4</b> A non-uniform day for the whole school, children can get good wear out of their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Remembrance service - Chestnut class to lead 10.30am</b> Come along and join in our Remembrance service, listen to readings, songs and stories from our British culture.
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Family conference confirmations go home</b> All family conference times will be returned today, teachers will also display the timetable in the windows along the corridor if you need a reminder!
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole week	<b>Anti-bullying week, themed activities for all children</b> A very important event for the children at Hudson, a time for self-checking and understanding. Lots of important activities will be ongoing to make this memorable and purposeful for all children.
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole week	<b>Assessment week - all children's first assessment of the year</b> 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.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Christmas decoration day!</b> Come along and join in the fun as we deck the halls and help our PTFA get ready for Christmas.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Family conference - school closure at 2pm for meetings</b> Families to attend their meeting at their allotted time in the school hall, unless you are a family from the Nursery. Children's work can be found outside their classrooms for families to look through and share their child's learning before or after their meeting.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Non-uniform event £1 donation towards panto trip 3 of 4 - Christmas jumpers at the ready.</b> A non-uniform day for the whole school, children can get good wear out of their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.
19 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>PTFA Christmas market</b> Come along and get ready for Christmas! Fun for all of the family and a great fundraiser for our PTFA. Lots to buy, see and get involved in.
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Christingle Service at 2pm followed by PTFA Christmas bingo</b> Come along and really start to feel that Christmas has arrived. See the children read, sing and begin their exciting Christmas celebration. The PTFA will host a bingo event afterwards with a great array of prizes.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>Christmas performance tickets go on sale</b> Tickets are £1 each and are limited to two per family per show. If some still remain by 10 <sup>th</sup> December we will reopen a limitless sale at 9am.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Early Years dress rehearsal morning</b> Please ensure your child's costume is in during the week of the 26 <sup>th</sup> November in a bag that is labelled with their name. If you are struggling to get a costume together please let us know by the 26 <sup>th</sup> November to give us time to find something suitable.

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Tea with Santa from 3.30pm</b></p> <p>Please remember that this is a ticket only event. PTFA members are available at the end of each school day in the nursery entrance and Reception class entrance areas.</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>KS1 and KS2 dress rehearsal morning</b></p> <p>Please ensure your child's costume is in during the week of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December in a bag that is labelled with their name. If you are struggling to get a costume together please let us know by the 3<sup>rd</sup> December to give us time to find something suitable.</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Christmas performances:</b></p> <p>10am EYFS 2pm KS1 and KS2</p> <p>Please remember that these are ticket only events, tickets will be on sale a week prior to the event, with a limit for each family. On the 10<sup>th</sup> December if tickets still remain we will open it out to all families to buy as many tickets as are left over.</p>
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Christmas performances:</b></p> <p>1.30pm EYFS 4pm KS1 and KS2</p> <p>Please remember that these are ticket only events, tickets will be on sale a week prior to the event, with a limit for each family. On the 10<sup>th</sup> December if tickets still remain we will open it out to all families to buy as many tickets as are left over.</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Snow Business Winter themed Talent show</b></p> <p>Our annual winter talent show, come and see our children perform on the stage at 1pm!</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<p><b>Pantomime and Entertainer Day</b></p> <p>We have saved for weeks and it's finally arrived a day at the pantomime for our older children and a Christmas celebration with entertainment for our Younger children organised by our PTFA.</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<p><b>Party day - Own clothes £1 donation</b></p> <p>Today we will host a special Christmas p-arty day, with games, treats, crafts and a special visitor!</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<p><b>End of term - school closes at 2pm</b></p> <p>Please remember that today your child needs collecting at 2pm and unfortunately there will not be any Willow den after school care available.</p>

**School holiday from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December with a return on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January due to INSET day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**



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