

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter



Friday 7th September 2018



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Welcome back family and friends to a brand new and exciting school year. Over the summer we have been working very hard to plan the best possible learning adventures for all of your children, considering closely the needs of the growing school community and enhancing the building in a spectacular way that only our school family deserves.

We spent the first two days of this week training in lots of new things such as Autism resourcing, and mental health, wellbeing and learning resilience - it has been thoroughly beneficial for the whole school team, opening our eyes to how we can understand the complete child, raise awareness of emotional barriers and building this successfully into the curriculum and the support offer for families. Our aim is to create happy healthy children who thrive under all circumstances and are then able to learn well and fulfil their potential. We will be hosting lots of support for families and adults across the year so keep an eye on the newsletter, website and the School App!

The children returned to school this week excited, engaged and smart - long may this continue! There were lots of new faces with seven new children to Key Stage 1 and 2 and a whole new cohort of children to Nursery and Reception. Please help us to settle new families who may not know the area, the school day structure i.e. collection and drop off points and possibly even the simplest of things such as directing them to this newsletter.

Today the children will be bringing home a whole host of things for you to read through and work on at home. After listening to parental feedback on homework we have invested heavily in new resources for all of the children this year. At the end of the newsletter there is a section explaining this further however please do check your child's heavy bag today as you will find; spellings, a home reading book and homework journal for families to fill in and communicate with the class teacher. You will also have the autumn terms Learning Journey book, a Collins English and Maths text book and you may have a phonics book too - age dependant! **The teachers will be guiding you on the pages to study each week via Class Dojo messaging so please do look out for this on a Friday.** The resources sent home have been funded by school and need to be carefully looked after all year. These are so valuable for your child's learning developments and will truly support learning from school to home - a true partnership to start the successful year ahead - welcome back everyone 😊

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- 2pm Swimming for **Oak class** - return to school no later than 3.40pm
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Miss Marl

Tuesday

- Stay and play sessions for new Nursery children

Wednesday

- Stay and play sessions for new Nursery children
- 2.45pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- PTFA constitution meeting 5pm

Thursday

- Dewa Chester Day out for Oak Class
- Stay and play sessions for new Nursery children
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock

Friday

- 2.40pm Celebrations assembly with Our school team

CELEBRATORY NEWS - 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): Alannah G & All Outstanding Owls

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

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Kaiden K

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Lucas S

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): Sonny-Lee G

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Lexie C

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Ronnie W

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Kaide C

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Dylan E

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Abbie S

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): All of the class!

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Tommy S

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Nathaniel W

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): All of the class!

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Declan H

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Shayne H

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Charlie S

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Liam H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Christopher N

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 - No award winners yet!

Silver - No award winners yet!

Gold - No award winners yet!

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week's ambassador of kindness is

Luke D in Oak class. For exceptionally thoughtful behaviour, helping new children settle into school life this week. 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.

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

Welcome back to another school year of PTFA activities and fundraising and in particular, welcome to our new families in Nursery, Reception and throughout the school.

If you want to find out more about what we do, or help us in our efforts, pop along to our **first meeting** of the year on **Wednesday 12 September at 5pm** where we will be reviewing last year, and looking at this year's events. **Last year we raised just over £3,100** with practically all of it going straight back to the children throughout the year.

It may only be September, but our trip and coach to the Christmas Pantomime for Reception through to Year 6, is already booked in for the afternoon of Thursday 20 December, and following our meeting we will be able to provide you with dates for our events this term to help raise money towards our contribution to this - watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS - Chris Cook School Administrator

School hot dinners - the price for school dinners is £2.10 and chargeable in 3yo nursery and Yr 3 - 6.

Parent App details - username - hudsonparent password - schoolapp

Change of details - Please can you inform us of any change of address or mobile numbers please.

School Residential - Please hand the PGL form in if your child/ren are interested in going on the trip next year. We only have 45 places and this covers years 3 to 6. I will then add the price to your ParentPay account. Numbers have to be confirmed in two weeks so please let me know if you have questions/queries.

Club letters - the letters will be out on Monday. Sorry for the delay but we are just making sure all volunteers have confirmed their clubs.

SCHOOL AND FAMILY SERVICES NEWS - Manager Kelly Herron

Parent Pay reminders: Please can we remind all parents to activate their ParentPay accounts. Still not received your login details - see the office as soon as possible and we'll get this out to you. New starters will not yet have their login and passwords these are on their way and should be with you early next week. We are still trouble shooting some starter blips - which include removing the maximum you can pay and hope to have this sorted soon. Accounts are updated weekly on a Tuesday morning, if you have a query about your account please let Mrs Cook know in the office.

After school care news: All afterschool & breakfast club payments are now on ParentPay. Please ensure you let the office know your formal bookings for afterschool club (weekly bookings for the same day) to ensure you are not charged the higher ad-hoc price.

Nursery Updates: Nursery is almost full on key days for two year olds, if you are considering or know someone who is considering a place with us please contact the office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We are happy to take applications as soon as you know you would like a place here (even if babe is still a baby!

Children's Centre Highlights: Our new timetable is now out! Pop into the office to collect one and we'll send some down to nursery too. Please note, our phone line is currently out of service - engineer on the way! If you need to contact a member of the team please call the school line.

Parent support: Are you or your child struggling, can we help? Our centre team work across the school and centre to ensure families have access to a wide range of support access. Pop into the centre to speak to a member of the team to see how we can help.



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HOMELEARNING NEWS - Headteacher Niki Craddock

As mentioned at the start of the newsletter we have invested heavily in home learning resources for the children. These resources are familiar ones to some of our families who tried them out last year. As a school team we have found them incredibly beneficial to those who have used them consistently, and as mums of children at Hudson it has helped Mrs McNally and I to keep in touch with our own children's learning and development and celebrate these more easily at home. We have now gone on to buy the Key Stage 3 versions for our eldest children in secondary school as we found them so useful!

This year we have purchased all of the resources for your family as we believe in the outcomes they produce, this has been a great expense to the school, but we see it as an investment for learning. However I must inform you all that we cannot cover the cost of replacements and therefore if they do become lost, families must purchase a replacement either from the provider or at a reduced cost from school.

The Text books that you will receive today will contain the whole curriculum for the year, we will indicate which pages you need to cover each week via a Class Dojo message on a Friday afternoon. We expect families to complete these pages with their child each week, and mark them together as a family to review progress and learning needs instantly. Each half term teachers will ask to see the books and review them with the class. Class Dojo points will be awarded for all completed work, as the children collect these points for both individual and class rewards!

As usual children will still be set their weekly spellings, reading, e-learning (bug club books), termly Learning Journey projects and end of half term comprehensions. Please do not be too overwhelmed you will soon get back into a routine which I have detailed below and it will be manageable!

Year group	Monday	Friday
Reception & Year 1	Bring in Reading records and books	Take home Some key words and alien non-words. Weekly maths, phonics and literacy activities - via class dojo message
Years 2,3,4,5 and 6	Bring in Reading records and books SAT work if set - Y2/6	Take part in Spelling test and timetables test Maths/literacy and work review <u>each half term</u> from Collins home learning text books Comprehension review at start and end of each half term.
Years 2,3,4,5 and 6	Take home Reading record and new book	Take home New spelling words and timetables focus with results from the previous week. Collins literacy and maths work page numbers - via class dojo message SAT focus activities (Y2 & 6)

Have an amazing family weekend a time to recharge and get ready for a new full week back at School!

Please check your Class Dojo messages over the weekend for learning updates and homework news.

Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team



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