

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter



Friday 28th September 2018



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

The year has really begun now, we are in a planning frenzy thinking about Harvest, Remembrance, Autumn Discos, Walking to school projects, school holidays and of course Christmas! We met as a planning PTFA this week and the ideas are in full flow for the year - starting today with our first non-uniform and donation towards our Christmas Panto and Christmas Entertainer events. Thanks for your support with this on ParentPay today.

Our records on ParentPay tell us that last week for Jeans for Genes day we collectively raised £108, this is superb and will be gratefully received by the charity - well done Hudson Family ☺

This week we warmly welcomed back Charlie K in Elder class who has been in Jamaica representing England in the World Kickboxing Championships. Charlie has trained incredibly hard for this event, his mornings have included training sessions at 5am before school and then carrying on afterwards, he is also exceptionally studious and has not tried to miss a single day or piece of homework - he is a real credit to his family and our school. Besides all of this Charlie had a great event in Jamaica and I can proudly tell you all that he is now the World Kickboxing Champion for his age, bringing home a gold medal for Continuous Fighting, and then further to this a bronze for an additional event he entered during the tournament where he fought for technical points. What a little star!

Other stars this week have been our newly appointed school and class council representatives, I can now introduce our Hudson community to the new school leadership team for each class:

Sycamore and Silver birch Class: Chair Ellie Mc, Vice Chair Elle C, Treasurer Grace F and Secretary Sonny G. **Elder Class:** Chair Tilly C, Vice Chair Isabelle Mc, Treasurer Dylan W and Secretary Molly B.

Hazel and Oak Class: Chair Lily D, Vice Chair Natasha P, Treasurer Tom B and Beth L and Secretary Faye H. **Larch Class:** Chair Liam H, Vice Chair Dylan E. Finally **Chestnut Class** Chair Max T, Vice Chair

Abby S, Treasurer Holly L and Secretary Ava M. The Chair and Vice Chair from each setting will now join me to form the new School Council for 2018-19!

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- School nurse in to visit Maple class on hand washing
- 2pm **Braiswick photography in to catch up on children who missed their annual school photo!**
- 2pm Swimming for **Oak class** - return to school no later than 3.40pm
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly **with Living Streets!**

Tuesday

- **Sycamore class visit to Martin Mere**
- 12.20pm time for our first school council meeting
- 2.45pm The first Class Council meeting of the year

Wednesday

- 1.30pm Year 6 Height and Weight with School Nurse
- 2.45pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 6pm Full Governing Body Meeting

Thursday

- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock
- First Cross Country Race of the year - 4pm at Deyes High School Field

Friday

- 2.30pm Celebrations assembly with our school team and National Poetry sharing from Teachers and classes

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): Conner M & Kade Mc

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Zara G

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Mason C

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Ella J

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): Aya A

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Liam L

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Eva P

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Paige M

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Ellis W

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, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Isaac H

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Jamie B

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Ada and Ela E

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): Holly E

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Mia A

Oak Class (Miss Marl): Honey HMc

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Ellis L

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Kieran H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): James P

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

Liam H in Larch class. For taking the time out to bring play to new children at Hudson, being kind and caring. 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

Sycamore trip – is on Tuesday. Please make sure you have paid via ParentPay and permission slips returned.

Parent Volunteers – If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer to help with reading then please let me know.

Flu consent/non consent forms – need to be returned! If you require another form then please call to the front office. Class dojo points awarded to the class which returns them first.

PGL – last chance for the school residential next June. Only a couple of places left. Confirmation letters will be coming out next week.

SCHOOL MEALS NEWS – Niki Craddock Headteacher

Parents have been increasingly concerned about school meals at Hudson and what a lunch time looks like, so I thought it was best to explain the normal routine and management of this essential part of the day.

The children in the main school from Reception (Maple class) through to Year 6 (Chestnut class) all eat lunch in the Willow Den dining room and Kids kitchen area of school. Some children go to lunch earlier than others to allow for a quieter time if there are diagnosed sensory concerns or to give them longer to eat – the youngest children often need this longer period of time as they are less independent. Lunch is set from 12pm until 12.50pm, however for those children who need something extra they will get to Willow Den for 11.45am.

The Teaching team settles all of the children in to their allocated areas/tables when they arrive at the dining area. The children with a packed lunch will sit down immediately and those having a school meal will queue and order their meal for the following day whilst waiting in the queue. Two lunch supervisors from Sefton catering will serve the school meals in tandem to the children. School lunch supervisors will take care of all of the seated children, encouraging, reassuring and opening items that children find difficult.

At lunchtime all of the teaching assistants at Hudson work to support the lunch time care in sequence, there are however staff employed just as full time lunch assistants and they will be present for the entire lunch period.

At 12.20pm the first group of children who have finished eating will be escorted out to play. Again in intervals as children finish their lunch they will be escorted by the team of staff working in Willow Den to the main playground area until 12.50pm when they return to the classroom.

The lunch area is split into two parts a Kids Kitchen and a main dining area. The Kids Kitchen area is used by the children from Yew and Larch class from 11.45am first and then followed on by Years 5 and 6. Therefore the main dining hall area is occupied by the majority of the main school.

The lunch area is a busy and buzzy area of school particularly from 12 – 12.20pm, however it has established systems that successfully allow the school to sit together and have a sociable lunch rather than a lunchtime split by ages in staggered seating times. However as the school is growing in number – this is something we may look to do in the future.

We feel we are very fortunate to have our own dining room as most school have to use their school hall, which is not ideal for hygiene purposes and extracurricular lunch activities that can be offered indoors. Willow Den has had a real update over the summer and the children love the new wall art on display.

Our main concern at lunch is the volume and types of food found in lunch boxes, children don't always understand what their families expect them to eat and sometimes there is enough food for a mini banquet. This would be a really helpful discussion for families to have with their children who are often difficult eaters. I have attached some information to help families with healthy choice options for lunch. I hope this information was useful and has cleared up any concerns.

Just in case you missed this last week!

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS - Headteacher Niki Craddock

Arrangements for Admission to Reception: September 2019

This applies to Hudson's 3 and 4 year old nursery children

This week your child will bring home information on how to apply for a school place for September 2019. The booklets, 'Guide for Parents' and 'Schools Information' is also available for you to view/download at www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions.

The online application is available at www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions from 1 September 2018 until 15 January 2019. In your pack from school we will therefore enclose a copy of a letter to parents from Sefton Council on how to complete the application online. Please do get this done quickly and seek out our support if you are unsure - do not leave it too late, or feel you don't need to apply because you are in our Nursery or have siblings in school. Unfortunately this does not guarantee your place - you must complete the application process. Again the compulsory national closing date for receipt of forms of 15 January 2019.

Children's Centre opportunities for families

Our Shine course starts on Tuesday 25th September 10-11.30am. It's an 11 week course that focuses on your own personal Emotional Health. It is particularly useful for those who have had or are having issues with depression, anxiety or stress. It also serves anyone who wants to explore a positive life. For more info or to sign up you can inbox Nikki Cureton on our Centre Facebook page or phone her on the school number: 0151 5261568.

Our own successful Family need our support!

The Jewell family (Euan in Year 5) are a very talented bunch. They have always been a supportive family of Hudson Primary for many years and have offered care and guidance to our staff team and many families through their holistic and therapeutic services. Added to their wealth of skills is therapeutic story writing - Sleepy Storiezzz is one of these and it has been shortlisted in this years Peoples Book Prize. We are asking our families to support them in their bid to get this book noticed. We need you all to spend a couple of minutes going on line and voting - it is a very easy process:

1. Your name
2. An email address.
3. People can also leave a comment but not compulsory.

<https://peoplesbookprize.com/summer-2018/sleepy-storiezzz/>

Living Streets

Your child may come home next week talking about walking to school. We have moved away from our walk to school weeks and are just encouraging as much walking to school as possible through **the Living Streets WOW programme**. The children will earn credits for walking to school and our aim is to get everyone parking and walking at least three times per week. We will be keeping a data base through the living streets programme of all walkers or for those transported to school - we will be creating a morning step challenge! The children will earn progress badges and recognition for their efforts. Please get involved this is a life changing activity for the whole family. A generation ago 70% of us walked to school now it is less than half. We want to reverse this decline, we want children to be energised and empowered and to make walking to school their natural choice.

We are starting this on Monday 1st October



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

We had a productive meeting on Wednesday and now have some dates for your dairies. The annual Autumn Disco will take place this year on Wednesday 31 October between 4 and 5.30 - plenty of time for the children to go home and get changed into their fancy dress if they want to. The cost of the disco will be £4 which includes a drink and treats and is open to all ages (Nursery children will require an adult to stay with them). We will let you know closer to the time how and when you can make your ticket payments when we have sorted this out with the office. We also discussed out Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 23 November and the donkeys are already booked! However, we are looking for any parents or family members who might have a talent and could help us out on the day. Do you have a talent for face painting, or indeed any other activity you think the children might want to get involved with on the night? We will provide the materials, all we ask is that you provide us with your time, skills and expertise and help us to keep our costs down so that we can raise more for the children. If you think you can help us, get in touch with the school office, or Mrs Craddock or even have a chat with us after school on 10 October (more information will follow about this date next week)!

Have a lovely weekend.

Have a wonderful family weekend!
Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team.



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