

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter



Friday 5th October 2018



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

This was an adventurous week all round, we began with a visit from Living Streets who have now launched our yearlong aim to encourage walking to school. Unlike years gone by when we have carried out termly walk to school events - this year we will monitor progress weekly aiming to walk at least twice a week. Children will receive recognition for their efforts in the form of themed badges. Octobers badge is pumpkin themed, it has been designed by children from recycled plastic and I am sure the children of Hudson will love collecting them each month. Parking and strolling is definitely approved!

Martin Mere was another fun event for Sycamore class on Tuesday, it was a good day for ducks, and apparently worms ☺. Many thanks to our fabulous team of helpers who made the day safe and memorable you all helped keep Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Leppert smiling and making plans for future adventures.

On Tuesday we also celebrated our first School council and Class council meetings, the children were exceptionally keen and responsive, they are going to be a great asset to school improvement this year.

On Thursday we travelled to Deyes High for our first cross country meeting, a strong team had been prepared by Mr Roberts and without a shadow of doubt they proudly represented the school. A really good first race was had by all and our team of staff and encouraging parents will hopefully recover their voices over the weekend. Well done to: Grace W, Daniel B, Declan H, Amelia Mc, Martha G, Lily D, Shayne H, Millie D, Charlie C, Tom B, Thomas S, Nathan F, Nathan E, Honey HMc, Faye H, Charlie S, Evie S, Grace F, James P, Kian Mc, Frazer L, Ellis W, Holly L, Max T for their amazing efforts and resilience.

For a while now we have had issues with the narrow cinder path that runs from Grosvenor road to the school field. I need to notify all families and users from our Hudson community that this pathway for all these years does not have any ownership or designated public right of way, therefore I have had to take down the access to Hudson red sign and let you all know that although I cannot stop you from using the pathway I cannot advocate it as it is not currently being maintained by anyone to a safe standard. I am however looking in to this as I also cannot just claim it as ours, or start to look after it, hopefully this will be resolved with some local council support soon!

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 Mrs Whitelaw

Tuesday

- 12.20pm time for our first school council meeting
- 2.45pm The first Class Council meeting of the year
- **Photograph orders must be in today!**

Wednesday

- **Wear Yellow and donate £1 to Young Minds Mental Health charity**
- 1pm Football away match at Kirkby
- 2.45pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- Settling in meetings with new Class teachers
- 6pm School and centre management meeting

Thursday

- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock

Friday

- 2.30pm 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): Nella F and Blake W

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Hunter Mc

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Luke W

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Oscar C

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Aiden Q

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Beth L

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

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Frazer L

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): Scarlett S

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

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Whole Class

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey and Mrs R McNally): Elle O

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Jamie W

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Louis L

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Jack F

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): James P

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Ava M

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

Thomas S in Oak class. For being so supportive and encouraging towards a friend at our cross country run 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.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS - Chris Cook School Administrator

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. We still have several forms outstanding, please remember whether you want your child to have the nasal spray or not, the form still has to be returned.

PGL - Is now confirmed our school residential and deposits have been paid. If you have not already paid your deposit then please pay (£50) via parent pay.

Sch photos - Tuesday is the deadline for returning your photo orders to school. After this date you must follow the instruction for delivery.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS - Niki Craddock Headteacher

Settling in meetings next Wednesday

Next week we are inviting all parents in for the first class teacher meeting of the year. Usually we would offer this as a drop in event, however to benefit families and give them the essential settling in information they need for the year, plus get to know everyone better we have altered the organisation of the 3.45-5pm session.

We are asking that parents attend either a 3.45pm until 4.15pm session (30 min), or a 4.30pm-5pm session (30 min) in their child's classroom (Nursery will be based in the school hall). If you have more than one child in the school then of course you can then attend one session after the other. You do not have to book in, but just turn up at the right time to the classroom.

The session will allow you to hear a presentation from the class teacher about expectations in learning, systems used in the classroom for example rewards and incentives, and also see the room and hear about the Learning Journey events and ethos alongside the chance to get to know the teacher and other families. There will be a time to grab a cup of tea in the entrance foyer to the hall from the PTFA at the end of the session, and/or have an informal chat with the teacher and other parents.

We have planned this event to give your child the best possible start to the year, alleviate any worries, concerns or answer questions you may have and hopefully build an informed positive home school relationship for the rest of the year.

We would prefer that children don't attend this meeting, but note that the time may not allow for this. Please then ensure that the children who must attend allow for adult discussion and questions to take place and therefore all children will need to be supervised.

ICT at Hudson - Nadia-Rose Morrissey, Computing Leader

Dear Families,

This year Hudson are involved in a new initiative called **Rocket Fund**.

Rocket Fund is a crowdfunding platform, designed to help schools fundraise for the latest technology.

Here at Hudson we are committed to trialling the latest technology and developing our students' digital skills. We wish to raise £140 to purchase Purplemash Software to help our children bring their lessons to life. It will allow students to be transported instantaneously to locations they are learning about.

Funding new technology in schools has always been a challenge. So we've create a project on Rocket Fund to see if we can raise money from our community.

To see our project please go here: <https://spsr.me/RTvz>

Every little helps, but don't worry if you can't donate right now - we would be grateful if you could share this project with as many people as possible: on Twitter, Facebook, email or just over the fence!

We are also keen for local businesses to support us so if you have any contacts who may be interested in supporting this project, please get in touch.

Many thanks, Miss Morrissey, Silver birch class.



Everyone Experiences Excellence



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

Last week I told you how you could come along and have a chat with us after school on Wednesday 10 October. Members of the PTFA committee will be available during the parent's meetings that are taking place on that day, with a welcome cup of tea or coffee and perhaps even a biscuit! This is an opportunity for you to meet your fellow parents within your class and meet with us, before or after your meeting, and have a chat about what we do in and around school. We will be able to answer your questions about what we feel are the benefits of volunteering and what the children gain from our fundraising.

We appreciate that everyone is busy with work, out of school activities and as many of us on the PTFA Committee are no longer/ rarely on the playground, we thought this would be a good way to meet our new parents and find out your views and ideas. We are a friendly bunch, not at all scary, so come along and have a chat and a drink with us and see what we are all about - you may find that you want to help after all.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday.

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

