

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter



Friday 12th October 2018



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

We are approaching the end of our first term, and there is still so much to do and get involved in, please keep a check on the school app and website for events coming up, in particular the Autumn PTFA disco! Wednesday was an exceptionally busy day at Hudson this week...

On Wednesday we celebrated World Mental Health Day. As a school a huge priority this year is within the development of pathways of support and creating a secure protocol for establishing a mentally healthy school. We have teamed up with the charity Young Minds who focus on young people's mental health and wellbeing, wearing yellow on Wednesday was an opportunity for some teaching and learning around this important subject with the children and also acknowledge our support. We were able to raise a total of £70 for the charity, many thanks to those families who did support this worthy cause. I know this will be warmly received by Young Minds and without doubt will come back to benefit your family in some way in the near future.

On Wednesday our young footballers travelled to the Liverpool Academy for their first Football event of the year, we played two games as a newly established team and came away with a draw and a last minute defeat. Well done Team Hudson for a gallant performance and many thanks to Sully and Josh for enabling the experience to take place.

Settling in meetings also took place with class teachers on Wednesday afterschool. I hope all those that attended were able to get a good flavour of what is going on in the classroom and have learnt more about the Teacher or teaching team responsible for their child this year. All of the messages that were given to families able to attend will be posted on the website soon, so be on the lookout. Thank you to those who did attend I hope it was worthwhile, questions raised for me from the meetings so far have been answered at the end of this newsletter. Thank you also to our fabulous PTFA for providing refreshments and advice.

Thursday brought about the new start to music tuition for the year, we now have a large number of children taking part in drums, guitar, piano and vocal training, all of these have now started so please do ask your child all about this - the sounds around school have been amazing!

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- 12pm Nominations for Parent Governor to School Office
- 1.50pm Swimming for **Oak class** - return to school no later than 3.40pm
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Whitelaw

Tuesday

- 12.20pm School Council meeting
- 2.45pm Class Council meeting of the year

Wednesday

- 2.45pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 6pm School Finance Committee meeting

Thursday

- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock
- 3.45pm Cross Country running at Lydiate Primary

Friday

- **All phonics, Maths and English homework books in for rewards!**
- 2.30pm Celebrations assembly with our school team
- **END OF TERM - we return on Monday 29th October!**

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): Charlie O and Grace F

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Joseph R

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Mark F

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Sophie G

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Jacob P

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Nathan F

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

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Ben Mc

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): Poppy GA

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

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

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Archie B

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Lillie Mae H

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

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Kieran H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Reece B

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

Declan H in Elder class. For being so kind and helpful towards all of his fellow classmates in Elder class. 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

Vacancy - If anyone is interested in a cleaning post then please pop in and let me know.

PGL - 1 place left on the residential. Please make sure you have paid your deposit (£50) via parentpay. Letters will be coming home with your child/ren today confirming their place and commitment to our residential next year.

Please can I ask that all forms given out on parents evening are acted upon - flu consent (hand completed forms back in), parentpay (activate your child's account) and school app (download and register).

If you have any questions or queries, then please pop to the office any morning for a chat.

Chestnut, Elder and Larch - Please do not forget about your Chocolate workshop, please return any forms as soon as possible. many thanks.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS - Niki Craddock Headteacher

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 and 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.

Issues and Questions from Families from the Settling in Meeting on Wednesday

The volume of homework - *A couple of Hudson Families note an increase in homework and want to understand the purpose.*

Hudson has very high expectations, we want our children to experience as much as possible and achieve as well as they can. We see that the partnership between home and school will enhance this and have invested heavily to make this happen. All changes to homework volume have been done under the guidance set by the Department for Education, research on what other schools set and feedback from families and governors. Children are rewarded and recognised for their efforts and hardworking attitudes, lifelong learning is heavily promoted.

Afternoon playtime - *A Key Stage 1 Family requested information as to why the last afternoon playtime had been removed from the school timetable.*

The afternoon playtime was a ten minute play just before assembly at the end of the school day. The benefits of having the playtime began to become few in comparison to extending learning in the classroom and providing enhanced opportunities for a class story, using the library or having valuable time on an afternoon project of enjoyment. By the time children had gotten outside it was time to come back in which caused upset, sometimes they did not want to play out but continue with a task. The end of the school day was getting later, so this term we are trying out life without last play. If teachers feel the children do need a break. They are doing this as a class rather than a whole school.

ParentPay - *A Hudson Family preferred to pay via cash, why change to a cashless system?*

The use of ParentPay has ensured that all money is accounted for systematically with increased parental information and control. Auditing income and debt is much easier to see from the school perspective it is a much clearer professional way of working. Additionally it has provided much improved access to information and opportunity to pay for working families unable to get to the school office each week.



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

Autumn Disco - Wednesday 31 October 4pm -5.30pm (fancy dress optional)

This is open to all years from Nursery to Year 6, however Nursery children will need an adult to attend with them. The cost of the ticket is £4 which includes a goody bag, drink and a tattoo if they want them. **In order to pay for your ticket, you have to go onto Parent Pay and select the option for the Disco payment next week. The office will not have any tickets and will not accept any cash payments at all.** Over the half term break we will then compile a list of children who have paid and tickets will be given out on the Monday after half term.

Have a good weekend.

Have a lovely weekend!
Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team.

