

Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



Family Newsletter



Friday 19th October 2018



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Half term has finally arrived, the children are all ready for a rest and have been excited talking about their plans for their week off! It sounds like there is plenty of autumn fun going on around Maghull. As a teaching team we have tried to make the very most of this final week of this first autumn term to give us the best possible start when we return. We have big learning plans getting started as we approach the exciting Christmas period.

Children have now all settled into school life really well and we have enough information to begin our successful programme of free tuition which will work alongside the variety of intervention groups we have mastered over the last few years. We are still on the lookout for reading volunteers or actual classroom assistants looking to get qualified or looking to try out this important role before beginning a new career, please see a member of our office staff or drop me an e-mail if this is something you are looking to do.

When we return after our short break we will be right into some special autumn activities, the first week brings us Pumpkin decorating competitions and our PTFA disco alongside Harvest festival. Please do remember though that a ticket needs to be bought for the disco via Parentpay and then this will be given out on Monday - it will guarantee a place and a goody bag, it will be very difficult for our volunteering PTFA team to make these up after Monday - so please get organised and purchase your ticket. Over half time we want all of the children to get lots of rest and enjoy family time one of these activities could be getting your pumpkin ready for Wednesday - this is a family favourite event but please do remember to put your child's name somewhere on it.

You may have noticed that Harvest festival was planned for this week and it was not carried out due to unavailable time at the church. As parents have voiced their disappointment our lovely Mrs Scott has arranged to host this at Hudson on Thursday afternoon when we return. Families are welcome to attend, please don't forget your Harvest donations to our local foodbank.

PREPARE FOR THE FIRST WEEK BACK - *The Book Fair has arrived!*

Monday

- **Comprehension homework in for rewards!**
- **Flu nasal spray for Reception - Year 5**
- 1.50pm Swimming for **Oak class** - return to school no later than 3.40pm
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs McNally

Tuesday

- 2.45pm Class council catch up time

Wednesday

- 2.45pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- Pumpkins in for our annual competition - prizes and winners announced at the disco after school, don't forget to put your name on it!
- PTFA Autumn Disco - 4-5.30pm Tickets Only! Parent meetings will have been organised for some families during this time.

Thursday

- Day of the Dead day for Chestnut class
- 2.40pm Whole school Harvest Assembly with Mrs Scott - please bring in your non-perishable goods

Friday

- 2.30pm Special Celebrations Assembly with Mrs Craddock and Mrs Garside - Walk to school badges, 100% attendance and EEE and behaviour champions for the term will be awarded.

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):

All tiny turtles and Pippa W

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Lilliemae C

Yew Class (Miss Latham Talbot and Team): Malachi J

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Sophia Mc

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

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

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Frankie J

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

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Joel S and Niamh P

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): Owen G

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

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

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

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

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Lily D

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Faye H

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Dylan E

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Holly 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

Holly L in Chestnut class. For being an excellent caring buddy, always being kind, considerate and thoughtful on a daily basis. 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 went home with your child/ren last Friday 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 created 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.

UPDATE! So far we have £50 in our crowd fund and a very generous donation of essential equipment from Mr Graves - a massive Hudson thank you from staff and children 😊

SCHOOL SNACK

Unfortunately, we have been getting on average £40 per week for snack through ParentPay this is to cover the weekly snack bill for 243 children, the school has so far been supplementing this as we do not want to turn away hungry children. Unless more families pay their £1 contribution to this service we will unfortunately have to stop it completely and move to children bringing a piece of fruit to school instead.

I will make a decision on this based on snack payments when we return to school on Monday 29th October and will keep you informed in the first newsletter when we return.

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

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

If you have not already done so and would like your child to attend the above event, **please go onto your Parent Pay account and select the Autumn Disco to make your payment and secure your ticket by Wednesday next week** as we need to have time to make up the goody bags and also sort out the tickets for them to be distributed to the children on Monday when they return to school.

This is open to all years from Nursery to Year 6, however Nursery children will need an adult to attend with them.

Have a good break.

Poppies and all goodies (rulers, erasers etc) related to Remembrance Sunday will be available the first week back (prices ranging from 20p up to £1)

Enjoy your half term ☺ Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team.



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