

# Hudson Primary School & Children's Centre



## Family Newsletter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



### HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

The Chaos and excitement of Christmas has begun! It all started last week with our Christmas decorating of the school on Monday, followed by our very successful Market on Friday evening. Now we are in full flow with this week having already completed our first Christmas service at church with Christingle yesterday and today our Year 6 children have been over to church again for their annual Bubble-gum Christmas learning experience, we also finish today with our fun filled Christmas Bingo! What a Christmas frenzy we have going on! Next week we will be rapidly preparing for our Nativity performances, with a dress rehearsal for our youngest children planned for Friday, alongside the not to be missed events afterschool including Christmas movie night on Thursday and Tea with Santa on Friday - we definitely have it all going on at Hudson ☺ If you have not yet signed up for **ParentPay** or the **SchoolApp** - I think there are only 13 of you left, now is the time to get to it as Monday will be the launch of the Christmas performance tickets. This has always caused families upset as we have to limit the number of tickets for health and safety reasons and also the wellbeing of the children (two performances is quite enough!) By using Parentpay parents and families can purchase their tickets at their leisure from 9am on Monday, in the first instance it will be locked at 2 tickets per family, and then we will send out a text message via the Schoolapp to notify you that more are now available to 'freely' purchase. Tickets are priced at £2 each with all funds going towards developing the hall and stage area further for all of the children. Please be aware that when you purchase your two tickets you identify which show you are seeing as there are a variety for the different age ranges across the two days. Please note that the 4pm show for the Key Stage 1 and 2 children will involve them staying straight from school so that we can give them a light snack and get them in fully into character and costume without worry or stress to families and staff! Just to finish with thanks and love to all of the PTFA, staff and supportive families who are helping to make Christmas extra special this year at Hudson, our children deserve it!

### PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday

- **Tickets on sale for Christmas performances**
- **All families need to have paid for Christmas dinner by today!**
- 1.50pm Swimming for **Oak class** - return to school no later than 3.40pm **LAST SESSION**
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly

#### Tuesday

- 12.20pm School Council meeting
- 1pm School Nurse visit to Year 6 - Emotional, Health and Well-being
- 2.45pm Class council meeting
- **Standards and Effectiveness Governors meeting at 6pm**

#### Wednesday

- 2.45pm Whole school assembly

#### Thursday

- 2.45pm Whole school assembly
- **Christmas Movie Night - Years 1 to 6 ticket only event (ParentPay £2, event closes Wed 3pm)**

#### Friday

- 10am EYFS Dress rehearsal
- 2.45pm Special Celebrations Assembly with Mrs Craddock and Team
- **Afterschool Tea with Santa - ticket only event (sell out)**

## 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** this week are:

**Little Acorns Classes** (Miss Chapman, Mrs Spafford and Team): Ava DMc and Joe F

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

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

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Sadie W

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

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Haripriya D

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Thomas S

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

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs McNally): Max T

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 this week are:

**Maple Class** (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Jack B

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Joseph K

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

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Logan T

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

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

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs McNally): Caelen L

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

**Bobbie W in Silver birch class**. For showing always thinking of others and finding ways to be kind and gentle and go the extra mile with her generosity, this was noted by a child in another class as well as staff! An absolute star - 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**

**Christmas dinner Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> -**

If your child normally has a school meal provided then do nothing.

If your child does not normally have a school meal but you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner then please pay £2.10 on ParentPay 'Christmas dinner' by 9.00 am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

If your child is in Reception, Yr1 or Yr 2 and currently doesn't have a school meal but you would like a Christmas dinner then please see Mrs Cook. (no charge but I need numbers).

There will be no extra names taken after the closing date (9.00 am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec) as catering need to know.

**PGL** - Thank you to those of you who have made your second payment. This interim payment of £50 is now overdue so please pay via ParentPay. A reminder letter/email will follow next week if you are not up to date with your payments.

**Chocolate workshop** - Chestnut, Elder and Larch - There are still four payments outstanding for this event. Please pay via ParentPay - chocolate workshop.

**Creepy Crawley workshop** - Silverbirch, two outstanding payments.

**Christmas Donations** - Parentpay 'pots' for the Christmas funds are still open if you have forgotten to donate your child's £1

**School nurse drop in** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm in the school entrance area

**Parent App** - please register. Username - hudsonparent Password - schoolapp

All clubs have now finished except for football club on Monday and Wednesday which will finish this week. Last swimming lesson for Oak/Hazel.

**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES - dates and times**

|                                  | <u>2 year old's</u> | <u>EYFS (3yo and Rec)</u> | <u>KS1/KS2</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup></b> | 9.15 (willow)       | 10am (hall)               | 2pm (hall)     |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup></b>  | no performance      | 1.30pm (hall)             | 4pm (hall)     |

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

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our fundraising for the children at our Christmas Fair last week. We raised an amazing £578.39 so are well on our way to hitting our target of £1000 with our Christmas Events. Our next event is **Christmas Bingo straight after school today** with some fantastic "Elf" themed prizes so take a wander round to the school hall and come and join us for some family fun for an hour - refreshments will also be on sale.

If you have paid for **Tea with Santa next Friday**, you should now have received your tickets. Lists will also be displayed next week on the windows confirming times. **Please enter via the Children's Centre entrance** no more than 5 minutes before your allocated time and you will be collected. Please remember this is strictly a ticket only event.

We look forward to seeing you all tonight for Bingo!



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## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

During this term we have received a further generous donation from Merseycats "The Children's Rock 'n' Roll Charity" of sound monitors for the stage, so now the children will be able to hear their music perfectly whilst performing. We thank them for this donation which has enhanced the sound equipment they have already provided.

It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating the talent around school in our Summer Show and Hudson's Got Talent but all of a sudden the Christmas Performance season is almost upon us and it is not just the Early Years and KS1/2 shows that we have in store! We also have our annual "**There's no Business like Snowbusiness**" Talent show on **Monday 17 December**. This will take place during the school afternoon and families are invited to join the rest of the school in supporting our talented youngsters as they take to the stage in our Christmas/ Winter themed show.

Children who wish to take part should let one of the Performing Arts Team (Mrs Craddock, Mrs McNally, Mrs Macpherson, Miss Chapman, Miss Morrissey, Mrs Garside and Mr Garside) know before next Friday 7 December so that we can complete our programme. At this stage they should be able to tell us exactly what music they are performing with and what their act is. Ideally children should provide their own music if required and acts should be of no more than 2mins 30 secs as our Talent Shows are always a popular event. We would prefer singers to have instrumental backing tracks so that we can hear their lovely voices!

## NEWS FORM THE SCHOOL

### OAK CLASS NEWS -

Come along to our Christmas movie night on **Thursday 6th December until 5pm**. Open to children in Year 1 to Year 6. **£2 charge** also includes cookies and a drink. If you would like your child to attend, please pay via parent pay using the item coded Christmas Movie Night.

All proceeds will subsidise the January Learning Journey experience out of school for Year 3, 4 and 5 children.

Have a lovely family weekend, advent calendars at the ready! Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team

