



Family Newsletter

Friday 14th December 2018



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

We have one more full week left at Hudson before Christmas as a family at home really begins - this week has been an absolutely stunning one as far as Christmas' go at Hudson. It all started with the magic of tea with Santa last Friday - it was a truly spectacular event, and I know it will fondly sit in lots of your memories. Again a wonderful small number of volunteering PTFA and staff members put this together, so a great big thanks and warm hugs to that generous bunch of people!

This week it has been all about the story of Christmas through our number of performances including beautiful singing at Church on Monday evening with the school choir and then of course so began the Christmas Nativities. I was absolutely astounded by the clear speaking, tuneful singing and superbly choreographed dancing - both the EYFS and KS1/KS2 shows were mesmerising and entertaining - a perfect combination! I was incredibly proud, as I say at every show, it takes confidence and bravery to get on that stage and perform, and my word did they do that! Of course all of this success is testimony to the endless support you offer as parents and families, and the dedication and enthusiasm that brims from my staff. I have so much thanks to give to our Hudson families and our Hudson family team of staff and PTFA volunteers - they have helped put the sparkle into Hudson these past weeks. I know next week will bring all the excitement to a head with talent shows, entertainment, pantomimes, own clothes and parties - but the children have truly deserved it. Thank you all for supporting these events - Hudson is so much more than tests and sitting down listening and writing, I hope the children are enjoying their time at school, forming relationships and developing personal skills (far more important). Please take a good look at the week ahead - there is so much going on for the children, with a late night for the main school on Thursday. Have a fantastic weekend, relax and recuperate before the holidays begin ☺

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- All Homework books and projects in today please
- 1pm Snow Business - winter talent show, families can attend this in the school hall

Tuesday

- 2pm School Carol Service at St Peter's Church - families can attend too

Thursday

- **Entertainer morning for Little Acorns - see below for more details**
- **Pantomime afternoon for Reception to Year 6** - children will return back to school for approximately **5pm** and must be collected from the front office entrance, this will be a busy area but is the most well-lit area of school at this time of day.
- All parents will be asked to wait in the school hall and the children brought out a class at a time. Please let us know in advance if someone else will be collecting your child. Please be patient with us as we ensure all children are delivered into your care safely.
- **No Willow Den** tonight as all staff on the Panto trip.
- **Friday Party day** - Own clothes at the ready, maybe a Christmas jumper and a festive hat? Children need to wear something they can dance and play games in that won't cause upset if it gets dirty! Please no party food today unless it's in your child's packed lunch. Please feel free to give your child an extra treat for after their lunch if they are on hot dinners.

School closes today at 2pm - there will be no Willow Den Afterschool Club

Please remember that school returns on Tuesday 8th January 2019 as Monday is a staff training INSET day.

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): All Tiny Turtles and Jacob H

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Whole class

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

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

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Daniel G

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Tom B

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

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Kieran H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Christopher N

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): Jorja F

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw and Ms Leppert): Joseph A

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts and Mrs Dillon): Isabella Mc

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Loughlin): Eva P

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Whole class

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Grace H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally): Whole class

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

Kian Q in Sycamore class. For showing a thoughtful attitude towards children in his class - making sure Christmas is extra special for everyone! You are a wonderful citizen, 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

PGL - A reminder letter/email will follow in the new year with regards to 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 - Silver birch, two outstanding payments.

Panto/Entertainer Thursday 20th December - The pantomime (rec - Yr6) or the entertainer visiting our younger children is now on Parentpay so please login and have a look.

Thursday entertainer day Nursery children - If this is not your usual chosen session you are still more than welcome to come and join in (you must stay with your child). Just come to reception and sign in and you can pay via Parentpay.

2 year old's to arrive at 9.15 for an hour

3 year old's to arrive at 10.15 for an hour

Willow Den sessions - If you have pre booked regular sessions for Willow Den and would like to change any of them for the New Year can you please let me know before we finish for Christmas so all relevant registers can be updated.

Childcare vouchers - Can I just remind our voucher users that they are only for childcare i.e nursery sessions, breakfast club, afterschool club

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

I am available any morning for any queries, please pop in.

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

One more week to go now but all of our fundraising efforts have now ended. First of all, many thanks to our extra helpers this week who made it possible to offer refreshments at the fabulous Christmas performances. Thanks also go to Sarah L for obtaining the amazing donations for our raffle prizes which brought in a £255 profit. Our raffle winners were, Ann Shaw and Joshua Williams and the winner of our Hudson Lottery of £80 was Gemma (Evelyn Rens) so congratulations to them. So in just under a month we have raised a grand total of £1,602.99 for the children which will be put to good use - thank you for your support and to the staff who have helped us out with our events.

Next week is our Pantomime Trip and Entertainer day on Thursday and all the children will receive a small gift at the end of the week so we hope they all have a fantastic time and make lovely memories with their friends.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone and we will see you all in 2019!

WEATHER NEWS

As the weather is changing daily, could families please ensure that children are wrapped up warm in named waterproof coats prepared for the outdoors.

It is not always possible for us to let the children in early when it is raining if there are tuition lessons or staff safeguarding meetings (Wednesday) going on as there will not be adequate supervision available. We will always work to provide the best possible care that we can for all children and families and will ensure we are prompt to the doors at 8.50am or earlier when possible.



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FAMILY & COMMUNITY NEWS

On Friday afternoon last week we had fantastic news from one of our families with a child in our Nursery - it was absolutely wonderful and gave us all a little lift on a Friday as we left for the weekend...

You may have already seen or heard through a variety of different social media accounts but William Saunders Mum has been taking on many different running challenges for her own personal wellbeing and with a view to create even better outcomes for others, she lovingly chose Hudson as her next target! We have a great relationship with William's mum through her use of the Children's Centre and now the Nursery. This was her way of saying thank you for the support and services she accesses - 6k sponsored running a day!

There are some wonderfully kind people in this world and she and the people who have sponsored her are just a few of them. Last Friday she excitedly handed us a cheque for £621.61 - absolutely amazing. We have not yet decided how this money will be used but we are exceptionally thankful and will keep you all posted.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Don't forget Monday 17 December at 1pm is our annual Snowbusiness show. This is the chance for our children to dazzle on the stage with their Christmas/ Winter themed performances. This year we have talents ranging from dancing, singing, gymnastics and more; we also have our champions from last year returning from High School to perform one more time on our stage. As you will see the show takes place during the school day but families are invited along to support our shining stars and join the rest of the school as we show that at Hudson there is "No Business like Snowbusiness"! Who will be crowned the winner this year?

Have a lovely family weekend, Christmas is here!
Best wishes Niki Craddock and Team

