

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre

Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 1st March 2019



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Welcome back everyone to the second spring term - this is a short 6 week term filled with lots of buzz and excitement as we lead a path to Easter. It is also time to get creative as we search for ideas for our Easter bonnets. It is a Hudson tradition for children to make a bonnet and go on parade in our Easter church service. All children are recognised for their hard work on these (so parents do let the children help) and our PTFA provide prizes for the winning hat from each class. Dates for our Easter events including children's bingo are all on our displayed school events planner, School Website and School App! Many thanks families to all of those who have been really working hard to keep learning supported and flourishing in the home - we can very much tell the children who are getting this regular support. I know half term has been a good time to spend doing family activities rather than homework but a fifteen minutes a day or a longer single session during the nine days off really made a big difference. Children will receive high praise, recognition and rewards for all of their extra learning time spent at home - so again thank you!

A superb reminder about walking to school took place on Tuesday with a visit from 'Strider' the walk to school mascot. Strider greeted children on the playground in the morning and then visited classes to remind them of the benefits of being healthy in body and mind when walking to school. I hope this has given the children the lift and reminder they need to keep earning their badges, February badges have been given out in class today, let's get even more badges delivered for March ☺

Today we have celebrated all of the hard work and excellent behaviour of children for the whole of last spring term. Each class have a nomination for excellent worker, a behaviour champion and 100% attendees. Lots of prizes and celebrating going on as usual for a brilliant return to school. Also today we have re-established our school as Hudson Primary School with Family Wellbeing Centre. The Family Wellbeing Centre now replaces the Children's Centre with a 0-19 offer of support and community services, pop in and find out more.

Please remember it is World Book Day on Thursday, children will come home with lots of reading information today about our new library, reading challenges and of course a book gift certificate to claim, this can be redeemed in lots of places but Aintree Asda currently has a good array of books!

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK WHEN WE RETURN

Monday

- 2pm Swimming today for Chestnut and Larch class - children should return back to school by 3.40pm but if staff are notified children can be collected from the pool at 3.15pm
- 2.45pm Whole school Assembly with Mrs Craddock

Tuesday

- 9.30am Dental Hygiene session - Some of Reception and Year 1 children
- 2.45pm School Council Meeting

Wednesday

- 2pm School closes for Family Conference Meetings
- No Willow/football afterschool club tonight

Thursday - **WORLD BOOK DAY (dressing up is optional)**

- 9.15am World Book Day Whole school Assembly with Mrs Whitelaw
- Year 6 to Quarry Bank Mill

Friday

- 2.45pm Special Whole School Celebration Assembly with our Teaching 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 **for the whole of last term**, our very own **Behaviour Charter**

Champions are:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Chapman, Mrs Spafford & Team): Harper I & John I

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Abigail H

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

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

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

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

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Mrs Dillon): Millie D

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Kaide C

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Caleb J

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Mr Barker): Reece B

We can also not forget to mention and give praise to those who have demonstrated **Excellence within their learning our EEE winners for the whole of last term!** Those who have truly excelled and impressed are:

Little Acorns Classes (Miss Chapman, Mrs Spafford & Team): Nella F & Tucker T

Maple Class (Miss Cook, Mrs Scott and Miss Wynne): Alfie F

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

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

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

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

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Mrs Dillon): Charlie C

Hazel Class (Mrs Macpherson and Miss Goodwin): Nicola R

Larch Class (Mr Murphy and Team): Grace H

Chestnut Class (Mrs McNally and Mr Barker): Joel S

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 we have many ambassadors of kindness: **Mark F in Yew Class**. For beautifully thoughtful kind hands and heart, forward thinking the needs of the younger children. Hudson is so incredibly proud of you all!

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.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE TEAM - Administrator; Chris Cook

PGL - 5th - 7th June Caythorpe Court. Letters have been given out this week with balances owing and information about the items of clothing your child may need whilst away. Please could I have the completed forms back as soon as possible so I can start to sort all the fun stuff out, activity groups etc. Please check you have your paperwork, any questions then please pop in and see me.

PARENTPAY - School and Family Services Manager; Kelly Herron

ParentPay our parent payment system is now fully integrated into our school life. ParentPay supports us to ensure you are able to view and review your child's account and pay with ease. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that all chargeable services are payable in advance. In addition to trips and events, all nursery fee's, wraparound care and hot dinners should always be paid in advance. From April any accounts which are in debit, even by a small amount, are at risk of having chargeable services withdrawn. We understand that families receive salaries in different ways, however we would ask that our parents prepare to be in a position of 'credit' on their ParentPay account to avoid unnecessary delay, correspondence or removal of services once April term arrives.

No football club or after school club on Wednesday because of the parents conference.

Wally Cain afterschool club - Please note that the start date for this club is **Monday 11th March.**

School app login details - schoolapp hudsonparent *please register*

Family Wellbeing Service; School and Family Services Manager; Kelly Herron

Interested in a career in counselling? A new FREE Counselling Course starts in our centre in the new term in association with Hugh Baird college. The course is entitled 'Concepts in Counselling' and will set you up to begin a journey into a possible new career or even just give you the most amazing skills to support your friends or family. The course is runs for 10 weeks during the school day (Likely a Monday or Thursday afternoon). Plus you'll get to be an official student again! Student discount anyone? (Yes, you will qualify!) See Kelly or Nikki at the office to grab your place.

ONLINE SAFETY AND E-LEARNING UPDATES - Nadia Morrissey and Niki Craddock

At the end of last term we spent some time ensuring the children are e-safe, we also offered a drop in service for families to speak to our ICT technician Chris to trouble shoot any issues you may have or actually help you add safety controls to your devices so that you have peace of mind when your children are online - this did not have any uptake from families unfortunately.

Information and research this month shared from Central Government has caused us great alarm at Hudson with regard to the risks in safety of children being online. At Hudson we have very tight blocks and firewalls that prevent the children from being at any sort of harm or risk at school - but it worries us that children are spending increasing amounts of time on devices and further to this they may not be protected as parents don't have the skills or knowledge to do this effectively or regularly.

The research on children aged 5 - 19 that has been carried out shows many benefits to children having access to technology but the risks when parents don't have the skills to keep the children safe are catastrophic, added to this the increased time spent on devices is causing concerns relating to mental and physical health. This week further issue arose through the frantic published information on another harmful App and now corrupt image that appears on the children's version of YouTube as a pop up or in-between 'safe' recordings. This has really hyped up a frenzy of concern and has caused Sefton to issue some good safeguarding tips for families which I have attached as a PDF. If any families need support on this please do ask a member of our team for help and we will always do our best to support.



Have a wonderful weekend, Niki Craddock and Team

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