

# Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre



## Weekly Newsletter for Families



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope that all of you have had a wonderful summer and created lots of happy memories together as a family. The children have returned with very positive attitudes - I think although they may not admit it, the structure and routine of school can bring great comfort, the majority seem very happy to be back ☺

Over the summer school has been busy with building work, the school Multi Use Games Area has been completed on the main playground and I know this will be a really great resource for free play alongside PE and after school activities. The planters around school have all had a facelift with new planting from a bid I was successful in during the summer term, leaving some money left as requested from the classes for the central planters on the main playground to be their own growing projects. We plan to build up further funds to expand planting areas from the classrooms onto our Eco Garden, our PTFA have been recruited to help us out with this. All of the classrooms in the Key Stage 1 and 2 finally have new doors - our plan is to continue this throughout the school and bring everything together in a really high quality way throughout the entire building. The actual school building you may remember is undergoing a large amount of investment with a completely new heating system. The project is due to last 2 years but they are already ahead of schedule as they have worked so hard during the summer. The team of workers have become a part of our Hudson team now!

There is plenty going on as usual at Hudson but this year we have three main priorities that we really want to focus in on to work alongside our continuous drive to make teaching and learning the best it can be. The first is better mental health and wellbeing for children, our families, staff and the wider community. The second is in developing early language and Oracy skills from Nursery through to Year 6. The third is to be successful in achieving up to silver status of the Rights Respecting Schools Award. These are really big and transformational projects that will involve a lot of commitment from our team. We are super charged and rearing to go though - I will keep you all posted on our achievements.

***3 and 4 year old Nursery parents - Admissions for school places for next September letters are coming home to you all week, please don't forget to collect your letter!***

### PREPARE FOR WEEK AHEAD...

#### Monday

- National TA day
- 1.30pm swimming for Oak Class
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock - International Dot Day!

#### Tuesday

- Please return pupil volunteer applications to Mrs Craddock

#### Wednesday

- **Rock and Rover Trip out for Larch, Elder and Oak Classes**
- 2.45pm Whole School Singing Assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 3.30 - 4.30pm Tuition drop in for families

#### Thursday

- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mr Murphy - International Day of Peace
- 8.30pm School award at The Oldy Club!

#### Friday

- 2.45pm Whole school celebration assembly in the school hall with our Team
- School council nomination letters go home

## 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** (Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Spafford & Team): Ayda T and all Busy Bees

**Maple Class** (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Whole Class

**Yew Class** (Miss Goodwin & Team): Whole Class

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Daisy W

**Silver birch Class** (Miss Morrissey & Team): Sophia Mc

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts & Team): Jamie B

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Lexi C

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs Macpherson): Lily H

**Larch Class** (Mr Murphy & Team): Frankie J

**Hazel Class** (Mrs McNally): Nicole R

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 are:

**Maple Class** (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Scarlet B

**Yew Class** (Miss Goodwin & Team): Kieran S

**Sycamore Class** (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Lilliemae C

**Silver birch Class** (Miss Morrissey & Team): Blake L

**Elder Class** (Mr Roberts & Team): Matthew K

**Oak Class** (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Logan T

**Chestnut Class** (Mrs Macpherson): Lillie H

**Larch Class** (Mr Murphy & Team): Kieran H

**Hazel 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 Hudson Reading Challenge Certificate really helps us to reward those children taking Literature seriously. 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** - None Yet!

**Silver** - None Yet!

**Gold** - None Yet!

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassadors of kindness are **Oak Class ladies: Mollie B, Isabella Mc, Emily MC and Mia A for going out of their way to help teachers set up their books during their own time this week.** Hudson is so incredibly proud of you and thankful for all of your kindness and help!

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.

As part of our ongoing Road Safety work in and around schools in Sefton please find below a link to a tweet we have sent out from Sefton Councils twitter account.

<https://twitter.com/seftoncouncil/status/1171731850919849984>

## 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

**Names in uniform** - Please can we remind you to put your child's name in their school uniform. This makes it much easier to return lost property to its rightful owner.

**PGL** - There are still places left on the PGL residential trip for next year. Children in years 3,4,5+6 are invited to join us on our very memorable holiday. The price for next June is £210. Please let me know if you require an information pack or have any questions. Next week I am hoping to get everyone who has signed up already on to ParentPay so you can start paying in instalments. A deposit is required at the end of the month.

**ParentPay** - Next week ParentPay will be updated and all new children will be given a letter so you can log on to the system. All new patterns and regular sessions will be updated.

**Parent App** - The App has changed in way that you can log on to it and view the information. You will be 'invited' to join via email, I believe this is how class dojo works. If you haven't received the invite by next Thursday then please let me know and we'll check your email is correct.

**Music Lessons** - The music lessons will start next week for those children that expressed an interest at the end of last term. This year there will be three instalments entered on to ParentPay. One at the start of each term for 10 sessions.

Just a reminder that the school phone line is not available between 1.00-2.30pm daily. All answer machine messages are picked up at 2.30pm and visitors to school are still welcome.

Willow Den Wraparound - **WE HAVE MOVED!** We are now based in the family wellbeing centre and families should head to this entrance each morning for drop off and pick up. Please note we do need families to confirm their pre-bookable hours for afterschool care to ensure you continue to receive your discount. **NEW!** Club/late pickup Support £4.00 per child - this service is from end of school day until 4.00pm (please note this service does not include evening snack and will jump to £7.00 if children are collected after 4pm).

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

Oh we have some amazing new sessions coming up in the centre! Fab Fridays is back with a bang every Friday 9.15-10.15am Drop in all welcome. We have OSSME returning to run their amazing Autism training with the next class on Early Indicators 26<sup>th</sup> September 1.00-3.00pm (Places must be booked through the centre) and finally a brand new Level 2 course in Manicure and Pedicure starting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September (you'll get your Level 1 in customer care too!) This one has an eligibility criteria so just give us a shout and we'll check for you.

## WOW - Walk to school news, Mr Roberts

We're pleased to announce that we are continuing to join Living Streets' Walk to School campaign during the 2019/20 academic year. From September your child will be taking part in WOW, the year-round walk to school challenge. Pupils log their daily journeys to school each day on the WOW Travel Tracker in class digitally and those that walk to school **at least twice a week for a month earn a WOW badge**, with 11 to collect across the year. This was a huge success last week, the children loved being rewarded individually and as a class, so we have invested for a further year. The recording starts Monday!



**PTFA News; Secretary Vicki Garside (registered charity no: 1156873):**

Welcome back to all our returning families and to our new families, welcome to Hudson!

The PTFA committee met on Wednesday to review the previous year and discuss the way forward. In attendance were myself, Mrs Craddock, Mrs R McNally, Mrs Hodge and Mr Garside and we also have Miss Kemble who unfortunately was unable to attend. We discussed how we have mastered the organisation of events, and whilst we do have a small number of volunteers to help us, more are needed.

Going forward, these people will make up our Decision Making and Organising Team and we will also have our Event Helpers Team. As you will see from the above, only three of our Decision Making and Organising Team are parents of children within the school, and they are also staff members. We will have our Decision Making and Organising Team meetings on a Wednesday at 5pm, which are of course open for anyone to attend, and we will also arrange meetings for our Event Helpers Team which we plan to hold on a Friday afternoon shortly before home time, when necessary. We will of course also continue to communicate by other methods.

A dedicated email address will be set up, hopefully by next week, for families to contact us directly on with any ideas you might have, and whether you can help at our events - those of you who have already provided your details, we will be in touch with you in the next couple of weeks, and thank you.

We understand that everyone is busy and people work (we do ourselves), but cannot emphasise enough, how important it is that you, the families of children within the school contribute some time to help at our events. Without it, events may need to be cancelled, funds cannot be raised and we cannot do what we are there for - enhance the education of your children and provide them with lasting memories of their time at Hudson.

This year, we are raising funds towards outside classroom areas for all year groups that can be used for planting, which will contribute to Science lessons and the Wellbeing of our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend, Niki Craddock and Team



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## LOVE

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## EXERCISE

Encourage play, exercise and sport



## BEHAVIOUR

Keep an eye out for any changes in behaviour



## SUPPORT

Regularly support, encourage and praise your child



## REST TIME

Help your child to manage stress by building in some rest time



## BE PROUD

Tell your child that you are proud of them



## PATIENCE

Be patient. Don't pressure your child



## HELP

Don't be afraid to seek help from professionals



## FEELING

Get to know how your child is feeling



## EDUCATE

Educate yourself about mental health problems



## PROBLEM SOLVING

Help your child to effectively problem solve



## LISTEN

Make sure you take time to listen to what your child has to say



## COPING

Help your child to learn some simple coping skills such as relaxation



## SYMPTOMS

Be aware of signs and symptoms



## CONVERSATION

Encourage your child to engage in conversation



## ENVIRONMENT

Provide a positive environment for your child where they can thrive





# SCHOOL EVENTS 2019-2020 - AUTUMN TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Pupil volunteer job applications go home</b> Children in years 1 to 6 have the opportunity to take on a volunteer role at school, please help your child to complete the application form and return it to school on time.</p> <p><b>Hudson University for Children club letters go home</b> It is time for our clubs to start - please ensure your enrolment fee is paid on time and you also collect our out of hour's passport for clubs your child attends away from Hudson.</p>
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September For two weeks	<p><b>Reception class NFER testing starts &amp; baseline assessments for all other classes</b> Please ensure your child attend school every day and also on time so that accurate assessments can be made and relevant targets set for the term and year.</p>
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>School council applications go home</b> It is time again for us to recruit our new members to our school and class councils. Please support your child in completing their crucial application and returning it on time.</p> <p><b>HUC confirmations go home</b> Children will today receive a reply slip from their application for Hudson University Clubs. Please read it carefully to check start dates and finish times of clubs.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<p><b>HUC clubs start</b> Our clubs will start this week, please ensure that verbal correspondence is made for any changes to collection of your child or acceptance of their or non-attendance.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>PTFA meeting 5pm</b> Come along and join our hardworking team of volunteers to plan events for your children and organise spending. No experience or particular skills necessary.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Wear Jeans for Genetic research charity. Wear denim £1 donation.</b> One of the children's favourite charity events - wear genes and donate £1 towards genetic research. Any non-uniform will do if your child does not like wearing denim.</p>
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><b>Pupil volunteer jobs announced</b> <b>School Council badges awarded 2.30pm - Families welcome to attend</b> A special assembly to celebrate the achievements of children who have been successful in their application for an important role within our school community.</p>
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Hello Yellow Event</b> Supporting world mental health day - Young minds and a school community charity event £1 to charity, wear something yellow</p>
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>Settling in meeting with Teachers After School</b> A session with your class teacher to see your child's new learning environment, find out what the year has in store and ask any settling in questions you may have.</p>
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7 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>National Poetry day - performance poetry assembly in school hall from 2.30pm</b> A chance to see the children perform as a whole school, their love of literacy, poetry, rhythm and rhyme and also of course performing!</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<p><b>Harvest donations in - tins and jars please!</b> Harvest has arrived again, at Hudson we like to support those in our locality not as fortunate. All donations will go to our very own Foodbank sources.</p>
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<p><b>2pm Harvest festival service - Key Stage 1 lead</b> Come along and join in our Harvest celebration, listen to readings, songs and stories.</p>

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Autumn themed PTFA disco £4 per child for goodies 4-5.30pm</b> Another fantastic disco organised by our PTFA. All children are invited to come and party. Younger children from our Nursery and Base will need an adult to party with. This is a ticket only event.
<b>Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October return Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Autumn Celebration Assembly - families welcome at 2.30pm</b> It is time for us celebrate the first Autumn achievements of our children. We will today give special mention to those with 100% attendance and award prizes to Behaviour charter champions and excellent workers of the first term from each class.
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Family conference letters go home - return by Wednesday next week</b> It is time to find out about learning developments and targets in learning for your child. Please read the letter carefully and return it promptly in order for us to deal with your requests thoroughly.
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole week	<b>Assessment week - all children's first assessment of the year</b> Please ensure your child has good attendance and punctuality this week. We will be working hard to showcase all they have learnt so far in the year, celebrate successes and make plans to support any difficulties.
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Remembrance service - Chestnut class to lead 10.30am</b> Come along and join in our Remembrance service, listen to readings, songs and stories from our British culture.
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Family conference confirmations go home</b> All family conference times will be returned today, teachers will also display the timetable in the windows along the corridor if you need a reminder!
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole week	<b>Anti-bullying week, themed activities for all children</b> A very important event for the children at Hudson, a time for self-checking and understanding. Lots of important activities will be ongoing to make this memorable and purposeful for all children.
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Family conference - school closure at 2pm for meetings</b> Families to attend their meeting at their allotted time in the school hall, unless you are a family from the Nursery. Children's work can be found outside their classrooms for families to look through and share their child's learning before or after their meeting.
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Christmas decoration day!</b> Come along and join in the fun as we deck the halls and help our PTFA get ready for Christmas.
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Non-uniform event £1 - Christmas jumpers at the ready.</b> A non-uniform day for the whole school, children can get good wear out of their Christmas Jumpers if they wish.
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>PTFA Christmas market</b> Come along and get ready for Christmas! Fun for all of the family and a great fundraiser for our PTFA. Lots to buy, see and get involved in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Christmas performance tickets go on sale</b> Tickets are £1 each and are limited to two per family per show. If some still remain by 10 <sup>th</sup> December we will reopen a limitless sale at 9am.
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christingle Service at 2.30pm followed by PTFA Christmas bingo</b> Come along and really start to feel that Christmas has arrived. See the children read, sing and begin their exciting Christmas celebration. The PTFA will host a bingo event afterwards with a great array of prizes.
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Early Years dress rehearsal morning</b> Please ensure your child's costume is in during the week of the 26 <sup>th</sup> November in a bag that is labelled with their name. If you are struggling to get a costume together please let us know by the 26 <sup>th</sup> November to give us time to find something suitable.
9 <sup>th</sup> December	One day this week	<b>Party with Santa from 3.30pm</b> Please remember that this is a ticket only event. PTFA members are available at the end of each school day in the nursery entrance and Reception class entrance areas.
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS1 and KS2 dress rehearsal morning</b> Please ensure your child's costume is in during the week of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> December in a bag that is labelled with their name. If you are struggling to get a costume together please let us know by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> December to give us time to find something suitable.
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas performances: 10am EYFS</b>



		<p align="center"><b>4pm KS1 and KS2</b></p> <p align="center">Please remember that these are ticket only events, tickets will be on sale a week prior to the event, with a limit for each family. On the 9<sup>th</sup> December if tickets still remain we will open it out to all families to buy as many tickets as are left over.</p>
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16 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<p align="center"><b>Pantomime and Entertainer Day</b></p> <p align="center">We have saved for weeks and it's finally arrived a day at the pantomime for our older children and a Christmas celebration with entertainment for our Younger children (nursery) organised by our PTFA.</p>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<p align="center"><b>9.15am Snow Business Winter themed Talent show</b></p> <p align="center">Our annual winter talent show, come and see our children perform on the stage!</p>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<p align="center"><b>Party day - Own clothes</b></p> <p align="center">Today we will host a special Christmas party day, with games, treats, crafts and a special visitor!</p>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<p align="center"><b>End of term - school closes at 2pm</b></p> <p align="center">Please remember that today your child needs collecting at 2pm and unfortunately there will not be any Willow den after school care available.</p>

**School holiday from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December with a return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January due to INSET day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**





# HUDSON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019 - 2020



	AUTUMN TERM 2019	SPRING TERM 2020	SUMMER TERM 2020
<b>Term commences</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September <i>Children return on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> due to planned Inset days</i>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Children return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> due to a planned Inset day</i>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Children return on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> due to a planned Inset day</i>
<b>Mid Term Holidays</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Children return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> due to a planned Inset day</i>
<b>Term Ends</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

New Year's Day	Wed January 1 <sup>st</sup>
Good Friday	Fri April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Monday	Mon April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Early May Bank Holiday	Fri May 8 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon August 31 <sup>st</sup>

5 days have been allocated for In-Service Training (INSET) Days when teachers will be working but school will be closed.

- INSET days are on **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> June**
- 2 x 2pm closure days are set for Family Progress Conference meetings - **20<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> March**

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