

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre



Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 4th October 2019



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Autumn has finally arrived and we are definitely feeling the effects of the dark morning wakeups and crisp chill in the air. It is time to wrap up warm and get the winter woollies out, all labelled and ready for school!

This week we welcomed all of our pupil volunteers, school and class council members and of course our Head boy and Girl school captains into their new roles. The children are currently working on thoughts about Global warming and climate change and how they can play their part in reducing single use plastic and energy wastage at school - I am looking forward to their ideas in our first full school council meeting on 15th October. Our School Captains have been in action this week getting to know our younger children and supporting them in class with school routines and rules. They have listened to Maple class very maturely and are considering their viewpoints on how settling into school can be made better, we are all very proud!

Also this week we welcomed in a new member of staff to our Performance team. Miss Lisa Harper has joined our Hudson Family and through the direction of Mr Roberts is working her way through the school extending the curriculum offer with dance. This is a creative enhancement that I am sure will get the children active and engaged - it goes beyond normal curriculum dance and it is exciting to have an expert in coaching the children, making good use of the Sport Premium Grant. Hopefully this will inspire boys and girls and awaken those hidden talents.

Tuition started this week, this is a superb FREE offer that Hudson provides each year through the support of the Governing Body. Each year a different cohort of children are selected based on school priority areas. Tuition is not a normal school offer provided by other primary schools, and Hudson are fortunate to have staff who know the children well and are eager to support children's learning development further in their own time. Thank you families in advance for supporting this investment I know parents always want the best for their children, and trusting our professional guidance and working together to provide that extra boost to invest in your child is when it works best.

PREPARE FOR WEEK AHEAD...

Monday **REMINDER: NO CLUBS OR WILLOW DEN TONIGHT**

- 1.30pm swimming for Oak Class. (Children returning to school)
- 2.45pm Whole School Singing Assembly with Mrs Macpherson

Tuesday

- 2.45pm Class Council time

Wednesday

- Wear Yellow for young minds - £1 donation
- 2.45pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock - Yellow Minds Anxiety and worry!
- Family meetings - time to meet the new class teacher 3.30pm or 4.15pm (no children please)
- 5pm Performing Arts meeting
- 6pm Governors Meeting: Performance and Scrutiny

Thursday

- 2.30pm Whole school assembly - Slow down Bobby Campaign!

Friday

- Library visit for Maple and Sycamore Classes
- 2.45 pm 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, our very own **Behaviour Charter Champions** are:

Little Acorns Classes (Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Spafford & Team): Lily J, Lina

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): George G

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Luke W

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Joseph R

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Matilda J

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Alby R

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Mia A

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Tom B

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Oliver W

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Charlie S

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): Matilda Mc

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Malachi J

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Hunter Mc

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Elisha K

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Grace F

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Mollie B

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Beth L

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Grace H

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Kaide C

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 ambassador of kindness is in **Elder Class: Millie Tonge for treating a child in her class with such care and attention - reassuring and encouraging her every step of the way!** Hudson is so incredibly thankful to have you as part of our school!

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

FLU - All consent forms must be returned even if you do not want your child to receive the flu nasal spray (fill in the box on the right hand side of the form). Thank you

PGL - Last chance for 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. We are showing the children what PGL is all about next week before I give final numbers into PGL. 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 mid Oct. Monday 7th Oct is the day I give final numbers in so please let me know if your child wishes to go.

ParentPay -I am currently working on updating ParentPay. If you are new to our school and did not receive a letter last week about your child's account, then please pop in or ring me.

Parent App - Connect Parent App is completely different from the old one so please delete the old app. You should of all been 'invited' to join via email so please check. If you haven't received the invite, then please let me know and we'll check your email is correct.

Hudson University Clubs - Please remember they all finish at 4pm.

Reminder Just a reminder that the school phone line is not available between 1.00-2.00pm daily. All answer machine messages are picked up at 2.00pm and visitors to school are still welcome during this time.

Willow Den Wraparound - IMPORTANT NOTICE! Our Club/late pickup Support £4.00 per child **IS A PRE-BOOKABLE SERVICE** - 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). **This service needs to be booked on to - it cannot be assumed that the children will just be taken into Willow den care if they are not collected as there is not always available space. This is becoming a particularly busy service so book now and don't be disappointed!**

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

Willow Den & HUC Cancellation Notice - unfortunately there will be no

Willow Den Afterschool Childcare or Hudson University Afterschool clubs on Monday 7th and Monday 14th October due to mandatory school safeguarding training for our whole staff team. We have tried our best to avoid cancelling however we are governed by the providers of the training. We hope that this has not inconvenienced our families too much.

NEW - FREE FAMILY LEARNING - Early Years Literacy Development course! In association with Sefton learning team we are pleased to be able to offer a 6 week FREE course for our parents to support our nursery children's learning. We've sent out some more info and reply slips, don't delay in handing your forms back if you're interested as its first come first served!

NEW! Governor Viewpoint; Sally Sheridan Parent Governor.

Welcome to our new and regular feature of the Hudson Newsletter.

As a Governing Body, we wanted to have the opportunity to share details of the work that we are doing to contribute to the smooth running of our school.

On Wednesday, we met for the first time this year and talked about the school priorities and objectives for 2019/20. We have agreed that there will be two governor committees this year: "Performance and Scrutiny" which will focus on how our children are progressing and "Finance and Premises" which will look at our budget and how we can ensure that we invest the money that we have into improvements and projects that will benefit all of our children and our wider Hudson family.

We also talked about how we can engage with the school team and children in a more visible and supportive way. We hope that by sharing these messages with you, we will help you to understand the work that goes on "behind the scenes" and provide a flavour of the role performed by governors.

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

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Just a quick reminder this week that tickets will shortly be appearing on parent pay for our Autumnal (optional fancy dress) disco on Friday 25 October from 4-5.30pm. Tickets are £5 and include treats, drink, tattoo and games. Face painting will be available for additional charge of £1 on the night, from our new artistic volunteers from Maghull High.

Finally, have you ever thought you would like to help, but don't have the time? Well, now you can, for our Christmas Fair one of our lovely volunteers will be running a "Chocolate Tombola". To enable her to do this though we need donations of chocolate which she will then make into some lovely tombola prizes. All we ask is that in the next couple of weeks, you drop a selection box, or chocolate treat into your shopping and then bring it into school in the last week of half term. We will also be collecting your donations at the disco. This is just one of the quick and easy ways you can help raise money for your children and help us.

Have a fantastic weekend, Niki Craddock and Team

School thought for the week:

Reminder: People might not *actually* feel how you think they feel. 😊

**A mindfulness exercise
guaranteed
to reduce your kid's anxiety
and hyperactivity**



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5 things I see...



4

4 things I hear...



3

3 things I feel...



2

2 things I smell...



1

1 thing I taste...

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