

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre

Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 22nd November 2019



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Well it is beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas - the frosty mornings are helping us to get right into the spirit of things! We are all systems go at Hudson with our Christmas Market approaching next Friday followed by Christingle and Christmas bingo the following week. Not forgetting Monday is Christmas Decoration day - so be prepared on Wednesday when you all arrive for your family conference times to be inundated with tinsel, and festive cheer! Remember school closes promptly at 2pm Wednesday so that the conference can take place and not go on too late into the night.

This week we have been continuing on with our anti-bullying work and promotion of kindness. The children have lovely ideas about how to treat each other and what all the right ways to be a good citizen are - we just need to keep reinforcing this, and any help you can do to reinforce this further at home would be absolutely superb. In assembly on Monday we talked about filling the school with colour - this is a concept of colour being the passing on of kindness to each other - this all came through a YouTube clip we showed. The children are keen to do this, you could even fill your homes with colour too! Please reward the children for all of the kindness they show others, simple acts that make us all feel good and happy.

Lots of families and staff have shown extreme kindness lately through their supportive act and generosity of time. We have our staff volunteers available as school wellbeing mentors on the playground each morning, ensuring families have someone to greet and maybe chat to if needed. We also have lots of charitable donations for foodbank, the Pyjama collection charity and of course our own school fundraising going in. All of this makes Hudson a brilliant place to be and excellent role models for our children to be learning from. Thank you for your continued support on this.

This week we launched our nursery rhyme challenge for our youngest Hudson members of school. A fact that I had never heard of before but really gave the rhyme challenge a lot more importance for me was this bit of research...

If children know 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually amongst the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8 years old.

PREPARE FOR WEEK AHEAD...

Monday - Christmas Decoration Day!

- 1.30pm swimming for Oak Class. (Children returning to school)
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock - Christmas Traditions

Tuesday

- 2.45pm Class Council time

Wednesday

- 9.30am Baptist church visit for Y6 - Bubblegum Christmas!
- 2pm School closure for Family Conference - all children need to be collected promptly and there is **NO Willow / NO football**

Thursday

- Pm Dance sessions with Miss Harper / Pm Music tuition day
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with Mr Murphy - story time

Friday - Christmas jumper day (£1 donation via ParentPay towards our Panto/entertainer)

- 2.45pm Whole school Celebrations Assembly with our school team
- 5-6.30pm Christmas Market
- Last day for any afterschool clubs until the New Year

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): All 2's and William S

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Libby D

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Thomas H

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Matthew L

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Sophie G

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Hayden J

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Isabelle D

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Lillie-Mai H

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Grace H

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Charlie GA

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): Evelyn R

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Jamie B

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Elsa P

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Danosh S

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

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Poppy K

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Dylan E

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Evie S

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 - Jack B (Y1), Matthew L (Y1), Abigail H (Y1), Owen G (Y1), Poppy GA (Y1) and Kian Q (Y2)

Silver - Abigail H (Y1) and Daisy W (Y1)

Gold - None Yet!

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassadors of kindness are Alfie F and Grace F in Sycamore and Elder Classes for beautiful kind acts for charity.

They have saved up their pocket money to provide Christmas treats for the Foodbank and new Pyjamas for our local pyjama fundraiser 😊 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.



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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE TEAM - Administrator; Chris Cook

CHRISTMAS DINNER - Wednesday 11th December £2.10

If your child currently has a hot dinner on Wednesday's, then please do nothing as they will already be included in the numbers and charged in the usual way. If your child would like a Christmas dinner on this day then pay via ParentPay by **Thursday 28th November** (numbers will have to be given to the kitchen).

Children in Rec, yr1 and yr2 are free so please see me and let me know.

STORYTIME WITH SANTA - Friday 13th December - £6. Now sold out!

PGL - Everyone that has signed up to join us on our adventure next June is now set up on ParentPay. A deposit is required asap. Please let me know if you have any difficulties.

ParentPay - IMPORTANT INFORMATION! All parentpay accounts are currently under review. Generated arrears notifications will go out early next week. Please can we ask you review your account today to ensure it is in credit as per our terms and conditions. Non-payment of your Parentpay account can and have resulted in the removal of additional services which we know are a lifeline to some parents.

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. There are still quite a few parents not yet active on our new app, please get in touch to be kept in touch with school life.

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.

NO WILLOW DEN AFTERSCHOOL CARE / FOOTBALL CLUB ON THIS WEDNESDAY DUE TO PARENT MEETINGS

Christmas Performance Dates for your diary

EYFS - This is Nursery and Reception Classes:

Tuesday 17th December at 10am and Wednesday 18th December at 10am

KS1/KS2 - This is Years 1 to 6:

Tuesday 17th December at 4pm and Wednesday 18th December 2pm

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

Next week is our Christmas Fair - 5 - 6.30 on Friday!! It has come around so quickly, and thanks to all of your amazing chocolate donations, we have some amazing prizes on offer for our tombola and other games. Not only that, but our fantastic choir led by Mrs Macpherson will be opening the fair for us and entertaining you briefly with the songs they have been learning, before helping out, AND our super School Council will be asking you to name the teddy in a bid to raise funds for their project to reduce the use of single use plastics in school. So, make sure you pop along and see them as all funds they raise will be going towards this.

We have so much on offer this year to keep the children entertained, lots of snacks so you aren't running on an empty stomach, as well as biscuits for the children to decorate and take away with them.

We're sure the children will love the challenge of trying to "Pie Face" a member of staff, or even a member of their family - they get to choose - and put your best smiles on in our photo booth where you might just catch our mischievous guest for a photo! So, bring plenty of change along with you.

Don't forget, Charlie Broughton will be out and about on the playground next week selling numbers for you to win some great prizes in our raffle, so remember to bring some change with you.

Storytime with Santa is now sold out! Tickets will be issued for your session week commencing 2 December and more details will be provided in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you all next week when it really will be starting to look a lot like Christmas., after we decorate the whole school on Monday - all welcome.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

We are now at our busiest time of the year, with plenty of opportunities for the children to perform and shine on our Hudson stage, from Nursery right up to Year 6!

The confidence the children show in these performances grows each and every year and the Performing Arts Team have been busy working behind the scenes to decide where we can improve our facilities for performing and how we can do this, and are hoping you will see the outcome of this in the coming weeks.

We are every ambitious with what we want to achieve so we will be holding a fundraising event with a Christmas Movie Night on Tuesday 10 December until 5.30pm. For just £3, you can leave your child at school, maybe enjoy a bit of Christmas shopping, and the children will enjoy a showing of The Nativity with their friends. Snacks and drinks are included in the price - bargain! Tickets will be available from next week on ParentPay.

Then of course we have our Christmas performances on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 December where programme will be also be on sale - keep an eye out in the newsletter for details of when tickets will be available.

Finally, one of our favourites, our Winter Talent show "There's no Business like Snowbusiness!!" which really gets us into the Christmas spirit. This year it will take place on the morning of Friday 20 December. If your child wants to take part, they need to provide their name and details of what they would like to do to Mrs Craddock by Friday 6 December. Mrs McNally will be seeing each child the following week to find their music on You Tube so we can have plenty of time to have the correct version. This is often the most difficult task for the team, so please help your child with this and provide us with as much detail as possible, or a copy of the music, so they are not disappointed. Who will be the act to take over the "Snowbusiness" trophy from Holly and Faye?

A special mention of congratulations to our amazing Charlie K in Oak class who has again retained his World Champion status for kickboxing - see him on the front of the Champion this week - well done Charlie, we are so proud of you!

Have a lovely family weekend, Niki Craddock and Team

33 days until Christmas



School thought for the week:

Don't be afraid to try new things...you never know where they might take you.

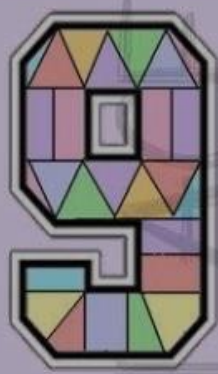


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things to say to your anxious child

1. I'm here with you. You're safe.

2. Do you want to do some dancing or running to get rid of the worried energy?

3. Tell me about it.



4. What would you like to say to your worry? What might your worry say back? Then what?

5. Let's draw it.

6. What does it feel like in your body? Where is the worry? How big is it?



7. Match your breaths to mine.

8. Let's think up some endings for what could happen (anxious ones, goofy ones, AND realistic ones).



9. What's something we could do to help you feel better?