

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre

Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 17th January 2020



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Staff have been very busy this week getting exciting learning opportunities arranged for all of the children. There has been a visit out already this term as Hazelnut class ventured out as Victorian children for the day to Quarry bank mill. They came back brimming with knowledge and a whole host of Victorian experiences - I think they are very thankful for the lifestyle they now have in comparison! Next week it is the turn of Elder, Oak and Larch classes to become Roman soldiers. They will be off to Chester for a Dewa experience, marching around the historic local town looking for historic evidence. Our very youngest children will be bringing culture to life as Little Acorns and Maple class combine together as an EYFS Team to learn all about Chinese New Year. Monday brings lots of fun in the form of food tasting and creative Chinese Craft making, the staff are very excited to immerse the children into cultural learning throughout the week with this amazing Chinese seasonal theme.

Today has been one of my favourites as we celebrate the achievements of the children who have really stood out for the whole of the last term as we approached Christmas. The class teachers have carefully selected a behaviour charter champion and an excellent worker overall for that last term. We also recognised the attendance of children who remarkably managed to not have day off of that second school term when there was so much sickness spreading around. Some of those amazing children are listed on the following page - we are so very proud of every single one of them!

Hudson club confirmation letters should be in school bags today - please have a good check, as we have limits on the numbers attending clubs, so please do not assume that your child has a place in all of their chosen ones. Remember these finish at 4pm! *Letters brought today will be considered on Monday.*

Our school mentoring began this week through staff, pupil and family request ☺ We have mentors on duty at playtime offering a listening ear and we now have mentoring Monday activities in the hall at lunch, Therapy Thursday with Kelly Herron, offering meditation and relaxation in the hall at lunch, and reading and quiet time in the library of a Friday lunch. It is our first week and it has been lovely, I will have a check in at the end of the term with the School council to see how much the school is valuing it.

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- Chinese New Year celebrations for EYFS
- 1.30pm swimming for Hazelnut Class and Larch. (Children returning to school)
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with Mrs Craddock - **Martin Luther King**

Tuesday

- 2.45pm Class council meeting

Wednesday

- 2.50pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 5pm Performing Arts Team Meeting

Thursday

- Chester Dewa experience for Larch, Elder and Oak
- PM dance sessions with Lisa Harper
- PM Music lessons
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with Miss Morrissey - Robert Burns Night

Friday

- 2.45pm Celebration assembly with our school 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 (Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Spafford & Team): Ollie B and Scarlett C

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Harvey Mc

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Mason C

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Ciaran Q

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Elle O

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Korey W

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Grace W

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Natasha P

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Mark F

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Paige M

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

Little Acorns Classes (Mrs McIntyre, Mrs Spafford & Team): Emily L and Charlie T

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

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Kieran S

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Elsa P

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Isabelle H

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Ruby C

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Miss Peters & Team): Bella K

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Shayne H

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Dylan E

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 and EYFS Nursery Rhyme Certification 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 - Nancy L (Y1), Poppy K (Y5), Louis L (Y5) Caitlyn R (N), Ellie C (R) Callie Mac (N)

Silver - Lilliemae C (Y1), Logan T (Y4), Teddy W (N), Ayda T (N)

Gold - Owen G (Y1), Elliot Mc (Y1), Martha G (Y4)

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassador of kindness is **Olivia H in Maple class**, who before everything else she puts everyone and everything first at Hudson, she has a heart of gold, and although one of the youngest in main school she is not scared to stop and offer support to others. Hudson is so incredibly proud of you!

Apologies last week for the error, the below should have read...

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassadors of kindness are **Mrs Scott and The Lake family**, who generously gave up their Christmas day to feed local people in need of love, care and comfort at Christmas. Hudson is so incredibly proud of you!

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.

GOVERNING BODY NEWS - Daniel Garside; Chair of Governors

Following on from Sally's previous article about governors I thought I would give you an insight into what governors focussed on in our recent Performance & Scrutiny meeting on Wednesday evening this week. Mrs. Craddock has recently updated the school's self-evaluation document. This is an important document which Ofsted will use to gain an initial impression of how the school judges itself and the areas that we think we need to improve on.

This is a detailed document and in the time we had we decided to focus on Leadership and Management. The Ofsted Leadership and Management judgement is about how leaders, managers and those responsible for governance ensure that the education that the school provides has a positive impact on all its pupils.

Mrs. Craddock and her team judge the school's Leadership and Management to be Good, so in our meeting we as governors challenged her to justify this marking and asked questions around what the school needs to do to become Outstanding.

We used the Ofsted framework document which can be found on the internet (https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/843108/School_inspection_handbook_-_section_5.pdf) to see if we agreed with Mrs. Craddock's assessment.

In summary this provides indicators to measure against the ways in which leaders should interact with staff, pupils and the local community and that they should have a clear and ambitious vision for providing a high-quality education to all pupils. Added to this there needs to be clear policies in place for safeguarding all pupils and have a focus on developing staff knowledge, the way in which they teach and assess the curriculum, ensure that the curriculum is wide ranging and be aware of the workload of all staff and the main pressures on them.

As Governors our role is to understand what leaders need to do and ensure that they carry it out effectively; that all our resources are managed well; that leaders have a clear vision and strategy and hold our school leaders to account for their decisions.

In order to do this, there is a lot of information and Statutory duties that we need to be aware of and absorb and a lot of indicators that we are measured against. However, Governors were satisfied after lengthy discussions around the challenges that we made that Mrs Craddock's self-assessment was correct and she could justify to Ofsted that the school is Good in this area.

At our next full Governor's meeting our focus will be on the Quality of Education.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE TEAM - Administrator; Chris Cook

Parent App - If you do not already have the App then please provide me with a current email address which I will then send an invite to. It's now even easier to activate your app. You now only need the Connect Parent App to have a link to Class Dojo and ParentPay.

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.

Dewa Experience is next Thursday so please make sure your permission slip and payments are in. I will need to know by Monday if any packed lunches are required.

Hudson University Clubs - Confirmation letters home today, please check as all clubs are not guaranteed due to maximum numbers.

Have a brilliant weekend. Best wishes, Niki Craddock and Team

School thought for the week:

Even small acts can have a big impact

Wellbeing weekly support from Hudson...



Mr. Roberts



Miss Grisedale



Mrs. Macpherson



Miss Goodwin



Miss Roper



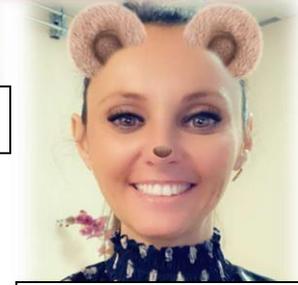
Mrs. Evans

Hudson Mentors



Mentors help children at Hudson develop coping strategies, enhance their motivation, raise their aspirations and encourage them to re-engage in learning.

There is always someone here for you when you need it most.



Mrs. McNally



Miss Marl



Mrs. Herron



Mr. Murphy



Mrs. Craddock



Mrs. Walton



Mrs. Garry



Mrs. Harris



Miss Wynne



Miss Leppert



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SCHOOL EVENTS 2019-2020 - SPRING TERM

Week	Date of event	Event title and details
6 th January	Tuesday 7 th January	INSET DAY MONDAY - Children return on Tuesday 7 th January Children don't need to attend school today as it is a teaching team training day, children return on Tuesday 7 th January.
6 th January	Whole week	Winter themed writing week Welcome back themed writing for the whole school - exciting the children into thematic shared learning experiences.
6 th January	Friday 10 th January	Hudson University for Children club letters go home 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.
6 th January	Friday 10 th January	Toy afternoon A time for toys to be brought to school, something to share, not too expensive or violent!
13 th January	Friday 17 th January	Autumn Celebration Assembly 2 - families welcome at 2.30pm It is time for us celebrate the second 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 second autumn term from each class.
13 th January	Friday 17 th January	HUC confirmation letters go home 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.
27 th January	ALL WEEK	Spring Assessment week 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.
27 th January	Wednesday 29 th January	PTFA meeting 5pm Come along and join our hardworking team of volunteers to plan events for your children and organise spending. No experience or particular skills necessary.
3 rd February	Friday 7 th February	Family conference letters go home - return by Wednesday next week 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.
10 th February	ALL WEEK	Safer Internet Week A chance for us to teach the children the importance of internet safety and how and why they need to protect themselves. Activities for families to attend will be advertised through class dojo and the newsletter. There will be an opportunity for families to get technical support from our own ICT technician Wednesday morning.
10 th February	Thursday 13 th February	PTFA Valentine Disco from 3.30 - 5pm (price to be confirmed) 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.
10 th February	Friday 14 th February	Finish for half term
Half Term Monday 17th February return Monday 24th February		
24 th February	Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
24 th February	Friday 28 th February	Spring Celebration Assembly 1 - families welcome at 2.30pm



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2 nd March	Wednesday 4 th March	Family conference - school closure at 2pm for meetings 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.
2 nd March	Thursday 5 th March	World Book day - character dress up! Children can celebrate Literary achievements today and dress in their favourite book character. There will be lots of reading and celebrating going on at Hudson.
16 th March	Tuesday 17 th March	Afternoon of performance - all invited to attend to see the whole school perform 2pm An opportunity to see all of the children from Reception through to Year 6 perform on stage. A fantastic demonstration of a love for learning at Hudson.
23 rd March	Wednesday 25 th March	PTFA meeting 5pm Come along and join our hardworking team of volunteers to plan events for your children and organise spending. No experience or particular skills necessary.
30 th March	Wednesday 1 st April	Easter bonnet parade 2pm It is time for our Easter celebration, with readings, songs and of course our Easter bonnet parade. Families welcome to attend.
30 th March	Friday 3 rd April	Non-uniform - donate an egg for Easter bingo 1-2pm! Children can celebrate their last day of term in non-uniform, taking part in lots of Easter crafts and hunting! In the afternoon we will come together in our buddy pairs to play Easter egg bingo!
30 th March	Friday 3 rd April	World ASD day - morning of activities and learning An important day of inclusion, empathy and understanding for our children. Lots of activities and whole school learning going on. Children to wear blue and donate £1 to charity
30 th March	Friday 3 rd April	HUC clubs end for the spring term New clubs to start in the new term when we return to school.
30 th March	Friday 3 rd April	End of term - school closes at 2pm Please remember that today your child needs collecting at 2pm and unfortunately there will not be any Willow den after school care available.

**Return to school for the summer term on Tuesday 21st April -
Monday 20th April is an INSET day**