

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre

Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 31st January 2020



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher: Niki Craddock

Well it's been wintery walk time in the EYFS as they have embarked on exploring the outdoors in preparation for their new Learning Journey theme - Where does snow go? I think the big question now is - will the children get to experience snow this year?

This week has been our spring catch up on learning as the teaching team has been capturing all of the independent learning that has been going on and evidencing it. Next week will be a really valuable opportunity for the children to sit with our school adults and look at how much they are developing personally and academically, hopefully this will give the children a good confidence boost or a motivator to achieve more. All of this information will be shared with you all at our next Family conference meeting. Letters are on their way home for the 4th March dedicated time, please don't forget to return yours and guarantee the time you need.

Wednesday night was a chance for our PTFA to catch up and get planning on some up and coming events, but just to clarify - the Valentine disco will be on Friday 14th February in our school hall - I think I had originally put Thursday on the event planner and this was a mistake! The disco will be straight from school until 4.30pm - with lots of games and competitions planned. Tickets need to be purchased well in advance so goody bags can be made up by Monday 10th February as this is the only dedicated time available for volunteers to get this done. If your child goes to Willow Den after school Care on this night they too will be taken to the disco if they have purchased a ticket and will get their goody bag on arrival, they will be collected from the disco by our team and then remain in our care until collection.

School council have been very keen this year to eliminate as much single use plastic from school as possible. They have fundraised to support the purchasing of reusable drinks bottles in school and have asked the PTFA to match fund. After half term we will only be allowing refillable drinks bottles in school and will be setting children the task of reducing single use plastic in their lunch boxes!

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- 1.30pm swimming for Hazelnut Class and Larch. (Children returning to school)
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with Miss McNally - **Chinese New Year**

Tuesday

- Am Sefton singing project for Chestnut class Y5
- 2.45pm Class council meeting

Wednesday

- 2.50pm Whole school singing assembly with Mrs Macpherson
- 5pm Mental Health and Wellbeing Team meeting

Thursday

- PM dance sessions with Lisa Harper
- PM Music lessons
- 2.50pm Whole school assembly with Miss Morrissey - **Safer Internet Use**

Friday

- 2.45pm Celebration assembly with our school team



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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): Sebastian M & Oliver J

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Zachary LB

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Mason L

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Daisy W

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Lily FF

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

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Honey HMc

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): James P

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, our EEE winners!** Those who have truly excelled and impressed are:

Maple Class (Mrs Kelly, Miss Jones & Team): Luke T

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Owen G

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Nathaniel W

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Mikey K

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

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson): Eva P

Larch Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Mark F

Hazel Class (Mrs McNally): Faye H

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 - (2YrN) Emily L, Eva H, Henry T, Otis R, Jake C. (3YrN) Layla P, Harper K, Ethan F, Sophie S, Alan G, Scarlet C, Heidi J, Joseph F, Ava D, Sebastian M. (Maple) Pippa W, Blake W, Carter S, Ruby K, Matilda Mc, Zachary LB, Ryan L. (Sycamore) Shea S. (Silver birch) Jen G.

Silver - (2YrN) Caitlyn R. (Maple) Isla S, Tucker HT, Emily B, Scarlet B, Evelyn R and Kade Mc

Gold - (3YrN) Callie M. (Maple) Ellie C.

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassador of kindness is Kieran H in Larch class. During our termly fire safety drill, Kieran was exceptionally caring to younger children, ensuring they were wrapped up warm and he even donated his own coat! Hudson is so incredibly proud of you, was a caring little star!

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

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.

PGL - Boreatton Park House, Shropshire. Reminder that the 3rd instalment is due today for our school residential. Please check your ParentPay account and check that the relevant forms are filled in. Letters will be sent out soon if you're not up to date. Any difficulties then please let me know.

Valentines Disco - ParentPay will be close on Monday 10th. No tickets will be available after this date so please don't miss out.

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.

Can I remind everyone that there are not dogs allowed on the premises? If your child is riding their bike /scooter to school can you please remind them that they must walk their bike/scooter once they are on the playground, we don't want any accidents please.

PTFA News (registered charity no: 1156873):

Next event: Valentine's Disco on Friday 14 February 3.30 to 4.30. This is now open on parent pay at a cost of £4 for all year groups and as usual, Nursery and Base children will need an adult with them. On the night they will all get some treats and a drink and there will be limbo competitions and a dance off in age groups so plenty of opportunity to win some prizes! **Parent pay will close for this event on Monday 10 February, after which no more payments will be accepted.**

Also at our meeting this week we discussed a request from the School Council to reduce the use of single use plastics and provide re-usable water bottles. We have replied to them separately and will be looking into this more before our next meeting; however, we came to the conclusion that we can't get rid of single use plastics all together as this would reduce the amount of money we can raise for the children but will cut back as much as we can.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION NEWS - CLASSDOJO

We know Classdojo is a well-used and valuable resource for families, however sometime families have worries that the system could be misused. This is a reminder for all families and users of Classdojo on the expectations that we have...

When you sign up to Classdojo you agree to the terms and conditions the system and school have adopted to keep your child and the rest of the class safe.

The schools acceptable use of social media applies to how you use Classdojo - so please no screenshots and sharing on social media this would be classed as a misuse of the system and a breach of confidentiality and data.

Please consider the types of messages you are posting, and the place you are posting them on the system - remember there is a different way of communicating private or personal messages. We also expect that messages from all trusted adults are ones that are reasonable and responsibly posted.

Please do inform school if you feel that the correct behaviours are not being applied by any adults and we will immediately take action to resolve this. Many thanks.

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

School thought for the week:

There are so many beautiful reasons to be happy

Hudson Family health and Wellbeing support...

Is your child a young carer?

The Care Act 2014 defines a young carer as, 'a person under 18 who provides care for another person of any age who may be physically or mentally ill, elderly, frail, disabled or who misuses alcohol or other substances'.

We estimate that there are between 4,000 – 5,000 young carers in Sefton supporting a parent, sibling, or other family member or neighbour who could not manage without that support.

What kind of care and support are young carers providing?

These responsibilities normally fall into one or more of the following six categories:

- Domestic tasks - cleaning, cooking, laundry etc
- Household management tasks – shopping, household repairs, etc
- Personal care – helping a person to dress, undress, wash and use the bathroom
- Emotional care – providing a person with company, taking them out etc
- Sibling care – responsibility for looking after brothers and sisters
- Financial/practical care – managing household finances, paying bills, working part-time to help with family finances

Most children and young people help out at home with some of these tasks but young carers are doing much more than simple chores, such as keeping their bedrooms tidy or going to the shops.

They may be caring for someone in the household with a long-term health condition or a physical disability.

They could be caring for a brother or sister who may have a physical or learning disability or a behavioural problem.

What are we doing to help young carers?

- We will listen to them
 - Provide them with one to one support
 - Invite them to a weekly activity group and fun outings with other carers
 - Provide them with advice and information
 - Signpost them and their parents to other services
 - Support their mental health, and arrange counselling if appropriate
 - We may invite them to join us on one of our residential trips
 - We will improve their access to services
 - If requested to do so, and with parental permission, we will talk to their school, college, doctor or social worker to arrange additional support
 - We will support them as they move through school, to college, to university, or to employment or training
- In other words, our service will do whatever it can to support them and their families for as long as that support is required.**

Making a referral to our service

You can make a referral on-line. Please complete as much of the form as you can and return it to help@carers.sefton.gov.uk

If you prefer we can post a form to you.

If you have any difficulty accessing or completing the form please call one of the team on **0151 288 6060**.

What happens next?

As soon as possible after the referral is received someone will contact you to discuss next steps.