

Hudson Primary School & Family Wellbeing Centre

Weekly Newsletter for Families

Friday 11th September 2020



HUDSON SCHOOL NEWS - Headteacher; Niki Craddock

Welcome back to a new school year, you would not believe how excited we are to welcome you back and introduce a bit of normality and routine back into all of our lives. I know that many of you have been keen to get back to school when it was deemed safe and I am overwhelmed with your support on this. It has been a tricky time to meet all of the regulations set for schools as they were ever changing (and still now continue to be updated), you have maintained good communication with school which really helps us to feel confident that the messages are getting to you. Class Dojo has been a vital resource for all of us to stay in touch, so thank you from the bottom of my heart for your consistency and promptness in reading messages and responding to surveys and most of all keeping to the rules. I have an updated on all of the guidance further on in this newsletter, but again thank you.

We have had an awful lot going on at our school site since March when our old way of living disappeared so quickly, the school and staff have not stood still. The school looks beautiful thanks to our family team of painters (Mr Watt and Mick) have done a superb job of brightening up all of the walls, doors and ceilings and our outdoor pergola. The heating engineers CPL who have transformed the whole school with new pipework, radiators and boilers - we are now reassured that the winter months will be much kinder at Hudson. Our site manager, Mrs B McNally and my school managers Mrs K McNally, Mrs Herron and our own families who have painted the whole of the outdoor woodwork. Cottrell's electricians have also been onsite and rewired the entire school. Then throughout the whole building we have had all carpets replaced, new furniture within all of the classrooms including new touch screen TV's. We then revitalised the school office and entrance area including two meeting room areas and staff zones. The place is sparkling and the investment has not yet stopped. We now look forward to new corridor flooring, a whole new roof and the completion of our double glazed windows. We will be securing the site with new fencing to the divide from Hudson Park to complement the new safety gate on the now owned school cinder path that attaches the school field to Sankey Road. The Local Authority has a lot of faith in the work of the school and great investment has been made. I hope that soon enough you will all be able to see the work that has been done to make the school one we all feel incredibly proud of.

PREPARE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

- 1.30pm swimming for Oak Class

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 2.45pm Whole school virtual assembly with Mrs Craddock

Thursday

Friday

- 2.45pm Whole school virtual Celebration assembly with Mrs Craddock
- *Applications for pupil volunteering and Head boy and Girl will come home*



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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 Kelly, Mrs Spafford & Team): Eleanor H and Joseph F

Maple Class (Mrs McIntyre, Miss Chapman & Team): George E

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Freddie C

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Harvey Mc

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

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Sophie G

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Mrs Evans & Team): Sonny G

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson & Team): Jamie W

Beech Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Frankie J

Rowan Class (Mrs McNally & Miss McCann): Ronnie W

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:

Little Acorns Classes (Mrs Kelly, Mrs Spafford & Team): Whole Class

Maple Class (Mrs McIntyre, Miss Chapman & Team): Whole Class

Yew Class (Miss Goodwin & Team): Kaiden K

Sycamore Class (Mrs Whitelaw & Team): Whole Class

Silver birch Class (Miss Morrissey & Team): Jorja F

Elder Class (Mr Roberts & Team): Matilda J

Oak Class (Miss Marl and Mrs Evans & Team): Grace F

Chestnut Class (Mrs Macpherson & Team): Mia A

Beech Class (Mr Murphy & Team): Whole Class

Rowan Class (Mrs McNally & Miss McCann): 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 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. We will be launching this very soon!

Our final reward is our **Kindness Cup**, and this week our ambassadors of kindness go to Nathan E and Luke D in Y6 Rowan Class. They went that extra mile this week to really befriend and support a peer who was anxious about returning to school. They treated him with such tenderness and care. Well done boys we are so very proud of you - what a start to the school year!

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

Welcome to all of our new families.

Next week I will send you a letter and login details for Parentpay which is the school's cashless payment system.

I will also send you an invite to our parentapp. This is another way of receiving information, newsletters or informing me of your child's absence etc.

You now only need the Connect Parent App to have a link to Class Dojo and ParentPay.

(We have had a few requests asking how parents log back in to the app when they change their phone?)

Step 1: Download the PA Connect App. Step 2: Press Login and search for your school logo. Step 3: Enter the email and password. This is all they need to do and no new invitations need to be sent out. Parentapps Support)

Please ensure that your child's name is labelled in their uniform for a quick return if it's lost.

Breakfast club and afterschool club are back up and running so please remember if you have chosen certain days in the clubs then payments for these should be made in advance via parentpay. If you no longer wish to use the sessions, then please inform us asap as there is a waiting list for certain days.

Flu letters - Rec - Yr6 Please could these be returned on Monday ready for collection, many thanks

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

OUR LEARNING NEWS - CONSIDERING THE WELLBEING OF OUR LITTLE LEARNERS...

Our return to school was always going to be a tricky one as the vast majority of the school have been away from us for 6 months, and some of the children were brand new to school. Furthermore on returning to school everything was new, the place looked different and the trusted adults were again new faces. With all this in mind we have worked hard to research the best approach to take for all of the children. This week and for the rest of this term the children are working on a recovery curriculum. The recovery curriculum is a short-term 'welcome back to school' programme that focuses on the social and emotional aspects of overcoming the effects of the global pandemic. Based on research on trauma and its effects on our psychology and physiology, this program is designed to give children a practical set of activities that will help them to settle back into school, here is a snap shot of the elements that we have built in to our timetable daily:

1. **A daily calm:** A chance to learn how real techniques on how to calm and relax quickly. Lots to try out, practice and apply for ten minutes each day.
2. **Secrets of success:** This session is all about developing yourself in an age appropriate way, setting challenges and testing out new things that could enhance life experiences and add to happy memory making.
3. **Coping strategies:** Learning how to deal with stressful or difficult situations, talking it through, considering how others feel, or advising them in difficult situations.
4. **Character virtues:** Recognising good qualities in people and reflecting on yourself, working on self-development or recognising the good in you.
5. **Physical activity:** A chance to develop our physical health, getting active and feeling our heart beat faster. Excellent opportunities for brain breaks as we get back into old school routines.
6. **Journaling:** Reflection of thoughts, feelings or things to consider. Sometimes the children are asked for specific things to ponder over or strategize!

SCHOOL STAFF NEWS

Earlier on in this newsletter I have talked in depth about the changes to the building but equally the lives of Hudson staff have also changed so much since March. This is my space now to give you a little insight into our team changes...

Firstly this term we have welcomed back all of our shielding staff with the exception of Miss Marl, our Year 4 teacher. Miss Marl has been shielding throughout, however she has returned virtually (the children can see her daily on screen) so far this term in order to settle the children in as one of my most experienced staff members. Miss Marl has vast skills and technical knowhow, and because of these she has gained an exceptional position working for The Oak Academy as their curriculum Manager. She will be shaping learning across the UK now! Miss Marl's job has now been advertised as she will leave next Friday. In the interim we have a new Teacher Miss Kavanagh who is already in place who will be supported by Miss Walton, Miss Dickson and occasionally Mrs Evans. We wish Miss Marl every success, this job is made for her, and we thank her for her 17 years of service at Hudson.

Miss Morrissey will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term, however Miss Kavanagh will be fully familiar to school and she will then take over from Miss Morrissey, there will have been plenty of time for her to become familiar with our Year 2 class until Miss Morrissey returns in February. You may also see some other new faces around and about school as we have two new trainee teachers who have joined Sycamore class and Chestnut class; Miss Nicholas and Miss Moore, they will be training all year as part of our teacher training business with AMP SCITT at Deyes High School.

Other exciting news is that we have had a few engagements over our break away; Miss Coakley, Miss Chapman and Miss Morrissey are all now busy planning weddings. Finally a new baby, Miss Grisedale had her little boy right in the middle of all the mayhem and brought us all a reason to smile again.

COVID NEWS

I know you have all been keeping up to date with our rules to keep the children and staff safe, these may not be things you understand or agree with, but we must comply with the guidance presented to us. Please could you take note of the following:

1. Please keep children off the play equipment before and after school, this then means our children get a safe area to play in during morning break and lunch that does not have to be cleaned down each time.
2. Please when dropping children off at wrap around care or collecting, wear a mask on entrance to the building.
3. Please collect your children on time as 'bubbles' of children have been organised precisely to avoid overlapping and grouping in unexpected ways.
4. Avoid bringing items in from home, unfortunately this does include birthday treats for now.
5. Please ensure ALL school items are labelled, children should not have lost/misplaced items stored at school, and we will have to dispose of these at the end of each week.

Have a brilliant weekend. An updated events planner will follow next week.

Best wishes, Niki Craddock and Team

School thought for the week:

Surround yourself with people who believe in you



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