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## HURST GREEN NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

### Parent Mail

We are no longer using Parent Mail, so you will not be able to log in. All emails and text messages will now come through Parent PAY, which is the system for school lunches and uniform. Even if you have not activated your account, you will receive messages. If you have not activated your account, please email the office and Mrs Fountain will send you your log in and password details.

### Autumn and Winter Menu

The menu for term 2, 3 and 4 is on the front page of our website in the Newsflash box.

### Secret Gifts Room

The children are very excited about doing this! If you have not yet returned your slip, please make sure it is in on Monday as we are sorting numbers and presents. Thank you.

### Christmas Jumper Day

This will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the same day as we are having our Christmas lunch. The children will all be having lunch in their classrooms so that we maintain bubbles but they can move around freely and have fun being festive together.

### Google Classrooms

Work set on Google Classrooms is only for children who are isolating and well. Children who are not attending school because they are ill are not expected to do work during this time.

### Cold weather

As it is turning colder, please make sure that your child has a warm coat with them. Unless it is raining, we always make sure that all the children get some time outside in the fresh air to burn off some energy and at this time this is particularly important. Thank you.

### Christmas Decorations

If you have any old decorations that you do not wish to use at home – as well as Christmas cards and wrapping paper, we would be grateful if you could drop them in to us. The Nursery children are going to be decorating trees and the Nursery, so they would like some donations if you have them. Thank you.

Well done to Cameron, Martha,  
Luke and Lilah – great models!

Miss Hughes



## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN CLASS

### **Nursery**

This week we have been looking at nursery rhymes that have numbers in them. We have been counting 1-10 forwards and backwards and we have been playing number games to help recognise our numbers. Some of the children are real whizzes!

### **Willow**

This week we made an army of Evil peas, using our cutting and sticking skills. We wrote a character description for Supertato from our book. In Maths we looked at 2D shapes and spotted them around the classroom.

**Head teacher award:** Matthew for great topic work!

**Reader of the week:** Naia

### **Silver Birch**

In English this week, we have been writing letters to Traction Man to help solve his problem. We thought very hard about the layout of a letter and made sure we included lots of detail. In Maths, we have continued with time. The Year 1 children have been doing 'before and after', comparing time and sequencing dates. The Year 2 children have been comparing times, finding durations of time and using digital clocks to match to analogue times.

**Head teacher award:** Amber for always persevering.

**Reader of the week:** William

### **Chestnut**

Chestnuts have been busy calculating number facts using the bar model to find the inverse. In English we have been describing our homes, using our senses and trying to think about the life of the Robin in our book 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. The Chestnut scientists have also planned their next investigation - changing states of matter, this time liquids and gas to a solid (watch out)!

**Head teacher award:** Chloe for super Maths work!

**Reader of the week:** Joshua

### **Maple**

The Iron Men continue to multiply (see page 1)! Thank you to Cameron, Lilah, Luke and Martha this week for their efforts. This week we have been writing formal letters to the Farmers Union trying to persuade them that the Iron Man may not be as bad as they think. We have been mastering writing in paragraphs using: Topic, Time and Talk to remind us when to start a new one. In Year 5 Maths we have loved working out the factors of numbers and then identifying the highest common factor between 2 numbers! In Year 4 we have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. In Topic, we have continued our work on 'Celebrating Difference' and created a Snakes and Ladder game using our bullying scenarios. The noise made playing our games was ear splitting but everyone had fun!

**Head teacher award:** Colby for demonstrating kindness and friendship in nominating others for dojos.

**Reader of the week:** Bobby

### **Oak**

In Maths we have been using long multiplication to work out difficult calculations - we are realising how important it is to know our tables! In English we have been learning about how we can use co-ordinating and sub-ordinating conjunctions to make our writing more interesting. We have been reading about healthy eating and healthy foods and answering questions to check our comprehension. We have also been learning about medicines used in prehistoric times compared with today.

**Head teacher award:** Felicity for being the most amazing pupil all of the time!

**Reader of the week:** Charley

### **Attendance**

Willow -	94.7%
Silver Birch -	99.2%
Chestnut -	97.9%
Maple -	98.6%
Oak -	98.6%

**Whole School 98%**