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## HURST GREEN NEWS

### FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Below is a summary of the information issued to schools regarding the national lockdown this week. As you can see not much has changed at this time. We will of course keep you informed if anything changes.

#### Key Points

- Schools will continue to remain open for the duration of the national restrictions. Due to the impact of school closure on children's cognitive and academic development the aim is for all children, in all year groups, to remain in school full time. The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill with coronavirus is very low and the benefits of being in the classroom far outweigh the risk of coronavirus.
- All children should attend school unless they are clinically extremely vulnerable – parents will receive a letter confirming this advice.
- Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.
- Children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, may continue to attend school in line with current guidance.
- Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.
- Children of primary age are not required to wear face coverings in school.

#### What we are doing in school

- We will continue to regularly clean frequently touched surfaces to prevent infection.
- Children will continue to regularly wash their hands throughout the day.
- Children will continue to stay in their class bubble whilst at school.
- We can continue to operate out of hours care (breakfast and after school club) to enable parents to go to work but we are unable to resume any other clubs at this time.
- Procedures for dealing with a suspected case or confirmed case of coronavirus have not changed from the letter you received in September.
- We are still unable to have visitors in the building during the school day.

We realise that this is causing a level of stress for families and we are committed to supporting the children through this unusual time. I would like to say that we appreciate the support we are getting from parents, as working together makes the situation better for everybody.

Many thanks, Miss Flack

## Federation Governors

We have appointed two new parent governors to join the federation. The new parent governor at Northiam is Mr Julian Smith and Mrs Louise Lacey will be representing Hurst Green. We would like to officially welcome them both to the board of governors and extend our thanks to them for joining us.

## Topic

Please go to our website and look at the class pages to see the topic webs showing what the children will be learning this term.

## Fundraising News

Due to coronavirus, the HGSA are unable to do many of the fundraising activities they would normally be doing – e.g the Christmas Fair, cake sales etc. Due to this, they are having to look at different ways to raise money to support all of the children. Please see below for some of the things that you can do to help.

During the next few weeks when you will no doubt be increasing your level of shopping online, please take a moment to register with easyfundraising – the HGSA will receive a donation with every purchase that will go towards supporting all the children at school.

## BAGS

Today we have taken delivery of these beautiful bags with all the children's self-portraits (with names to help you spot them!).

These are really good quality cotton bags, with long handles to go over the shoulder - £5 each or buy 3 for £12. Please go on to our HGSA Facebook page to order if you would like to.



**Next Friday will be a home clothes day. Please send your child in with a £1 donation, which will go to the HGSA fund.**



## Luke is going global!

Following his interview for the Hastings Storytelling Festival, which was virtual this year, Luke will be appearing on the website with viewers from around the world seeing his interview with Mandy Curtis, Carnival Director. A massive thank you to Luke and his family for all their hard work constructing Danny's 'whizzer' based on Roald Dahl's Danny Champion of the World. As you can see, Luke even caught a pheasant!



<https://www.hastingsstoryfest.org.uk>

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN CLASS

### **Nursery**

We have been making firework rockets after exploring different materials we could use. We have been counting and finding numbers from 1 to 5. We really enjoyed our music session with Mrs Ham on Wednesday and had a super time in P.E with Miss Golding too!

### **Willow**

In Maths this week the Reception children have been recognising and ordering the numbers 1-5 using different objects and the Year one children have been using the part whole model to make 5. In English we did code breaking to help Superbear and wrote him a letter once we had broken the code. We have started to make our own Supertato character using balloons and paper mache.

**Head teacher award:** Naia for amazing phonics.

**Reader of the week:** Toby

### **Silver Birch**

In English this week, we have started our new book by learning the new vocabulary and investigated the front cover. In Maths the Year 1 children have been comparing groups and numbers to 20 and ordering different groups and numbers. The Year 2 children have been finding number bonds to 100 and adding 3 1-digit numbers together. We have also started our topic which is all about heroes!

**Head teacher award:** Jack for excellent Maths work.

**Reader of the week:** Callum

### **Chestnut**

Chestnuts are nailing adding and subtracting using a written method this week - many solving missing numbers and bar models. We began our topic- potions with states of matter- solids, liquids and gas and we have been reading about Professors Puffindorf's laboratory.

**Head teacher award:** Filip for fabulous English and well punctuated sentences.

**Reader of the week:** Phoebe

### **Maple**

Welcome back Maple! We have made a flying start to the new term this week, starting our new text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Maple have created some fabulous images of him using chalk and pastels and created Iron Man silhouettes using collage techniques. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers including exchanges. It has been fantastic to see all the hard work children have done over the holidays recorded in their homework diaries, thank you for all your support at home too. Reading Records are also bulging at the seams with comments so our Class Dojos are through the roof this week, as a class we have achieved over 3000!! - keep this up Maple Class!

**Head teacher award:** Holly for enthusiasm in all subjects, and a winning smile!

**Reader of the week:** Liam

### **Oak**

In Maths this week we have been problem solving and have been brushing up on our multiplication skills. We have learned all about the circulatory system and have been writing explanations. We have been finding out about how the heart works and how we can keep it healthy. In P.E we did hockey with Miss Golding which was great fun and a good start for a healthy heart too!

**Head teacher award:** Arthur for reading more at home and for working hard in every lesson.

**Reader of the week:** Lizzie

Attendance – Willow 98.2% / Silver Birch 100% / Chestnut 96.6% / Maple 99.3% / Oak 95.4% Total 97.9%