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## HURST GREEN NEWS FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first week back – it is wonderful to have the school building full of children and good to be a step closer to normality again. The children are very happy to be back and we have had fun this week as we all settle down again together to learn.

We appreciate the effort you have all made in adhering to your time slots at the beginning and the end of the day – please continue to do this and leave the premises quickly to ease congestion and enable social distancing as this is key to the lifting of regulations at the earliest opportunity.

We still have no heating or hot water but we are hoping to have this resolved next week. In the meantime, please continue to make sure your children are wrapped up warm.

Many thanks, Miss Flack

### Let's get reading!



You may have seen the recent movement (fronted by Stephen Fry) in helping with reading skills by turning on the subtitles on your televisions and computers; this can help to double the reading ability of children.

Please watch this short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-zISnJ-oao&t=0s>

More information is also available on this website: <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Try it for a few weeks and see if you notice the difference! Mrs Ivil

**NEXT Friday (19<sup>th</sup> March) is Red Nose Day.**

**Children can wear something red with their uniform – a jumper, red socks, hairbands... you can make a donation via Parentpay by clicking on the link below:**

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2568>



### Gymnastics Club

We are hoping to begin Gymnastics Club after the Easter break. Obviously, we are a bit stuck until restrictions lift, but we are looking at doing a Keystage 1 and Keystage 2 club. One will be on a Monday, one on a Thursday. Please could you email Mrs Fountain if your child would like to do this so that we can get an idea of numbers. Sessions will be £5 weekly. Thank you.

# Class News

## Nursery:

It has been lovely to have all our nursery children back. All the children have settled in and are enjoying playing together again. We have made Mother's Day cards for Sunday. We have been talking about our mums, how special they are - and what they do for us. We all decided that we have the best mums!

## Willow:

We have loved welcoming the children back this week. They have enjoyed being back together and seeing their friends. We have had lots of catching up to do! The children have been exploring the new 'dinosaur park' role play area and enjoyed the dinosaur swamp made from green spaghetti!

We shared our favourite books for World Book day and made some great bunting for a school display.

**Head Teacher's Award:** Hudson for excellent knowledge of Dinosaurs.

**Reader of the week:** Ryan

## Silver Birch:

We have had a lovely first week back. The class have settled in well and it has been wonderful to see them playing together. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite books on World Book Day (take 2) and going on a scavenger hunt in the classroom. We even made our own bunting, decorating it with our favourite book covers. Well done Silver Birch!

**Head Teacher's Award Year 1:** Callum for trying hard with Maths work.

**Head Teacher's Award Year 2:** Leo for excellent Maths work.

**Reader of the week:** Maddie

## Chestnut:

Chestnuts have had a wonderful time this week. We made fraction bombs by cutting pancakes into sixths and eights and calculated what fractions were left over. We began our Roman history learning through our class book 'Rotten Romans' and re-enacted the Romans invasion on the Celts three times over 400 years!

We made History of our own by writing down our lockdown memories and putting them in our own jar that we will hide away for ten years! In Science we studied the marvellous creation of a Robins nest and sorted organisms using a Carroll diagram - which we learned was invented by the author of Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll. We also got a bit muddy making our own nests! It's so lovely to have all the children back in Chestnut.

**Head Teacher's Award:** Henry for great improvement in all subjects.

**Reader of the week:** Abigail

## Maple:

Welcome back Maple class! It has been great to see everyone and we have spent the week catching up and getting back into our routines. We have been working on fractions and trying to find their equivalent in Maths and have struggled. We have used fractions walls, multiplication of the denominator and numerator, we have looked at pizzas and identified patterns in the numbers so we are a little fractioned out...

In English we looked at the arrival of Hernan Cortes in Tenochtitlan during Moctezuma's rule. We tried to decide whether or not it was a case of mistaken identity when Cortes was welcomed like a god by Moctezuma. We have made a start on our Mayan masks in our artwork, this time we are using papier mache and mosaicing techniques to create death masks. A busy first week back, I think we will all sleep well tonight! Have a relaxing Mothering Sunday and see you again on Monday.

**Head Teacher's Award Year 4:** Holly for consistently completing home learning to a high standard.

**Head Teacher's Award Year 5:** Matilda for persevering with equivalent fractions even though they are the most difficult thing in the world!!

**Reader of the week:** Coco

### Oak:

Oak class have had a calm week back and have spent time working in teams to carry out tasks such as making the tallest tower, strongest bridge and making a protective container for an egg. We made some 'Great Realisation' booklets documenting our feelings and activities during lockdown and looking ahead to when lockdown is over. Many of us have realised the importance of friends and family, pets and nature and are looking forward to being able to see more people soon. We have really enjoyed being together again in Oak class as we have missed our friends very much.

In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing decimals. In English, we have enjoyed talking about and sharing books for World Book Day and making bunting of our favourite books.

**Head Teacher's Award:** Sophie C for working very hard and asking questions if she is unsure.

**Reader of the week:** Lizzie

### Attendance for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021: over 95% gets a

Willow Class: 100% 😊😊😊

Silver Birch Class: 100% 😊😊😊

Chestnut Class: 98.7% 😊

Maple Class: 98.8% 😊

Oak Class: 97.6% 😊

Whole School: 99% 😊



**\*\*\*WOW – WELL DONE HURST GREEN, GREAT ATTENDANCE \*\*\***

### Dates for your diary

Last day of Term 4	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
First day of Term 5	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
Last day of Term 5	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
First day of Term 6	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Last day of Term 6	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank holiday, as is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May.