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HURST GREEN NEWS

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Welcome back!

We have reached the end of our first full week back and are now in the swing of the Autumn term. We have welcomed the new Reception children to Willow Class, all the children are doing really well with new groups, classes and our new teachers and Oak class are really looking forward to their residential trip next week. We have noticed that attendance has been fantastic so far, and there have been very few late arrivals too. Let us hope that the term runs smoothly. Miss Flack

Lunch boxes

Lunch boxes must NOT contain nuts. We have a serious allergy at the school so this is vital.

Collective Worship

This week we have been talking about who our friends are and how they help to support us. This is a nice way to start the academic year as new friendships are being forged in new classes and groups. Thanks to Mr Priddin for playing the piano in our Wednesday worship, we were impressed!

Flu vaccinations

Please make sure you complete the online form giving consent for your child to have the flu vaccination. The date for this is the 11th October.

Road Safety

We have talked about Road Safety this week as part of our 'Lifeskills' curriculum; this is really important given the school's position on a busy road. Please have a chat with your child about this and re-iterate the message STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK at home. Thank you.

Apply for school places

Children going up to Secondary school – apply by 31st October 2021

Children starting school for the first time – apply before January 2022 – if you would like to visit the school, please make an appointment with the school office.

The HGSA needs you!

The Hurst Green School Association is our PTA. We raise funds to help with school trips and other extra things for the children. In the past we have paid towards going to the pantomime, having authors to talk to the children, ingredients when we have cooked, transport to class trips etc.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers helping to organise and run fundraising events but sadly many of these have decided to take a step back from the committee or their children have left. In order to continue raising money we need more people to help. If you would like to know more please speak to Mrs Skinner.

Wraparound Care

Please be aware that we are full on a Wednesday/Thursday and Friday in after school club and on every day except Monday in Breakfast Club.

CLASS NEWS

Nursery

Our children have had a fantastic week, we have had some new members joining us and they have settled in very happily. We have been able to spend a lot of time outside getting to know each other and today we had our mother and toddler group again – which was lovely!

Willow

We have had an absolutely fabulous first week at school. The children are all really settled, and they have enjoyed exploring their new environment. We have had a tour of our school and met all of the staff. The children are very excited to see their monsters hatch from their Dojo eggs!

Head Teacher Award: This goes to all of the children in the class for settling so brilliantly!

Silver Birch

We have worked super hard on their first full week. We have learnt a poem by the Weather Girls and wrote our own poem about the weather which included It's summer time, rise and shine, time to go to school. It is hot in Silver Birch but in our Church it is nice and cool. We have also been looking at 10s and 1s using the manipulatives and have been sorting dinosaurs.

Head Teacher Award Yr1: William for a super Maths brain.

Head Teacher Award Yr2: Shea for beautiful writing.

Everyone has read well this week, please read every day.

Chestnut

We have focused on our Friendship value and new routines this week. We had great fun setting up our Times Tables Rockstar avatars and have revisited Place Value in Maths, making 2, 3- and 4-digit numbers. We have looked at replica arrow heads and created some Stone Age Cave Art on the playground. In English we have started to write our own adventure stories linked to our Class text "The Wild Way Home".

Head Teacher Award: Bella for always working hard and being on task.

Reader of the week: Edward S.

Maple

Bienvenidos! We have had a busy first week and we are enjoying our new topic about Mexico. We have learnt how to count and name colours in Spanish, ask your child for a lesson! In English, we have been introduced to the main characters of our text, The Jaguar's Eye and we have written diary entries. In Maths, we have revised our understanding of place value and have started to look at larger numbers. We have also been working on rounding, so any opportunities to practise this would be great.

Head Teacher Award Y4: Emily for an enthusiastic start to term, and for her Mexican animal 'Top Trumps'.

Head Teacher Award Y5: Fraser for taking an active part in our class discussions and sharing his ideas.

Reader of the week: Coco

Oak

In English, Oak class have been reading 'Goodnight, Mr Tom'. They have practised the skills of visualisation and empathising. They have written a diary from the point of view of the main character 'Willie' when he first arrived as an evacuee at Mr Tom's house. In Maths, we have been learning the value of numbers to one million and practising our mental maths. We have also had a times tables test so that we know which tables we need to practise. Please can the children go onto TT Rockstars (their log in details are stuck in their reading record) to practise their tables - they need to be accurate and fluent.

Head Teacher Award: Bobby for a very mature attitude and working hard in all subjects.

Reader of the week: Abigail

ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 6th September 2021

Willow – 100%
Silver Birch – 100%
Chestnut – 100%
Maple – 99.6%
Oak – 95.2%
Whole School – 98.8%