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## HURST GREEN NEWS

### FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER 2021

#### Harvest Festival

Next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is the Harvest Festival. We are having this at school and due to the size of the hall, unfortunately we are not able to invite parents on this occasion. We will be taking all donations to the local food bank. We are happy to collect all week, so please send in whatever you would like to with your child to their class for us to distribute. As always, we would ask that you check that products are in date before you bring them to us. If you are donating fresh produce, please leave this until Thursday. Thank you in advance.

#### We need Governors

The Governing Board of Hurst Green and Northiam Primary schools are looking for some new governors from the community. If you or someone you know is

- interested in the education of children
- able to devote time to get to know our schools
- a good listener
- able to raise questions and to participate in discussion and decision-making
- discreet, open minded and fair

we would love to hear from you. To find out more about the role please contact Elaine Lambert, Chair of Governors via the school office or by email: [elambert@quercusfederation.co.uk](mailto:elambert@quercusfederation.co.uk).

#### Silver Birch Cake Sale

At the end of the day next Friday Silver Birch will be holding a cake sale. Remember to bring some money in to finish off the term with a cake (or two) for you and your children! All proceeds go to the HGSA.

#### Wilderness Club – Year 1 and 2

There are still a couple of spaces in Wilderness club. If your child would like to do this, please let the office know. This is for children in Year 1 and Year 2 next term and is £2 a week. Your child will need waterproof trousers, a waterproof coat and wellies.

#### Collective Worship

This week we listened to a fable about being true friends and showing kindness and compassion, not only in our friendships, but to people we meet in everyday life.

#### Attendance for this week

Willow – 95.9% - 2 late arrivals  
Silver Birch – 90.7% - 3 late arrivals  
Chestnut – 98.1% - 0 late arrivals  
Maple – 96.5% - 0 late arrivals  
Oak – 91.2% - 0 late arrivals

**Whole School – 94.2%**  
**The national average is over 96%**

#### Why does attendance matter?

- Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Regular school attendance encourages the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour.



### **Nursery**

We have been exploring using our senses with the treasure basket, having fun with jelly, shaving foam and chocolate cornflour. We smelt the beautiful herbs that are growing in our little garden. We have been learning different words to describe what we feel, taste and smell.

### **Willow**

This week we have been working on repeating patterns, identifying and creating them. We learnt the poem 'Falling Apples' for our Harvest festival and we painted some apples, thinking carefully about our colour choices. We also went on an autumn walk around our school grounds to find conkers, leaves and sticks and we used the magnifying glasses to study them and thought about words to describe what we saw and felt.

**Head Teacher Award:** Isaac for sharing nicely with others.

**Reader of the week:** Seraphina

### **Silver Birch**

We have been working super hard in Maths this week. Year 1's have been finding one more, one less and missing numbers and Year 2 have begun to learn the power of carrying and exchanging the ones column. In English we have been making sentences and using sentence openers with a creaky door! We investigated capillary action by absorbing colour with kitchen roll, which created some beautiful rainbows!

**Head Teacher Award Yr 1:** Henry for a great sentence using the pictures from his sentence builder.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 2:** Evie for great number bond knowledge.

**Reader of the week:** Abigail

### **Chestnut**

This week we researched the life of Mary Anning using a variety of sources and the children produced illustrated fact files. In Maths Yr 3's have been estimating whilst the Yr 4's explored equivalent units of measure. A huge thank you to Mrs Epps for providing tree stumps to allow the children to further develop the outdoor learning area, and to Mrs Skinner for organising it.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 3:** Edward for an insightful fact file about Mary Anning.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 4:** Lucas for a positive attitude towards Maths and much improved presentation.

**Reader of the week:** Phoebe

### **Maple**

This week, we have been finding out all about the Mexican War of Independence and we designed recruitment posters to encourage people to join Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla in the fight; Viva la revolucion! In Maths we focused on data, and we practised plotting line graphs and bar charts accurately. As it was World Mental Health Day on Sunday, we spent our PSHE lesson thinking about what it means to be in good mental health and what strategies we can use to keep us there. We had a House Day today all about how to keep safe. I hope that you look forward to reading Andy the Avocado's adventures as he negotiates the dangers of the home!

**Head Teacher Award Yr 5:** Elsie for working really hard to improve creative writing.

**Reader of the week:** Isabella

### **Oak**

In Maths, we have been learning how to use a written method to multiply a 4 digit by 1 digit number. We have also been working on our doubling and halving skills. In English, we have read the next chapter of "Goodnight, Mr Tom" and identified different punctuation. We have practised our reading skills by reading aloud to the class. We have also written a letter from the main character, Willie, to his cruel mother. During House Day today we have been learning about how to keep safe and healthy. Well done Oak for supporting and looking after the younger children.

**Head Teacher Award:** Freddy for working hard in all lessons.

**Reader of the week:** Annabelle