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## HURST GREEN NEWS

### FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a bottle trolley we have for the raffle for this year! Thank you for your generosity, we have such brilliant, supportive parents and it makes a huge difference to the school community so thank you all.

I am sure you are all aware that the lights are not flashing 20mph at drop off and pick up times. This is an ongoing matter and we are in contact with Highways, the company that installed the cameras, the Parish Council and Huw Merriman with regard to these lights. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to get this resolved - it is very frustrating but the lights do not belong to us, which makes the process much more convoluted.

**Miss Flack**

**Christmas Fair** - for the Christmas fair, we need the following:

Tombola prizes (new items, anything from a nice bottle of bubble bath, or bar of soap to chocolate etc).  
Teddy bears that are in good condition and washed for the Teddy Tombola.  
Jars filled with goodies for the mystery jar Tombola (see attached)  
AND help on the day!

Not too much to ask then (!) – please let us know if you would like to help with a stall on the day, it is a fun event and the children all love it.

**Mrs Skinner**

#### **Collective Worship – Compassion**

We have had collective worship in our classrooms again this week and have looked at compassion for the elderly. We should respect older members not only within our families but also in the community. Older people bring wisdom and experience and can guide us and offer us advice and compassion at difficult times and we should recognise the wealth of experience that many years bring.

#### **Uniform prices**

Prices for school uniform has increased and the prices shown on the system are the updated ones. Please make sure all items are named, we cannot match unnamed uniform to children.

#### **Attendance for this week**

Willow – 87.1% - 1 late arrival  
Silver Birch – 88.1% - 4 late arrivals  
Chestnut – 84.3% - 2 late arrivals  
Maple – 87.5% - 1 late arrival  
Oak – 86.7% - 1 late arrival

**Whole School – 86.9%**  
**The national average is over 96%**



### **Nursery**

Our letter this week is C – we have been finding things that begin with 'c' – we found carrots, cars, colours – see what you can find with a 'c' at home. We have been talking all about helping others and Children in Need, we decorated Pudsey biscuits and coloured in Pudsey pictures too!

### **Willow**

This week we have met Numberblock's 4 and 5 in Maths. We have sequenced the story 'Supertato' in English, thinking about how it starts, what happens in the middle and how the story finishes. We have really enjoyed doing 'Doh Disco' with our playdoh, squeezing, rolling, patting and prodding our playdough to strengthen our hands! We have done some singing too.

**Head Teacher Award:** Curtis for using his knowledge of phonics to write words.

**Reader of the week:** Arabella

### **Silver Birch**

Silver Birch are Christmas list ready! We learnt the features of a letter, how to bullet point a list - and how to write an informal letter to Father Christmas. In Maths we have been learning the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and how to sort them into a Venn diagram. We looked at the difference between new and old toys and designed our own toy for the future!

**Head Teacher Award Yr 1:** Teddy for amazing writing.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 2:** Ben for excellent knowledge of shape.

**Reader of the week:** Shea

### **Chestnut**

This week we have been learning all about the Amesbury Archer and have written non-chronological reports about him. We designed a holiday brochure for Skara Brae and we have all decided we would like to visit there for a few days! In Maths we have been doing multiplication and division and we printed repeated patterns in art.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 3:** Harry for amazing writing.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 4:** Henry for enthusiasm in all subjects.

**Reader of the week:** Leo

### **Maple**

Bonne weekend! We have been practising our French learning numbers 1-20, having simple conversations and learning about the French culture. We have continued our work on the Shang dynasty, learning how important people wrote questions on bones in hope of the Gods answering. In art, we are producing mixed media pictures of Chinese tea plantations in anticipation of our tea tasting session! Inspired by last week's author visit, our story writing continues to improve, and we have been working hard on 'show, not tell' techniques to slow down the pace of our narrative and engage our readers.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 5:** Freya for working hard to improve her story writing.

**Reader of the week:** Emily

### **Oak**

In English, we have been writing explanations about animal and plant adaptation linked to our Science work. In Maths, we have been learning how to do long division to help us to divide by 2-digit numbers. We have been learning about evolution and adaptation - and how this helps animals to survive. We have looked at the adaptation of the Peppered Moth, and how the survival of the fittest and natural selection changes inherited traits.

**Head Teacher Award:** Charlie - for the research that he has carried out at home on adaptation of whales.

**Reader of the week:** Martha

## Art Club

This week we produced these amazing images using acrylic paints, in the style of Bob Ross. The process is called "wet on wet". The children coated the canvas in white acrylic, then using different colours dabbed the canvas with a large paintbrush. When they had completed this they then used a wide paint brush to blend. White acrylic was then tapped to give the illusion of stars or snow, and then using a fan pain brush they formed the silhouettes of trees.

Wow!

