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HURST GREEN NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have Covid cases throughout the school. If your child shows **any one** of the three symptoms, please arrange a PCR straight away.

- A temperature of 37.8 or over
- A new, continuous cough
- A change or loss of sense of smell or taste

A child with symptoms may not get an accurate lateral flow – please follow the guidelines. We are unable to give medical advice - you can find all information on the Government website.

Whilst I realise it is very frustrating to keep having to do this, it is the only way to try and keep the number of cases to a minimum.

Miss Flack



**** WE RAISED A TOTAL OF £3,000 ****

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped to run stalls, made up hampers, cooked, bought tickets, ate sausages and cake, set up, cleared up – the list goes on! We are grateful for the fantastic support of our parents as well as all the local businesses who donated amazing hamper prizes! We had a really fun time.

Christmas lunch

Next week it is our Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Children have already told us if they would like a Christmas lunch and they can all come in wearing home clothes with a Christmassy jumper.

Secret Gift room

If your child has not yet come home with their secret gifts, do not worry – we are working our way through everyone! For those little ones that are currently off sick, we will sort theirs out when they are back.

Collective Worship

This week we have talked about the Christmas story and showing people compassion at Christmas time. Not everyone looks forward to this time of year and for some it is not fun. We can support people who are sad and lonely by spending time with them, or giving them a ring if unable to see them in person.



Nursery

We really enjoyed watching the school Nativity performance. We have been making Christmas cards for our families. We have read 'Shhh Santa' and 'Hurry up Santa' and have been learning Christmas songs!

Willow

This week we made Christmas wreaths with our hand and finger prints. We learnt about the Hindu festival 'Raksha Bandhan' which celebrates the love between brothers and sisters. Traditionally during the festival, the sister ties a bracelet around the wrist of her brother. We made our own bracelets and gave them to our friends. We also made 'sweets' for the festival from play dough and thought about similarities and differences to Christmas. In Maths we have been exploring the number 5 and different ways to make 5.

Head Teacher Award: All of Willow for an amazing Nativity.

Reader of the week: Henry

Silver Birch

This week Silver Birch have been amazing! We wrote and acted out the Nativity story. Many children remembered the whole story and included capital letters, full stops and commas. There were some excellent adjectives to describe the angels. Special well done to the year 1's as their writing has improved magnificently. In Maths year two have had fun with real money. They are excellent at counting notes and coins and have a great method of starting with the biggest number. I have to say a huge well done to Silver Birch for their Nativity performance. We are all very proud of you!

Head Teacher Award: The whole class for their performance.

Reader of the week: Teddy

Chestnut

This week we have learned about St Nicholas and everyone must have been very good because he paid us a little visit, filling the children's shoes with treats. Not a piece of coal in sight! We continued to plan and write our Christmas letters in English and conducted a variety of experiments in Science. The children measured the strength of magnets and were able to explain which poles attract and repel.

Head Teacher Award Yr 3: Jacob for always working hard and having a positive attitude to all his learning.

Reader of the week: Edward

Maple

From last week's civilized tea tasting, our topic has taken us to more savage territories this week as we have learnt all about Fu Hao, the Shang's warrior princess. Using the artefacts found in her tomb as evidence, we learnt about Shang beliefs and society. In English, we have been enjoying our Christmas story, Santa's Eye, and have written some fantastic letters, reports and play scripts based on this. We particularly enjoyed performing our play scripts between Santa and Thunderstorm, the tenth reindeer! In Maths, we continued our work on area and perimeter and we used the playground as a tool to investigate.

Head Teacher award Yr 4: Chloe C for a fantastic play script in English.

Head Teacher award Yr 5: Isabella for brilliant presentation In English, including imaginative illustrations.

Reader of the week: Coco

Oak

In English, we have been continuing with our holiday brochures to the Galapagos. We have also been reading and answering questions about Darwin's Finches and Natural Selection. In Science, we have conducted an experiment using tweezers and twiglets to recreate how adaptation of the Galapagos Finch's beak helped it to survive. In Maths, we have learnt how to identify factors, multiples, prime numbers, squared numbers and cubed numbers. We have also been learning how to use BODMAS.

Head Teacher Award: Shantai for trying to be more independent and confident in Maths lessons.

Reader of the week: Cameron



ART CLUB

This week we designed and made candle pictures using oil pastels which are fantastic to work with. When dried, we sprayed them to seal them.

I hope you think they are pretty – I do!

Mrs Clease



Attendance for this week

Willow – 90% - 0 late arrivals
Silver Birch – 94.7% - 1 late arrival
Chestnut – 93.3% - 0 late arrival
Maple – 95% - 3 late arrivals
Oak – 86% - 0 late arrivals

Whole School – 91.7%
The national average is over 96%