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HURST GREEN NEWS

FRIDAY 14th JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week this week at Hurst Green. We have started to develop our outdoor areas in the last week, beginning with the forest school area. Hopefully all children will be able to access this soon.

We have no Covid cases in the school currently but please still be aware of the changing guidelines and keep an eye out for symptoms.

Please do not park on the zig-zags outside the school, as it prevents clear vision when leaving the car park and this is dangerous and also illegal. Drop off and pick up times are busy but we can manage if we are all aware of one another. Please make sure your children do not walk across the car park without your supervision.

Miss Flack

Year 6 Parent meetings

Mrs Ivil is going to be seeing parents this term to discuss children in her class. All other parent meetings will be next term. Please pop in to the office to sign up for either Monday 31st January from 1pm onwards, or Tuesday 1st February from 3.30pm onwards. It important that you attend as Mrs Ivil needs to speak individually to parents about particular areas that your child needs help with.

Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this term is Trust. We have been talking about how important trust is in our friends and families. Jesus gained trust from his followers and they put their lives in his hands because they listened to his words and believed him. This shows great trust and faith.

Next Thursday – Menu change

Chartwells are making burgers and hot dogs next Thursday, in a change to the normal menu. This is for your information only, your child will choose their lunch on the morning, as usual!

Next Friday – Wish tree winners who have still not had their wish!

The children who did not get their wish last term can wear their own clothes or come in with crazy hair!!

Maple Class

CAKE SALE

Maple are having a cake sale next Friday – all donations gratefully received.

Outside area

You may have noticed some changes in the outside area. Miss Palmer is developing a space where she can run Wilderness Club, which will enable the children to do some den building, wood work etc. Mr Barry is going to be spending time making it in to a Forest school area.



NEWS

Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have been learning all about the Arctic, talking about penguins, polar bears and arctic hares! We have been discovering where they live and what they like to eat. We have been counting 1-2-3 and reading Big Bear, Little Bear.

Willow

We have had a great time exploring our new 'message centre' which has become the hub of the classroom. The children are always busy there, enjoying marking, writing letters to each other and using the typewriter! We have been learning about 0 and started multiplication in Maths. In English we read 'The magic paintbrush' and enjoyed retelling it in our own way. We started our new topic - China. We found where it is on a map and compared it to England. We have watched some Chinese dragon dancing and had a go at playing percussion instruments to make music to accompany the dance.

Head Teacher Award: Isaac for amazing work on multiplication.

Reader of the week: Audrey

Silver Birch

The children in Silver Birch have settled straight back into class quickly. We have been working hard in Maths; Year 1 have focused with place value to 50 and Year 2 finding equal amounts of objects and writing the number and stem sentences. In English we have been writing sentences with capital letters and full stops and have been trying to use commas for our lists of description. We talked about our Christian value Trust and made trust flowers showing the important people in our lives. We ended our busy week with a science experiment where we tested the fat molecules in milk with food colouring.

Head Teacher Award Yr 1: Martha for a big improvement with her writing.

Head Teacher Award Yr 2: Chase for excellent stem sentences in Maths.

Reader of the week: William B

Chestnut

It has been a very busy week in Chestnut class. We have been exploring the structure of the earth and discovered that the earth is covered in tectonic plates, which move. When these plates collide it causes earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. In English we have been describing settings and characterisation to create suspense. Our work is based on the text, "The Firework-Maker's Daughter", by Philip Pullman. In Maths we have measured length using mm, cm, m and km. The children enjoyed planting a variety of bulbs and seeds in the classroom during our science topic, 'Parts of a Plant'. Linked to this, we are learning all about the artist Marianne North, who is a famous botanical artist and originally from Hastings!

Head Teacher Award Yr 3: Leo for always working hard and being a good friend to others.

Head Teacher award Yr 4: Phoebe for her hard work and positive attitude in Maths.

Reader of the week: Kenny

Maple

Maple class are already in tune with the new topic of 'Sound'. We are following the protagonist, Milo, of our new text, The Phantom Tollbooth, as he travels through the 'Lands Beyond', visiting places such as The Doldrums and Dictionopolis. From this, we have written information leaflets, diaries, poems and dialogue, including some very amusing conversations between two bickering characters. In Maths, our learning is focused on multiplication and division. We have chosen written multiplication methods that work efficiently for us, and we have put these to use in problem-solving contexts. Our history lessons have taken us on a journey through the history of music, from the bone-carved flutes that ancient man made to the classical era. We created abstract paintings in response to the plainsong chant of 10th century monks, and we are becoming increasingly proficient in working out if music is from the baroque, classical, romantic or modern age.

Head Teacher Award Yr 5: Jack MD for a superb start with us, joining in all activities with confidence.

Reader of the week: Freya

Oak

In English, we have been working hard on our grammar - main and subordinate clauses, subordinate conjunctions, prepositions, and pronouns. We have been using these to improve our writing which we based on our book: 'Darwin's Dragons'. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions - we have learnt how to convert improper to mixed numbers, convert mixed numbers back to improper fractions, place fractions on a number line, simplifying fractions and comparing and ordering fractions. We are working on our doubles, halves and times tables too.

Head Teacher Award: Luke for always working hard and having a fantastic attitude to learning.

Reader of the week: Freddy

Attendance for this week

Willow – 100% - 1 late arrival

Silver Birch – 96.3% - 4 late arrivals

Chestnut – 98.6% - 2 late arrivals

Maple – 97.7% - 5 late arrivals

Oak – 94% - 0 late arrivals

Whole School – 97.1%

The national average is over 96%

