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HURST GREEN NEWS FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

We are sorry that the school was closed on Wednesday – unfortunately when we have no running water it is against the law for us to open due to health and safety (no accessible bathrooms, handwashing facilities, or drinking water).

There is an HGSA meeting on Monday evening at the village hall along Station Road if new parents would like to attend – it is starting at 7pm. The HGSA is a vital part of the school and we depend on them to help us with costs towards school trips, pantomimes, transport to some events and other little extras. All are welcome to attend and become part of the team. If you would rather volunteer for things as they come up, do pop in to the office and let Mrs Fountain or Mrs Skinner know, as we know not everybody wants to be committed on a full-time basis.

Have a good weekend, H.G Staff.

Collective Worship

This term our Christian value is Friendship, this is always the first value at the beginning of an academic year. For the new children who have joined us in Reception, this is introduced via our buddy system – each new child has a buddy who looks after them and collects them at lunch time and takes them to the hall and makes sure they get their lunch etc. For the older members of our school community, it is a reminder to look after the little ones as they begin their journey through the school.



Reader Percentages – those that have read a minimum of 5 times.

We are obsessed with reading at Hurst Green, all of the teachers, T.A's, office staff, everyone has a love of reading, whether it be crime (Miss Flack, Mrs Skinner, Mrs Kirkham), Children's books (Mrs Thornton), or your basic beach read (Mrs Fountain), we all do it and we encourage the children to enjoy a good book too.

Remember to make sure you have completed reading records so that everyone becomes a book lover.

Silver Birch: 87% / **Chestnut:** 70% / **Oak:** 93%

Dates for your Diary for Term 1

Wednesday 27th September – School photos
Monday 9th October – INSET day
Monday 16th October – KS1 Movie Night
Tuesday 17th October – Harvest assembly
Friday 20th October – Non uniform day
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October, HALF TERM.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

Nursery

We have been talking about our houses this week, what furniture we have and where it goes in our house. We talked a lot about why we didn't have water on Wednesday and different uses we have for water; we had some good conversations about why we need water and what we can do with and without it. We enjoyed reading "A Squash and a Squeeze" and talking about the pictures with everyone squashed in.

Willow

This week we explored all areas of the classroom and have enjoyed using new resources. We had lots of fun learning about how to cross a road safely, remembering to STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK. We thought about our school Christian value of Friendship and how Mr Happy is a good friend to Mr Nobody. The year 1 children have worked extremely hard during their lessons with Silver Birch, well done!

Head Teacher Award R: Edward L for being extremely helpful in the classroom.

Reader of the week: Aria

Silver Birch

We have been busy finding adverb vocabulary and drawing Silky's story from an extract in our class book 'The Faraway Tree'. Once children could retell the story, they were recorded on our new class iPad that was kindly donated by the HGSA. The next step is to write the story using our stamping and trumpeting words! In Maths we learned how to use a 100 square to help us find 1 more and 1 less. Year 2 found 10 more and 10 less! Monday is our class trip to Burgh Woods so please remember wellies and trousers. Children should bring their school shoes and uniform to get changed into on our return.

Head Teacher Award Yr 1: Wilf for working so hard in all subjects and for his amazing snowflake.

Head Teacher Award Yr 2: Scarlet for huge improvement with her writing.

Reader of the week: William

Chestnut

This week we have been working on number lines to 10,000 in Maths and have continued to develop our place value knowledge and mental Maths skills. In English we have focused on using fronted adverbials and noun phrases in our writing. We are reading a variety of texts and have explored the history of the Rugby World Cup, practising our reading skills. The children are enjoying their French lessons and participated in roleplay with real enthusiasm, well done! In history, we continued to explore the different eras of the Stone Age, discovering what food people ate and how tools evolved over time.

Head Teacher Award Yr 3: Matthew for his fantastic mental maths skills.

Head Teacher Award Yr 4: Amelie for always working hard and doing her best in every lesson.

Reader of the week: Chase

Oak

Year 6 had a wonderful few days at PGL. They were an asset to you and the school, and we had many comments from PGL staff about how polite and sensible they were. They took part in raft building, zipwire, All Aboard, Giant Swing, Trapeze and various sports activities as well as enjoying an evening campfire with marshmallows. Year 5 have worked on comic strips with Mrs Jackson while we were away. In Maths, we have all been learning the value of digits in a number and how to read and write numbers in words and figures. In English, we have been examining how an author engages the reader in the first chapter of a book. In PE, the children are learning football skills with Mrs Ham.

Head Teacher Award: Yr 5: Kenny for contributing thoughtful ideas on our book 'Rooftoppers'.

Head Teacher Award Yr 6: All of the children for being amazing at PGL.

Reader of the week: Michaella