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## HURST GREEN NEWS FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of term 1; it has come around very quickly! We will be holding Parents Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November apart from Silver Birch who will be doing Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We will remind you closer to the time and sheets will be in the office during the first week back for you to make your appointments.

If you haven't already signed up for the clubs for next term, please do so as we will hit the ground running as soon as we return. There are spaces in all clubs apart from KS1 gymnastics so email the office.

Thank you so much for all the donations for our Harvest Festival. The lovely people down at Kings Church opposite the Conquest Hospital were so grateful – picture at the bottom of a very smiley lady who helped to unload it all. We really appreciate our fantastic families here at Hurst Green.

Have a great week off, we will see you all on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

HG Staff

### HGSA

Thank you so much for all the bottle donations, the bottle trolley is going to be fantastic this year! In term 2 on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we are having a non-uniform day in return for hamper raffle prizes. Little Acorns can come in wearing fancy dress, the colours for each class are:

Also in term 2 we will be collecting tombola and chocolate tombola prizes so if you have anything you would like to donate please leave in the box that will be placed outside the office (anything new, candles, smelly sets, food, drink etc) and we will collect them.



**Reader Percentages** – those that have read a minimum of 5 times this week.  
Willow: 83% / Silver Birch: 81% / Chestnut: 76% / Oak: 90%

During next week, please make sure your child reads – anything, anywhere. Every little helps and we notice a huge difference in all round learning.



### **Nursery**

The children have been trying new tastes at snack time this week as part of our topic on healthy eating. We talked about the impact of eating fruit and vegetables to keep us healthy. We all brushed the big teeth and we spoke about why it's important to brush our teeth every day. We have been reading "The Great Cheese Robbery" and "One piece of Cake".

### **Willow**

In drawing club this week, we have listened to the story 'Room on the Broom'. We designed our own dragons and our own brooms. We added lots of magic codes that made our dragons disappear or our brooms accelerate and woosh! We were fabulous in our harvest assembly when we recited our poem to the whole school and some of our Governors.

**HT Award R:** Anastasia for excellent independent writing.

**Reader of the week:** Ronan

### **Silver Birch**

This week we have been gathering verbs and adverbs to write our own poem about a cat. In Maths, we used the base ten to add and subtract one digit and two digit numbers. We have made great progress with our number bonds. We wrote a beautiful class prayer to give thanks for all the foods we are grateful for and spoke clearly during the Harvest Worship. We brought the rain about this week, when we experimented with how clouds are formed using hot water, shaving foam and ice! Your child is bringing home noughts and crosses and snakes and ladders to play with you.

**HT Award Yr1:** Sophie for excellent subtraction work.

**HT Award Yr2:** Audrey for an amazing poem.

**Reader of the week:** Isla

### **Chestnut**

This week the children have completed their own holiday brochures in English and we have been exploring a variety of poems. In Maths, we have been problem solving and revisited the 2's and 4's times table to support our multiplication and division work. We have been researching Shaun Tan in Art and explored his way of storytelling through illustrations. The children then recreated their own illustrated book based on the poem "The Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll.

**HT Award Yr 3:** William H for much improved presentation. Keep up the good work.

**HT Award Yr 4:** William B for being focused in every lesson and always doing his best.

**Reader of the week:** Freya

### **Oak**

In English, we have been writing poems about Bonfire Night. We are choosing vocabulary carefully in order to create images and impressions. We have also been writing up our poems neatly for a display. In Maths, year 5 have been tested on their knowledge of place value and Year 6 have been doing practice SATs tests so that we can see their gaps and support them over the next few terms. In Art, we have turned our 2D drawings into 3D sculptures based on the Battle of Hastings. Year 6 took part in Athletics activities with RCC and Year 5 have produced Powerpoints on the Battle of Hastings.

**HT Award: Yr 5:** Bowen for his love of language and vocabulary.

**HT Award Yr 6:** Phoebe for trying so hard with her reading.

**Reader of the week:** Harriet



**\*\* ENJOY THE HOLIDAY \*\***