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## HURST GREEN NEWS FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had a visit from the Local Authority about attendance. As we are sure you are aware school attendance nationally has dropped considerably since the pandemic. At Hurst Green our attendance is significantly better than this time last year but is still less than 2018/2019. All of you will have received letters this week informing you of your child's attendance. If you received a red letter we may contact you in the next few days to discuss ways to support you to improve your child's attendance. We understand that children are sometimes too ill to come to school – please see below a guide from the NHS to help you decide whether your child is well enough to attend school or not.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



### Is my child too ill for school?

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery.

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Have a wonderful weekend, HG Staff

### HGSA

Please make sure all tea towel orders are in on Monday.

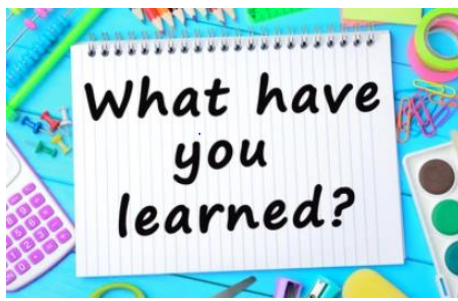
Next Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> November, we are having a non-uniform day in return for hamper raffle prizes. Little Acorns can come in wearing fancy dress, the colours for each class are in the box to the right.

We are also 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, smellies, food, drink etc) and we will collect them.



**Reader Percentages:** those that have read at least 5 times this week.  
Willow: 89% / Silver Birch: 84% / Chestnut: 80% / Oak: 87%

**\*\*\*\* Well done Willow Class – Great work \*\*\*\***



### **Nursery**

The children have really enjoyed playing in our new amazing sand pit this week! We have been doing lots of counting to 5 this week and recognising the numbers. We have been talking about fireworks, exploring what sounds they make and singing "Zoom Zoom we're going to the Moon". We also read "Kipper's Rocket".

### **Willow**

This week we have been learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We can recite the story, have drawn pictures to show what our hen looks like, where our hen lives, what she put on the bread for revenge, who catches her and how! We even made and ate our own bread.

**HT Award R:** Ralph MK for fabulous writing in Drawing Club.

**Reader of the week:** William

### **Silver Birch**

This week we have been exploring the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. We sorted them into Venn diagrams and found horizontal, vertical, and diagonal lines of symmetry. Next week we will be learning time. If your child has a watch, preferably an analogue watch, please encourage them to wear it. We wrote spooky stories in English, concentrating on capital letters, full stops and writing paragraphs for the beginning, middle and end. We began this term's topic; Toys Past and Present and made a historical time line.

**HT Award Yr1:** Dexter for improving his writing.

**HT Award Yr2:** Isla for an interesting spooky story.

**Reader of the week:** Arabella

### **Chestnut**

In English, we have started to learn our Talk for Writing Text 'Zelda Claw and the Rain Cat'. The children have been retelling the story and have used features to create suspense in their writing. In Maths, we are working on multiplication and division. The children have focused on the 2, 4 and 8 times tables, using multiplication and division facts. Our new Topic this term is "Why are deserts so dry and jungles so wet?". The children have explored different types of deserts around the world.

**HT Award Yr 3:** Olivia for creating suspense in her writing.

**HT Award Yr 4:** Abigail for her brilliant division work in Maths.

**Reader of the week:** Toby

### **Oak**

In Maths, Year 6 have been learning about factors and multiples. Year 5 have been adding and subtracting using the inverse and carrying out multi-step calculations. In English, we have been creating images in poetry in order to help us with our suspenseful writing. In Life skills, we have been learning about the importance of sleep and eating healthily. In Science, we have been learning about the Earth and planets.

**HT Award: Yr 5:** Harry for his great poetry ideas.

**HT Award Yr 6:** Chloe S. for being so kind and helpful.

**Reader of the week:** Phoebe



**OAK CAKE SALE ON MONDAY – ALL DONATIONS APPRECIATED AND REMEMBER TO BRING SOME PENNIES AT PICK UP!!**