

# Headteacher's Newsletter



4th October 2024 - Edition 3

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

*I hope this finds you all well! After a very wet fortnight, it feels like autumn is well and truly here. I have a busy newsletter for you this week, so I will jump straight in!*

## 'My Happy Mind' Launch

*We have been excited to launch My Happy Mind in school this week. We sent a letter via email to parents on Tuesday with details of how to download the parent app and support learning at home. This is an effective but expensive programme and has only been possible to deliver in school due to generous donations.*

*Our very own PTA has donated £2500, and we have had further £1000 donation from **SWG Construction** and another £1500 from **Circle UK Group**. Thank you so much for your support! We could not have provided this resource to our children and families without it!*

## Coats and Snacks

*The weather has really changed over the last week so please can I remind parents to make sure children bring a coat in every day. We do try to go outside for breaks as much as possible, but children must wear a coat in cold and wet weather.*

*Please also make sure children in KS2 bring their own healthy snack for morning break. It is a long morning for the children and most need a snack to keep them going until lunch.*

*A daily piece of fruit is offered free of charge to all children in EYFS and KS1.*



## Parent Voice

We have not had much response to our parent questionnaire. Please take a moment to share your thoughts. We have already made some changes based on parent feedback. You can complete this short survey by clicking on this link (or scanning the QR code). Your feedback is invaluable!



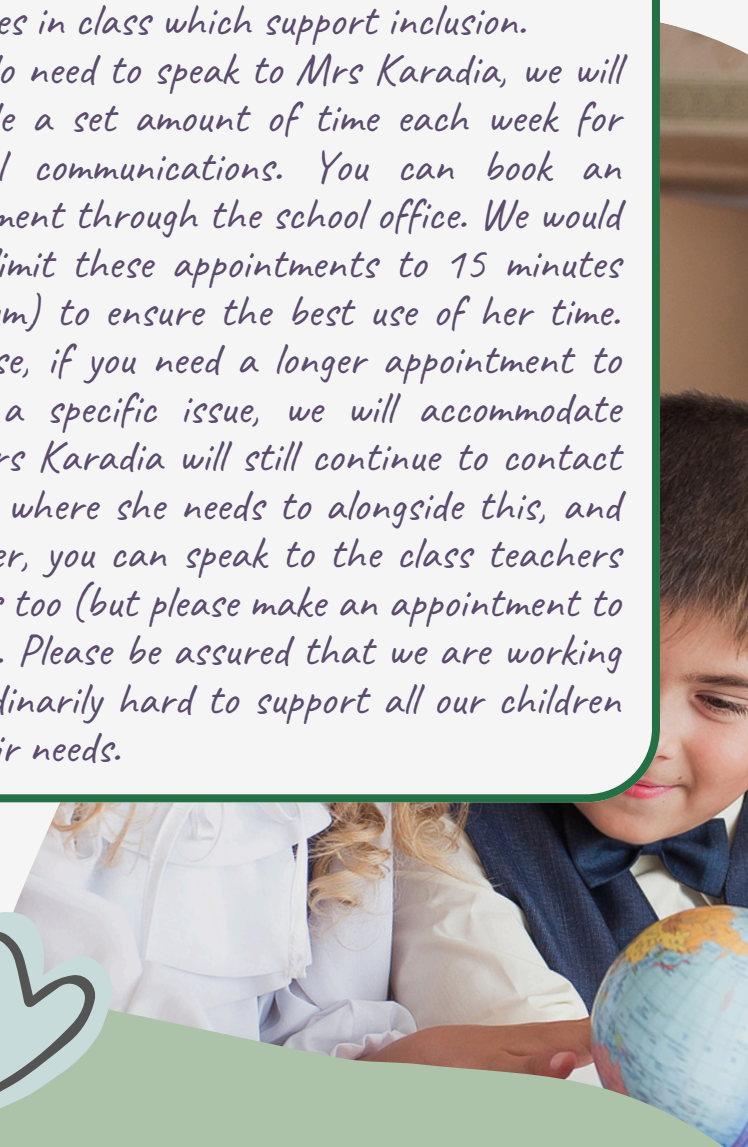
## Parent Help

Our music lead, Mrs Hayward would like to put a plea out to any of our musical parents who would like to offer some time in school to support our music provision. This can be as little or much as you like. You may want to come in a play an instrument for the children, or you may have links to musical resources in the community. Whatever it is, if you want to get involved, please contact the school office and Mrs Hayward will get back to you.

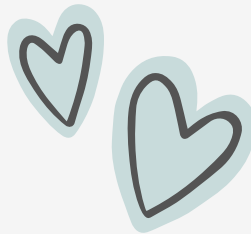
## SENDCo Appointments

You will no doubt be aware that SEND services in schools across the country are under immense pressure. This is true in our school too. We have children with increasingly complex needs and limited resources. We have been looking at how we can use our resources more efficiently to impact as many children as possible. This includes our SENDCo time. With this in mind, we would like to streamline the amount of time Mrs Karadia spends with parents. Whilst we absolutely recognise the vital importance of parent voice and perspective, we want to make communications more efficient so that it frees up time for Mrs Karadia to work directly with staff and children on implementing the strategies in class which support inclusion.

If you do need to speak to Mrs Karadia, we will set aside a set amount of time each week for parental communications. You can book an appointment through the school office. We would like to limit these appointments to 15 minutes (maximum) to ensure the best use of her time. Of course, if you need a longer appointment to discuss a specific issue, we will accommodate this. Mrs Karadia will still continue to contact parents where she needs to alongside this, and remember, you can speak to the class teachers and TAs too (but please make an appointment to do this). Please be assured that we are working extraordinarily hard to support all our children and their needs.



## Year 3 Trip



Year 3 trip to Bishop's Wood Field Centre near Stourport on Wednesday 2nd October learning about life in Britain in the Stone Age to Iron Age. They did all kinds of activities and even made fires from sticks and flint! The children had a wonderful day and made Hurst Green proud with their good behaviour and engagement. Well done, Year 3!

## World Mental Health Day 2024

We will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of Young Minds on Thursday 10th October (World Mental Health Day). We'll be marking this by asking everyone to wear a yellow item of clothing or accessory. There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling. Things can get tough, and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need. They don't know where to turn, who to talk to, or even if anyone else feels the same. No young person should feel alone with their mental health, but together, we can change this.

To take part, children can wear something yellow to school (alongside their usual uniform, such as yellow socks, a yellow headband, or a yellow jumper etc).

We'd like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help Young Minds keep fighting for young people's mental health. Our suggested donation is £2 which can be donated by [following this link](#).

Finally, Young Minds have resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person. You can find these on their website: [www.youngminds.org.uk/parent](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent). If you have any questions, please let us know.

## Newsletters

I have had lots of lovely feedback about the new newsletter - thank you! Please get in touch and let me know about the kind of content you would like me to share in future editions. I would like to apologise for a couple of typos in the last two newsletters. Please be assured that these were simply the result of being extremely busy and working too fast. However, I will endeavour to ensure that we proofread more carefully in future.

## EYFS 'Welcome Wednesday'

Our Reception classes warmly invite parents and carers to our very first 'Welcome Wednesday' on the 9th of October at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity for EYFS parents to see how their child has settled into their first month at school and to get a glimpse into a typical school day through photographs. We will have drinks and treats available and you will have a chance to meet the staff and other parents before collecting your child at the end of the day. Please join us if you can!

## Fundraising with ASDA

Please would all parents and grandparents download the Asda rewards app and opt in to Cash Pot for Schools (and select Hurst Green Primary). For everyone who selects our school, we will receive £1. We will then receive donations for every pound spent in the store! Our total is currently over £300!

## Dogs on Site

Please can we remind parents that for health and safety reasons, our furry friends are not allowed on site.
















## Reading at Home

Reading is the most important thing we teach children to do at primary school. It has the biggest impact on life chances and is linked to better mental health and well-being. Please encourage your children to read every day. The minimum amount KS2 children should be reading is three times per week. Many of our children are not even doing this. Please support your child to read as much as possible. Please remember to read to children as much as you can too - they are never too old to share a good book!
















Have a wonderful weekend!  
Miss Wilson

Find more info here:  
[www.hurstgreen-dudley.co.uk](http://www.hurstgreen-dudley.co.uk)

## Class Attendance - Week Beginning 23.09.24

 Apple - 97.33%	 Cedar - 99%	 Hawthorn - 91.94%	 Pine - 86.90%
 Apricot - 92.18%	 Cherry - 88%	 Hazel - 99.31%	 Poplar - 96.33%
 Beech - 96.55%	 Elder - 93%	 Larch - 96.45%	 Well Done Hawthorn Class!
 Birch - 98.97%	 Elm - 98.44%	 Lime - 97.93%	

## Class Attendance - Week Beginning 30.09.24

 Apple - 93.33%	 Cedar - 95%	 Hawthorn - 94.19%	 Pine - 97.16%
 Apricot - 92.67%	 Cherry - 92.67%	 Hazel - 98.28%	 Poplar - 95.67%
 Beech - 97.59%	 Elder - 93.33%	 Larch - 94.19%	 Well Done Birch Class!
 Birch - 99.31%	 Elm - 96.88%	 Lime - 94.83%	

Jupiter

181

Neptune

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Saturn

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Mercury

148

WELL DONE

### Mentions - Week One

Apricot -  
 Apple -  
 Beech - Myla  
 Birch - Sanjana  
 Cedar - Jamir  
 Cherry - Isaac  
 Elder - Alfie  
 Elm - Bobby  
 Hawthorn - Albie  
 Hazel - Emily  
 Larch - Carys  
 Lime - Beau  
 Pine - Kate  
 Poplar - Thea

### Mentions - Week Two

Apricot -  
 Apple -  
 Beech - Musa  
 Birch - Billy  
 Cedar - Thomas  
 Cherry - Arthur  
 Elder - The whole class!  
 Elm - The whole class!  
 Hawthorn - Samson  
 Hazel - Henry  
 Larch - Lennon  
 Lime - Yunus  
 Pine - Amelia  
 Poplar - Lillie-Jaed

well done!