

Headteacher's Newsletter



22nd November 2024 - Edition 6

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

We have had a busy week in school, and despite the snow and cold weather, we have managed to keep learning. Thank you for your understanding and patience during any disruption.

More Congratulations!

We have another new arrival this week at Hurst Green! Congratulations to Mr Southall and his wife on the arrival of their new son, Mac! We wish them every happiness in their new family.

Also, congratulations to Miss Corbett in Reception class who is getting married this weekend. We hope the new Mr and Mrs Hughes have a wonderful day, and a very happy life together.



Goodbyes and Welcomes

This week we say goodbye to Miss Wheeler, who will be leaving us to start her new role as a HLTA at another school. We wish her every success in her new role and on behalf of the school, I would like to thank her for all of her hard work for Hurst Green.

Next week, we will be welcoming some new members of staff. Mrs Newton will be a HLTA working in the Orchard Room, Miss Harrison is a HLTA who will be working across the school, and Ms Sandhu will be working as a TA in KS1.

Snow Procedures

This week we had some early snow. Thank you to all of the staff and families for braving the elements and getting in to school! Thank you to parents for being flexible on Wednesday morning for our late opening.

In terms of future adverse weather, I will always try and keep the school open if I can safely do so. To do this, I not only have to assess the school and the local area (in terms of children getting safely to school), but also, I must consider how many staff can travel in from further afield in order to safely supervise classes.

Depending on the weather, we will do one of the following:

- *Remain open*
- *Full school closure*
- *Partial school closure (e.g. certain classes closing)*
- *Late start time/early pick up*



For future adverse weather, we will send a parent mail to let you know which of these is in place. Once our new website is launched, we will also put this on our home page.

Please make sure children are wearing appropriate clothes, especially in snowy weather. We had lots of mesh/canvas shoes, and lots of cold, wet feet!

Book Fair

The Book Fair is now in school. Books will be available for all to browse and purchase in the hall after school.

*Mon 25th, Tues 26th and
Thurs 28th November -
3:20-3:50pm*

*Parents Evenings: Weds 27th
November - 3:20-5:45pm*

Pupil Premium/Book Vouchers

We will be giving a book voucher to every child in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. We have noticed that some of our KS1 children are not receiving Pupil Premium money because parents have not applied for free school meals. This might be because ALL KS1 children already get universal free school meals, but if you do not apply, school does not get the extra funding.

If you are not sure whether your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, please contact the school office and they will be able to help.

Request for Help - Calling all DIYers

Thank you to parents who have been in touch to offer support in school. One parent has very kindly offered to felt our shed roof, and another has offered to come and do some painting. If you think you might be able to offer some help, then please contact the school office.

TTRS Competition

Larch and Poplar go head to head in the quarter finals of the school Times Tables Rock Stars competition this week.

Good luck to both classes!

My Happy Mind

Please sign up to our **My Happy Mind Parent App** and support our work in school on improving mental health and wellbeing. To sign up, please click the following link, and use the code
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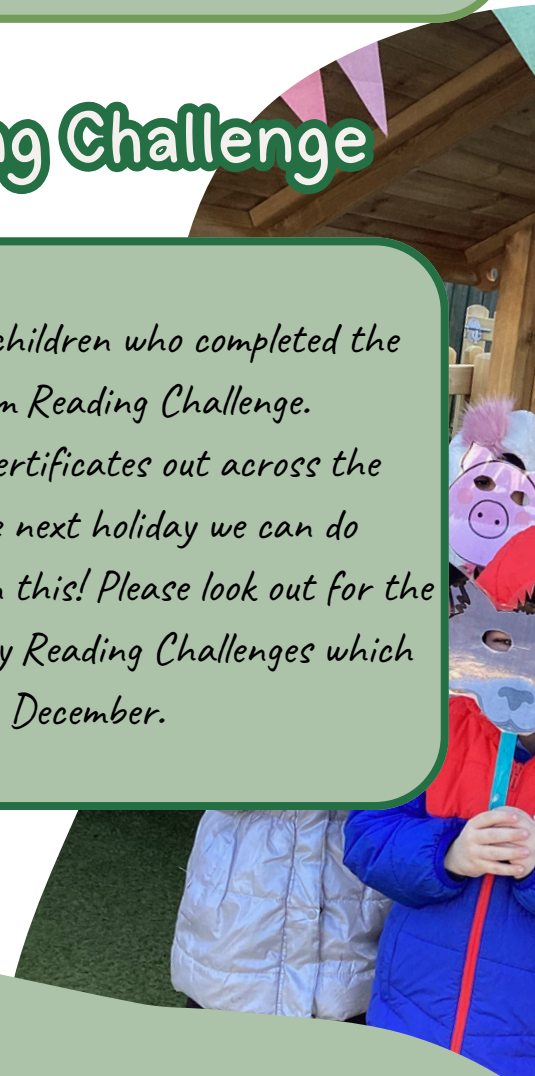
Forest Schools Equipment

We are working hard to develop our Forest School Provision. If you can donate any of the items below, we would be very grateful!

- Metal pots and pans, large spoons
- Metal rack for pans
- Books about birds/insects/trees/leaves
- Bug hunting equipment
- Tarpaulins/parachute/army netting
- Oilcloth/wipeable tablecloths
- Large storage boxes with lids (watertight)

Reading Challenge

Well done to the children who completed the October Half Term Reading Challenge. We gave out 18 certificates out across the school. I am sure next holiday we can do much better than this! Please look out for the Christmas Holiday Reading Challenges which will be sent out in December.



Non-Uniform Days/Raffle

We are holding a big *Christmas Bonanza Raffle*. We are saving up for a new library, and to purchase 'physical' phonics reading books.

Therefore, we will be holding three non-uniform days over the next few weeks in return for contributions to our *Christmas/Festive hampers* which we will raffle.

Friday 22nd November – Festive sweets/chocolates or savoury treats (crackers/nibbles etc).

Friday 29th November – Gifts (e.g. toiletries, candles, gift sets etc).

We will send out more information about how to enter the raffles closer to the time.

If you know of any business owners or employers who might like to donate raffle prizes, please get in touch!



Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor.

Please read the information included in the *Parent Mail* this week, and if you are interested in joining *Hurst Green's* governing body, complete the nomination form and qualifications form and return to the school office no later than 12 noon on *Thursday 28 November 2024*.
















No special qualifications are needed and the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work

If you would like a paper copy of the nomination form, please call into the school office.
















Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Class Attendance - Week Beginning 11.11.24

 Apple - 98%	 Cedar - 94.84%	 Hawthorn - 96.33%	 Pine - 94%
 Apricot - 93.33%	 Cherry - 94.83%	 Hazel - 97.67%	 Poplar - 98.67%
 Beech - 99.31%	 Elder - 94.67%	 Larch - 90.65%	 Well Done Birch Class!
 Birch - 100%	 Elm - 90.94%	 Lime - 91.72%	

Class Attendance - Week Beginning 18.11.24

 Apple - 96.67%	 Cedar - 91.61%	 Hawthorn - 91%	 Pine - 87.66%
 Apricot - 90.67%	 Cherry - 86.90%	 Hazel - 95%	 Poplar - 92.67%
 Beech - 89.66%	 Elder - 87.67%	 Larch - 89.68%	 Well Done Apple Class!
 Birch - 89.33%	 Elm - 85.94%	 Lime - 91.72%	

Jupiter



223

WELL DONE

Neptune



179

Saturn



100

Mercury



106

Mentions - Week One 04.11.24

Apricot - Jade
 Apple - Rittal
 Beech - Lucy
 Birch - Haadiy & Tate
 Cedar - Orei
 Cherry - Eli
 Elder - Mason
 Elm - Lucas
 Hawthorn - Will
 Hazel - Wali
 Larch - Ben
 Lime - Jack
 Pine - Adam
 Poplar - Jaya

Mentions - Week Two 11.11.24

Apricot - Aria
 Apple - Alicia
 Beech - Ronnie
 Birch - Millie
 Cedar - Max
 Cherry - Jeevan
 Elder - Cooper
 Elm - Saman
 Hawthorn - Isabella
 Hazel - Huey
 Larch - Georgia
 Lime - Daniyal
 Pine - Corban
 Poplar - Ayaan

well done!