

Hurst Green Happenings

13 January 2023



Happy New Year to you all! All the children have settled back into school well and we have had a busy start to the term. Year 1 had a visit from Animazing where they met (and held!) a gecko, a hedgehog, hissing cockroaches and an owl amongst many others. We also enjoyed a visit from the Pied Piper Theatre Company who performed *Burglar Bill* for us so a big thank you to the HGSA who funded this event for the children. Forest School started again this week and the children have been out, braving the wind and rain, looking for birds and finding beetle grubs.

We have a busy Spring term so keep your eyes peeled for the "Dates in your diary" for more information. We have also added some more after school clubs so please do make sure you sign up for these if your child is interested.

Wishing you all a good weekend!

Sarah George



Water Bottles: Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support with our new water bottle policy. Going forward, water bottles will be kept in school and cleaned and filled by staff. This ensures children have water to drink each day and ensures that we are a 'water only' school.

Forest School: We're still seeing children coming in with inadequate Forest School clothing. Please can you make sure your child has plenty of layers to wear, including a warm jumper. Although we give them waterproofs to wear, these aren't insulated so they need plenty of warm clothing to wear underneath.



Registered Charity number 1156814

News from the Hurst Green School Association

Rags2Riches: Don't forget the Rags2Riches collection on **Thursday 26 January 2023**. We'll be taking donations of clothes and shoes from Monday 23 January, so please do bring in any unwanted items of clothing and do get your friends, family and neighbours involved, too! We'll be giving out collection bags in the playground the week before. If you don't get one and would like one, please contact the office.



Valentine's Disco: Make sure you keep **Thursday 9th February** free for our popular Valentine's Disco! As usual, we'll be looking for people to help out at the event, and will be in touch with more details soon.

Farewell Mrs Russell



We would like to wish a very sad farewell to our Home-School Link Worker and Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Russell, who will be leaving us at the end of the month. Mrs Russell has been a fantastic addition to the school over the last four years and she will be sorely missed by staff, parents and children. Even though she's leaving us, she won't be far away as she'll be working across the car park at the Tandridge Family Centre as a Family Support Worker. We wish you the best of luck in your new job, Mrs Russell!

Mrs George will be taking over Mrs Russell's Family Liaison duties and Mrs Smith and Miss Merritt will become the new Deputy Safeguarding Leads.



Our children have been grabbing their binoculars to take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch 2023 which is running all month!

We've put bird feeders around the school and our little twitchers have been learning all about the birds that visit our lovely grounds.

Children have been taking part in lots of hands-on activities to learn about birds, such as bird watching and observation, making bird feeders, drawing birds and learning about these feathered creatures through some beautiful books.

The big garden birdwatch is at the end of the month. To find out more about taking part at home, click [here](#).



After School Clubs



Tuesday:

Dance Movement and Fitness with Bastet School of Dance. To book, please contact Jolene Kiddle on 07894 715755.

NEW! Science Club run by Fizz Pop is running 5 after-school sessions for **Years 1 and 2 only** on Tuesdays (21/02, 28/02, 07/03, 14/03, 21/03). This will cost £39 for the 5 sessions. You can sign up on the Fizz Pop website: <https://fizzpopscience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking>

N.B. This is a repeat of the sessions from the Summer term. Any Year 2 children who took part last year should wait until after Easter when new sessions will be run.

Wednesday: Taekwondo with Coach Hachem. To book, please contact Coach Hachem on 07747 779717.

Friday: NEW! Gardening Club (starting Friday 24th February)

We are very excited about our new school gardening club! We will be bringing our raised beds back to life and hope to plant some fruit and vegetables as well as grow some beautiful flowers and plants for the birds and the bees. If you'd like your child to take part in this club, please get in touch with the school office. The club will cost £5 per child for the half term which will go towards buying gardening equipment, seeds and plants.



We are absolutely over the moon with our recent Ofsted report where we were judged to be "Good" in all areas. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic team here at our school who work so hard, day in and day out, to care for your children and help give them the best start to their education.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Ofsted Parent View survey—we really value your feedback.

Here are a few highlights from the report:

They are articulate and curious, and this helps them to learn

Pupils are happy at Hurst Green Infant School. Staff provide interesting experiences in stimulating environments. Pupils are excited by this and keen to learn

Learning outside is a regular and much enjoyed element of school life

Pupils build a rich vocabulary as they move through the school

There is much joy and laughter along the way

We will not be standing still and the inspection has strengthened our determination to make Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery an even better place to be!



Stem4's Parent Mental Health Day on **27th January** (PMHD) encourages understanding and awareness of the importance of parents' mental health and its impact on the family. With this year's theme being

'balance', the day aims to get parents and carers to take a moment to reflect on the balance they have in their lives and to take positive steps to make change.

Stem4 are inviting parents to join their webinar on Thursday 27th January at 7pm where they will discuss how improved parent mental health benefits the whole family, and practical ways in which parents and carers can regain equilibrium in their lives and tip the balance towards positive mental health.

If you'd like to take part in the webinar, please click [here](#) or visit stem4.org.uk to find out more.



Burglar Bill Comes to School!

Who's that creeping down the street?

Who's that climbing up the wall?

Who's that coming through the window?

Who's that....It's Burglar Bill

The children had lots of fun earlier this week watching The Pied Piper Theatre Company's production of Burglar Bill, inspired by the classic picture book by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.

There was lots of laughter coming from the hall as the children got to know Burglar Bill and Burglar Betty and all their antics through a brilliant set design, puppets and original songs.



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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win a whole YEAR of HelloFresh!
- Please help give our fundraising a boost
- Save money and eat fresh in 2023

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 25/02/2023



Community Fund

Fancy winning a whole year of HelloFresh boxes? Then take part in the Tandridge Lottery to be in with a chance.

Tickets cost just £1 a week and 60p of that goes directly to our school. There's also a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot every week!

Please do share with your friends and family and help spread the word about Tandridge Together Lottery.

Visit tandridgelottery.co.uk to take part.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2023	
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Thursday 25th January	Road Magic Safety Show—Rec, Y1 & Y2
Friday 26th January	Rags2Riches4 Schools collection
Wednesday 1st February	Life Bus visit (all year groups)
Thursday 9th February	HGSA Valentine's Disco
Monday 13th—Friday 17th February	HALF TERM
Monday 20th February	BACK TO SCHOOL!
Wednesday 22nd February	Year 2 trip to Polka Theatre
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day
W/c Monday 13 March	Science Week
Mon 13 & Wed 15 March	Parents' Evening (in person)
Monday 20 March	Multi-Sport event at St Mary's School, Oxted (selected Y2 pupils—parents to collect at 2.45 from St Mary's)
Tues 28, Wed 29 & Thurs 30 March	School trip to Oxted Library
Summer Term 2023	
Monday 24 April	Incredible Eggs arrive!
Wednesday 17 May	Class Photos



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SOUTH EAST SURREY DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the British Dyslexia Association

SESDA Reg. Charity no.281076

Support Evening for Parents and Carers

‘Questions and Discussion’

Tuesday 31st January 2023
7.30pm – 10pm

A chance for parents and carers to meet Committee members, who are themselves parents of dyslexic youngsters, and specialist dyslexia tutors, to talk about any concerns they have about dyslexia at home or in school.

Some resources for helping dyslexic pupils will be on display.

This meeting is free and open to all parents and carers who have an interest in dyslexia.

It would be helpful to know numbers beforehand but not essential. Contact sesdadyslexia@hotmail.com

Don't worry if you cannot make the meeting by 7.30pm.
Join us when you can.

**Holy Trinity Church Centre, Carlton Road,
Redhill. RH1 2BX**



HURST GREEN'S COMMUNITY FRIDGE!

Every Wednesday - 11:15 -12:30
St Agatha's Hall, Hurst Green

A community fridge is a free service to help lessen food waste in the community! It's open to everyone and helps share food that would otherwise be thrown away! All food is free and EVERYBODY is welcome! Come have a browse for some fresh veggies, fruit and cupboard foods

If you would like to volunteer your time to serve teas and biscuits, donate food, or if you're a local business that has stock you'd like to donate, please contact us at:

lotwina@stjhurstgreen.co.uk or call 07553305087
(Tuesday - Thursday)

EVERYONE WELCOME

Let's Combat Food Waste Together!

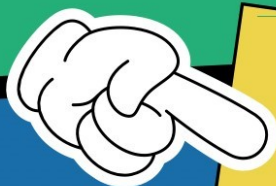
Email: office@hurstgreenschool.org Website: www.hurstgreenschool.org Phone: 01883 712171

Emergency information regarding the school will be announced on Heart Radio 102.7FM and the school website

**STARTING 10TH
NOVEMBER!**



POP-UP COMMUNITY HUB



**THURSDAYS
13:00 - 15:00**

St Agatha's Hall,
Hurst Green

**FREE Tea, Toast, Cake
and Conversations!**

**Community Support,
Advice and Initiatives!**

**Warm, Open, Inclusive
Space for everybody!**

**Special celebratory
Events & Workshops!**

Want to get involved or volunteer? Please email office@stjhurstgreen.co.uk

Bastet School Of Dancing

- ✕ Classical Ballet
- ✕ Modern Theatre
- ✕ Tap Dance
- ✕ Jazz
- ✕ Irish
- ✕ Musical theatre
- ✕ Contemporary
- ✕ Classical Greek/creative
- ✕ Strength and stretch
- ✕ Boys only classes

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JOIN OUR NEW OLYMPIC TAEKWONDO CLUB

Wednesday after school

10 sessions

£50/child

at Hurst Green Infant School

**Contact coach Hachem
07747779717 for booking**



Self-Confidence

Discipline

Respect

Focus

Social Skills

General Health



