



Hurst Green Happenings

16 December 2022



From the Head Teacher...

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the first term already! We have had a fun packed end of term which is always a busy time on the school calendar.

The children performed brilliantly last week in our Christmas production of 'Honky Tonky Donkey'. We thank you all for attending and for the kind donations we received at the end of the performance.

Thank you to all of you who also supported our Christmas shop on Friday. We raised £600!

Christmas lunch was a huge success and wearing Christmas jumpers really made the festive event. Our thanks go out to our chef and his assistant in the kitchen for cooking such an enjoyable lunch.

We thank you all for your support this term and all staff wish you a very Merry Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023.

Sarah George

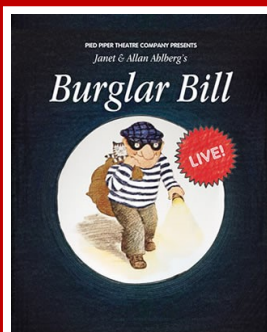


Friendly Reminders

Playground: A polite reminder that parents are responsible for their children during drop off and pick up and that, due to safety reasons, the play equipment should only be used during school hours and when supervised by staff. Thank you for your understanding.

Lost Property: We've accumulated quite a lot of lost property this term! Please can you make sure you name **EVERY** item of your child's school clothes, including anything they use for after school clubs and Forest School.

School Start Time: Please remember that children need to be in school for 9am. Lots of children are arriving late which disrupts the other children.



Burglar Bill live at Hurst Green

The Pied Piper Theatre Company will be visiting school on 10th January to do a live show of Burglar Bill.

Inspired by Janet and Allan Ahlberg's beautiful picture book, the characters will be brought to life on stage with an exciting set design, puppets, and original music and songs.

Thank you to the HGSA for funding this visit. We know the children (and staff!) will have a great time.

Winter Wonderland

Our school grounds were transformed into a magical winter wonderland this week after the snow paid us all a visit. Our Explorers wrapped up warm and made the most of the weather, making snowmen, snow angels and having snow ball fights outside!





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News from Hurst Green School Association...

Christmas Shop and Silent Auction: Thanks to everyone for coming out to support our shop and silent auction last week! Thanks to you, we raised almost £600 for school projects. A big thank you to those parents who helped behind the scenes making the baubles—we couldn't have done it without your help!



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 clothes and do get your friends, family and neighbours involved, too! To find out more, please visit rags2riches4schools.co.uk



David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

Thank you so much to the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation for visiting our school earlier this month to talk to Pioneers and Explorers about wildlife and conservation. The children were fascinated to learn all about endangered species, such as pangolins and painted dogs, and they asked lots of great questions at the end. Thank you to everyone who gave a donation. We raised over £60 for the Foundation which will go towards their work funding key conservation projects across Africa and Asia.



Drama for Pioneers!

It has been a pleasure to teach Year 2 for Drama this half-term. Working together in small groups, the children have enjoyed learning and speaking poetry aloud with clear voices and lovely expression!

They have also been developing skills in mime, improvisation and storytelling, using the story of 'King Midas and The Golden Touch'. For our last lesson, we set ourselves a challenge to put together a mini-play, using the children's ideas, which the whole class presented to Mrs George, Mrs Caswell and Mrs Allen. Splendid work, Pioneers!

Mrs. Gimblett



Christmas Celebrations



After our very festive lunch on Wednesday, we were very lucky to receive a visit from Father Christmas! All the children received a present after sharing their Christmas wishes and letting Father Christmas know how good they had all been!



Christmas at St John's Church



On Thursday, we were welcomed to St John's Church by Rvd Anna Eltringham. She talked to the children about the Christmas story and how it relates to their lives, some of the children did readings and then everybody performed songs from their hit show, 'Honky Tonky Donkey'.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to support the children.



Hawk On The Wild Side

Explorers and Adventurers had such a hoot on Monday when Hawk on the Wild Side came to visit the school with some real-life owls!

The children were introduced to three owls; a barn owl, a Southern white faced owl, and an African spotted eagle owl. They learnt all about how an owl's eye colour tells you what time of day it's active (orange-eyed owls are crepuscular, coming out at dawn and dusk) and how barn owls have special camouflage called counter-shading so that their prey can't see them from below and predators can't see them from above—fascinating stuff!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2023	
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January	BACK TO SCHOOL!
Wednesday 4th January	Animazing visit—Year 1
Tuesday 10th January	Burglar Bill Pantomime school visit
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
Summer Term 2023	
Wednesday 17 May	Class Photos



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'Follow the Star!.... An Outdoor Nativity



Let's travel to the stable together, singing carols as we go with local actors, a real donkey and free refreshments.

**Saturday 17th December, 4pm
starting at St Agatha's Hall**

(children are invited to dress up if they wish i.e. as sheep, angels etc)

Brought to you by the churches of Hurst Green



Christmas Café Church

Carols, Crafts and
Christingles



11AM 18TH DECEMBER

Join us for brunch at 11am followed by a relaxed Christmas Café Church for all ages, Enjoy carols, crafts and making Christingles. Our collection during the service will be for The Children's Society.

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St John's
HURST GREEN

**The
Children's
Society**

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

The poster features a dark green background with a central yellow rectangular frame. Various stylized vegetable illustrations are placed around the frame: a corn cob and a tomato on the left; a head of lettuce, a purple onion, and a red radish at the top; a pea pod on the right; and a head of broccoli, a purple cabbage, and green leafy vegetables at the bottom.

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!

Designed by Abi Chapman
The Accessibility Project

FAMILY CHRISTMAS @ POP-UP COMMUNITY HUB



**THURSDAY 22
DECEMBER
13:00 - 15:00**
St Agatha's Hall,
Hurst Green

The Community Hub is run by:
The Accessibility Project
St John's Church, Hurst Green

We are supported by:
United Reformed Church
Tandridge District Council

Christmas Community Giveaway: Small gift bags for all!

Christmas Music, Kids and Adult Crafts, Games!

Light Christmas Refreshments, Warm, Open Inclusive Space

If you are able to, please let us know you're attending, so we can make sure you are included in all activities and enough gifts to go around!

Email us at theaccessibilityprojectuk@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

Come along to Holland Junior School on

Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 10.00am

**to meet Miss Lynch, our new Headteacher
who joins us from September 2023**

Miss Lynch will give a short presentation and be happy to answer any questions you may have. This is an informal event and should you wish to tour the school again you are most welcome to do so!

Should you require any further information please contact the school office on 01883 715801



Primary School Parent Wellbeing Service

An opportunity for parents and carers to come together in a relaxed, safe space to discuss the challenges and the successes that come with supporting children's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Our Parent Support Practitioners will be on hand to provide support, advice, guidance and will be able to signpost your families to further resources and services.



If you have any questions, you can email us at:

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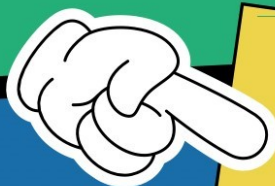
The children and young people's emotional
wellbeing and mental health service



**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

LESSONS BASED IN

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&
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Bastet School of Dancing



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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

