

# Hurst Green Happenings

## 9 September 2022

A very warm welcome back to Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 this week. We are also delighted to say hello and welcome our new Reception children and their families. We are so pleased you chose Hurst Green School to start your learning journey and we look forward to you being part of our school community. We will also be welcoming our new nursery children next week and are looking forward to getting to know them all.

It has already been a jam-packed week full of exciting new things at school. We are very excited to have opened our new toilet block and have been enjoying fantastic food from our new catering company, Olive Dining. Some children who have packed lunches have been very jealous of the cooked food and have been tasting a few bits themselves! A reminder that children can swap to school lunches at any time and they are free up until Year 2. If your child does still want packed lunches, please make sure you are following the packed lunch guidelines which you can find on our website.

There are a number of new events added to our Dates for the Diary page, so please make sure you check these.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Meet the Teacher evenings next week.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah George



Registered Charity number 1156814



### News from Hurst Green School Association...

**MUFTI Day:** On **Friday 16th September** we will be inviting children to come into school wearing their own clothes. In return, we are asking for donations of wrapped sweets to use on our fundraising stall at the Hurst Green Fair.

**Hurst Green Fair:** Come and say hello if you're popping along to the Hurst Green Fair on **Saturday 17 September**. Have a go at our popular Sweetie Jar Hoopla game and help support our wonderful school.

**Annual General Meeting:** We will be electing a new committee at the AGM on **Tuesday 27 September**, at 7.30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to come along. We hope to see you there.

### New Children's Toilets

We had the children's toilets refurbished over the summer holidays and they are far from bog-standard! There are four girls' toilets and four boys' toilets, complete with a long, modern sink with built in taps and soap dispensers. We think you'll agree it looks very smart!



### Say Cheese!



Kelly Firmin from Kelly Firmin Photography will be coming into school on Thursday 15th of September to get school photos of the children. Proofs of your child's photo will be sent home with them, along with instructions on how to order your photos.



We are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We thank her for her dedication and service. Hurst Green Infant School and Nursery will observe the mourning period but continue to support our pupils, families and staff.

## Food Glorious Food

Our children are eating in style, thanks to our new caterers Olive Dining. Each day, the hall transforms into a restaurant-like space, complete with red and white checked tablecloths, napkin holders and plants. The food is cooked fresh on-site every day and the smell wafting from the kitchen leaves everyone's mouths watering. We'd love every child to enjoy school dinners. If your child currently has packed lunch and you'd like to give Olive a try, please contact the school office. To find out more about Olive Dining, please click [here](#).



## New Reception Outside Space

Our new Reception children have been enjoying getting to know their new classroom, especially the lovely outside area. Big thanks to Miss Douglas and Mr Parrett who worked hard over the summer holiday to give the outside play and learning area a facelift. There's lots of sensory and interactive equipment to help the children's learning, enabling them to have fun and grow in confidence, including a mud kitchen, a bark floor, ladders and wooden stepping stones. We've also removed the fence, which used to separate the Reception and Year 1 outside areas, so the two year groups can get to know each other when they are playing outdoors.



## School Attendance

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their child out of school for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. The amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child, so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

A BIG 'Thank You' goes to Michael Bull, Community Champion at Morrisons for arranging a delivery of fruit for the children this morning when our fruit company let us down. He arrived with bags of lovely fresh apples, pears and bananas and the children have all very much enjoyed tucking in!





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2022	
Tuesday 13th September	Year 1 Meet the Teacher @ 6.30pm
Wednesday 14th September	Year 2 Meet the Teacher @ 6.30pm
Thursday 15th September	Year Reception Meet the Teacher @ 6.30pm
Thursday 15th September	Individual school photos
Friday 16th September	MUFTI Day (bring in sweets)
Saturday 17th September	Hurst Green Fair
Tuesday 27th September	HGSA AGM @ 7.30pm
Wednesday 28th September	Phonics Workshop for Parents @ 6.30pm
Friday 30th September	Prospective Governors' Coffee Morning @ 10am
Thursday 6th October	SATS Meeting Year 2 Parents @ 6.30pm
Monday 10th October	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 11th October	Year 1 Harvest Assembly (parents to attend) @ 2.45
Thursday 13th October	Nursery Harvest Assembly (parents to attend) @ 11.30
	Year R Harvest Assembly (parents to attend) @ 2.45
Friday 14th October	Year 2 Harvest Assembly (parents to attend) @ 2.45
Wednesday 19th October	Open Morning—for new parents 2023
Wednesday 19th October	Maths Workshop @ 6.30pm
<b>Monday 24th—Friday 28th October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 31 October</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 7th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 7th December	Y1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 8th December	Y2 Christmas Performance

## Hurst Green Superheroes!



You may have seen some little Superheroes zooming about the school at drop off this morning. Our Year 1 students donned their Superhero costumes to take part in a fun-filled day full of challenges and tasks to help defeat a supervillain trying to take over the school. Thank you so much to everyone for taking part and for making the effort. The children had a great time, as did the teachers and staff!



## Baseline Assessments for Reception Class

Now that our new reception class have started, staff will be carrying out baseline assessments. Please click on [this link](#) to find out more.

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

# IMPORTANT NEWS!

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD CAN ENJOY A  
FREE SCHOOL MEAL IN KEY STAGE 1  
(RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2)

YOUR CHILD MAY ALSO BE ENTITLED TO A FREE  
SCHOOL MEAL IN KEY STAGE 2  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT!





**HURST GREEN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

# **Annual General Meeting**

**TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022  
7.30PM  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



**GET INVOLVED**

**ALL WELCOME**

**REGISTERED CHARITY 1156814**





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# GYMNASTICS

## *After School Club*

Now accepting bookings for September 2022.  
Class costs £7.50 per session

*Book your place today!*

**TUESDAYS 3:15-4:15 PM**

Payments are made per half term. Bookings can be  
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**CHEF MANAGER** TO JOIN US AT  
HURST GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

£24,000 PER ANNUM  
(40 HOURS, TERM TIME ONLY)

WE RELISH IN MAKING GREAT FOOD  
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND GETTING  
THEM ENGAGED WITH HEALTHY  
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