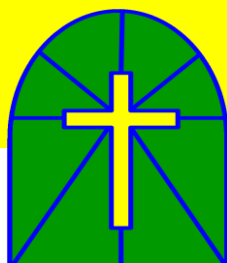




*Trust*  
*Forgiveness*



*Hope*  
*Justice*



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### Happy New Year



A Happy New Year to all the children and families of our school and church community. I'm sure 2017 will be another fantastic year for all the children at Hurst Knoll St James.

### Parents Consultation Evening

You should have had letters this week informing you of parents evening on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January (or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January for Year 5). This will be an opportunity for you to talk to the classteacher about the progress your child has made towards their targets so far this school year. Please make sure you've arranged a time for these important progress meetings. Non attenders will be contacted by the class teacher at some point later in the week.

Don't forget parents evening!

### Family Time



Family time is back this term with many fantastic opportunities to see the learning your child is involved in. Please see the tables below for information relating to each class in the school. We also have whole school family events and SEND events you are welcome to come to as well.

#### Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Day	Class	Time	Subject and Focus
Monday	Reception	1.15	Topic (Will you read me a story?)
Tuesday	Year 3	9.45-10.30	Topic (Heroes and Villians)
Wednesday	Year 5	2.15-3.15	Topic (Peasants, Princes and Pestilence)
Thursday	Year 1	9.30-10.30	Topic (The Enchanted Woodland)

#### Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January

Day	Class	Time	Subject and Focus
Monday	Year 6	11.30-12.15	GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)
Tuesday	Nursery	9.00-9.30	Writing
Wednesday	Year 2	2.15-3.15	Reading
Thursday	Year 4	9.00-9.30	Arithmetic

#### Whole School Family Time

Date	Phase	Time	Subject and Focus
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	KS1 (Year 1/2)	2.15-3.00	Healthy Eating - Fruit Kebabs
9 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 (Year 3-6)	2.15-3.00	Healthy Eating - Fruit Kebabs

#### SEND Family Time

Date	Time	Subject and Focus
12 <sup>th</sup> January	2.15-3.00	Lego
26 <sup>th</sup> January	2.15-3.00	Sensory Activities

### Reading at Home & Parent Workshop

A letter has gone out to parents of children who are learning to read through the Read Write Inc Phonics programme in school. Please read this letter carefully and if you have any further questions please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Harrison. If you are interested in a parent workshop about how you can support and engage your child with reading at home then please complete and return the attached slip to the letter that went out at the start of the week.



**Spelling Stars**

All children since September have been working towards achieving their bronze, silver or gold Spelling Stars Award. These words are the common exception words from the curriculum which the children have to be able to spell consistently. All children have got a copy of the spelling stars card in their homework book and it is important that children practise these spellings at home as part of their homework on a weekly basis. These spellings are in addition to weekly spellings the children receive. Over the term, your child will be tested on the spelling stars card and hopefully achieve bronze, silver or gold. Children can then continue to challenge themselves to achieve to next level.



**Extra Curricular Activities**



Clubs for the spring term start shortly (see the timetable below). Letters will have already gone out or will be going out soon.

Day	Club	Time	Led by	Year groups
<b>Monday</b> (start 23 <sup>rd</sup> January)	Choir	3.15 - 4.15	Mrs Bevan	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Yoga	3.15 - 4.00	Miss Astbury	Reception
	Yoga	3.15 - 4.15	Miss Boyle	Year 5 & 6
<b>Wednesday</b> (start 1 <sup>st</sup> February)	Art	3.15 - 4.15	Miss Jankovic	Year 3 & 4
	Dance / Fitness	3.15-4.15	Miss Harper	Year 5 & 6
<b>Thursday</b> (start 26 <sup>th</sup> January)	Netball	3.15 - 4.15	Miss Milne	Year 5 & 6
	Gym	3.15 - 4.15	Mrs Oatley	Year 3 & 4
	Football	12.45 - 1.15	Mr Anderson	Year 5 & 6
	Outdoor Learning	3.15 - 4.15	Miss Floyd	Year 3 & 4
	Cooking (in Nursery kitchen)	3.15 - 4.00	Mrs Smith Mrs Spiby Mrs Boakes	Year 5 & 6
	Book Club	3.15-4.15	Miss Hemingway	Year 1 & 2
	Handwriting Club	12.30-1.00	Miss Harrison	Year 1 & 2

**Reception Applications**

A reminder to parents who have a child who will be 5 years of age between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that online applications for a Reception place must be submitted by 15th January. Please go to [www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions) if you have not done this already.

**Nursery Applications**

We still have many places available in our Nursery from September so if you have a child at Nursery age or you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child then please let them know - mornings only. Please contact our school office for more information.

**And Finally ...WISDOM**

Our Christian value this half term is Wisdom. Please find some time together with your child to look at the home school values sheet and take a look at the 'home-school challenge' and make a proverb shoe box brick. I can't wait to see them!

I have heard we may get more snow over the weekend so take care.

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher