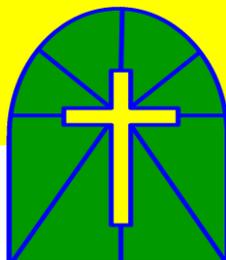




*Trust*  
*Forgiveness*



*Hope*  
*Justice*



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

### DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Can you please ensure your data collection sheet is in by Monday if you have not returned it yet? Don't forget to complete the section regarding country of birth and nationality.

### Generosity

This term's Christian Value is Generosity and you should have received the home-school values sheet with this newsletter. Have a look at the home-school challenge. We will display all fruit that are made.

### International Peace Day



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September is World Peace Day and we will be focusing on this in our collective worship time during this week to tie in with our Christian value focus this half term - Peace. If you would like to work on this with your children at home then [www.peaceday.org](http://www.peaceday.org) is a great place to start.

### Parents Consultation Evening

We have our first parents consultation evening of the school year coming up on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. You should have appointment times booked and you will have received our Home-School Agreement earlier this week. This is your copy for home and you will need to sign the list with the class teacher at parents evening if you are in agreement. Can you please read this over the weekend, focusing on the parent section and talking to your children about the high expectations we have at Hurst Knoll St James'. If you disagree with any of the expectations in it then please come and speak to me before you have your meeting with the class teacher. We will be showcasing healthy packed lunches, school dinners and breakfast club in the hall throughout the two evenings.

*Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!*

### Extra Curricular Activities

Extra Curricular clubs will start the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September and run for the autumn term if they have not started already. Some letters have gone out this week and confirmation of places will go out next week. Please see the list below:

Monday	3.15-4.15	Year 3-6	Choir	Mrs Bevan, Mrs Johnson & Mrs James
Monday	3.15-4.15	Year 1-2	Spanish	Miss Orme
Wednesday	3.15-4.00	Year 5-6	Dance	Miss Harper & Mrs James
Wednesday	3.15-4.00	Year 4	X Tables	Mrs Hall
Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Year 1-3	Film	Mrs Floyd
Wednesday	3.15-4.00	Year 3-4	Art	Miss Jankovic
Thursday	12.45-1.15	Year 5-6	Boys Football	Mr Anderson
Thursday	3.15-4.15	Year 1	Singing	Miss Astbury & Mrs Molloy
Thursday	3.15-4.15	Year 5-6	Hockey	Miss Boyle & Mrs Oakley
Thursday	3.15-4.15	Year 3-6	Fitness	Manchester Giants
Thursday	3.15-4.15	Year 3-4	Cooking	Mrs Smith, Mrs Spiby & Mrs Boakes

### Parent Governor

We have had interest from one parent in regard to joining the governing body as a parent governor this year. If you are interested and would like to be involved in key decisions about your school then please contact me either by email, phone or in person.

[admin@hurstknollschool.org.uk](mailto:admin@hurstknollschool.org.uk), 0161 330 4049.

### Attendance

A reminder that we are expecting attendance to be above 97% this year. Anything below 97% is a cause for concern and you can expect to be contacted if this is the case. Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Browe is always available to discuss any questions you may have around your child's attendance.

100%	Excellent	97-99%	Good	93-96%	Cause for Concern
90-92%	Poor	<90%	Unacceptable (Persistent Absence)		

### Family Time – Cosy Reading

This year, we are introducing 'Family Time' to provide more opportunities and experiences for you to share with your child in school. It's always such a pleasure to see the children speaking so confidently about their school life with their families and we can see that the children get excited to be able to share this too. We will continue to involve parents in events to celebrate learning, but will also provide more opportunities for you to share learning in class with your child.

Following the success of the Fathers Day event last year, the first event will be on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30-3.15 with 'Family Time -Cosy Reading'** where you are invited to come into school and share a story with your child or children in the comfort of reading areas we will be setting up in the hall. This is the first of many event planned for this year. Look on the newsletter for further family time events coming soon. We really value the time that parents and carers can give during the school day as it is such an enriching experience for everyone.

### School Events this Term

We have a number of events and experiences for the children to participate in this term:

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| • Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September    | World Peace Day Assembly – focus on peace around the world |
| • Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September    | Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-5.00                      |
| • Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September   | Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum                     |
| • Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September | Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-7.00                      |
| • Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September  | Cross Country – Tameside Stadium                           |
| • Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September  | Family Time – Cosy Reading                                 |
| • Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September    | Spanish Day  |
| • Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October       | Scholastic Book Fair                                       |
| • Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October       | Harvest Festival led by Year 5 St James Church 2.00        |
| • Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | Film Night 3.30-5.00                                       |
| • Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October      | Half term – end of Autumn 1                                |
| • Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October      | School closed – INSET                                      |
| • Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November     | Back to school for Autumn 2                                |
| • Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November   | Café Church Year 6 St James Church 2.00                    |
| • Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November     | Anti-bullying week   |
| • Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  | Individual/Family Photographs                              |
| • Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November     | NSPCC workshops  |
| • Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December     | Parliament Education Service KS2 assembly and workshops    |
| • Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December    | Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30                                   |
| • Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | Reception Nativity 9.30                                    |
| • Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | KS1 Carols 2.30  |
| • Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December     | Nursery Carols/Nativity Story 11.30                        |
| • Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Jumper Day                                       |
| • Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Service led by Year 4 St James Church 2.00       |
| • Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | Christmas Party Day  |
| • Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | End of term  |

### Harvest Festival

We are asking for donations of tins and dried foods from every child to create class hampers that we can present at church on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October as part of our Harvest Festival. We are also asking for donations towards 'Magic Breakfast' which the Parish of the Good Shepherd is supporting this year, both donations can be brought in from Monday and handed to the class teacher. We thank you for your support.

### Reading Volunteers

If you could spare up to an hour a week, we'd love for you to join us as a reading volunteer. Please speak to Mrs Smith if you can help.

### And Finally.....Nursery Parents.

To clarify any confusion – Nursery starts at 9.00am with the doors opening at 8.50am. Nursery finishes at 12.00pm with doors opening at 11.50am to give you the opportunity to speak to the teachers and see what your child has been learning that morning.

Have a great weekend and bring some tins in next week please!

Paul Anderson Headteacher

