## Dear Families,

Another fabulous week! The children are getting more and more settled and confident as they enjoy getting to know their new learning environment and their teaching staff. New friendships are being created each day and lots of fun is being had. The teaching staff continue with their Baseline Assessments so they can fully understand where each child is at in order to plan accordingly for the future. They have been adding many of their observations and photographs onto our online journal, Tapestry and log in details will be shared with you next week via email so be sure to look out for that.

The children have produced some lovely homework too and these are proudly on display in our classroom, as well as lots of other super work they have been completing. Mr Parker and I made mini beast masks with the children this morning which was great fun and we will be using these next week as we go on a mini beast walk! You will also notice the staff wearing the special badges below that Mr Parker made for us as we embark on our Conservation pledge to be Eco Harriers. The Hen Harrier is our school mascot and the children will be learning lots about this magnificent bird of prey as well as taking care of our environment whilst they are at school with us.



<u>Move in date</u>: As I mentioned last week, I attended a Project Board meeting on Wednesday in Stafford to get an update on when we will be able to move into our new school. There are still some minor works to do but we are getting very close now. I have been told we are looking at the end of September/very early October, so I need to ask for your continued patience and support for a little bit longer. I hope you will agree that the temporary arrangements, although not ideal, are working as well as we could hope and the children are happy, enjoying school and thriving which is what we are all working towards. I will keep you updated each week and as soon as I have a firm date, I will inform you immediately.

<u>Dates</u>: Please find the dates for the Autumn Term overleaf. Next week, I will publish other key dates for the remainder of the academic year.

You will notice that we have been able to book our first trip with the children to Rosliston Forestry Centre for an Owl Experience to go with our Owl Babies text. We are all very excited for this and we will be issuing a letter shortly with all the details.

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## Newsletter 2 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

I look forward to seeing you next week at the bus stop or as you drop off at Scientia.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Hopkins Head teacher

## Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2018/19 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parents Consultation Meetings Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents Consultation Meetings Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival Celebration and break up for the half-term break Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Inset day (school closed to pupils) Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Half Term break Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December afternoon - Christmas performance Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day and Break-up for the Christmas holiday!

Details and times of all events and performances will be shared with parents nearer the time.

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