

## Newsletter 8 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **Dear Families,**

Welcome back after the half term holiday, I do hope you had an enjoyable week with Halloween and Fireworks!

The children have settled in brilliantly to their new classroom and love having the outdoor area just outside their door. As you can see, Mr Parker has been very busy yet again with building activity areas such as an 'Investigation Station', 'Art Attack' area and a 'Messy Kitchen' for the children to play with in their outdoor area. It really is looking great and it will continue to build and develop over the next few weeks and months.

**Dfe visit:** On Tuesday, we had our first visit from Val McGregor who is an Education Advisor for the Department for Education. In the first few years of opening, we will have several visits from Val to ensure that the school is doing what it should be doing to be successful. Val was incredibly impressed with how independent and settled the children were considering it was only the second day in their new classroom. She also thought the school was really taking shape despite some external works needing to be completed. Val will visit us again in March.

**Macmillan Coffee morning:** Thank you for supporting this good cause and for your generous cake donations! We hope you enjoyed the tour of the school building. We are very much looking forward to seeing our school continue to grow and develop over the coming year.

**Building work update:** I was informed on Monday that unfortunately the ground work will take longer than I had been previously told and subsequently reported to you. As soon as I know more, I will let you know but hopefully this will not get in the way of the running of the school so should not cause us any inconvenience.

**First year at school photograph:** Every year the Burton Mail publish a photograph of each school's Reception class. They had not realised we were open and therefore did not come to take a photograph. Mrs Dennis noticed this error and contacted the Burton Mail who apologised for this oversight. A photograph was published in yesterday's paper, unfortunately we weren't aware that it was going to press yesterday. If you did not have a copy and would like one, please let Mrs Dennis know and she will email it to you.

**Midday Supervisor Vacancy:** We are now advertising for two Midday Supervisors. Please let friends and family know in case anyone is interested in this role. It will be for 1.5 hours a day (11:45am-1:15pm). More details are available on our website under the Vacancy page and how to apply.

**Henhurst Community Partnership:** Many schools have an organisation that is run by parents and other family members, members of the local community and staff to help put on events to bring the school community together but also to help fund raise for additional resources the school

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might need. We are looking to create such a group. If you are interested in being involved, please put this on the questionnaire that your child has brought home today.

**Harrier Award:** Our school mascot is a Hen Harrier and our school values all begin with a different letter of the word Harrier. Each half term we will learn more about one of the values and we will celebrate in our Friday assembly any children who have really shone out for demonstrating this value. This half term, we are focusing on our 'E' value which is 'Everyone working together'. This week, Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw unanimously gave Frankie-Leigh the award because she always helps others without being asked and seems to notice before anyone else does that someone might need a hand. Well done Frankie- Leigh we are very proud of you! I wonder who it will be next week?

**Phonics Workshop:** Don't forget that next week we are holding a Phonics Workshop on **THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**, one at 2pm and one at 5:30pm. We really do hope that you can make it to find out how we teach the children to read and how you can help at home. Please report to the main office. I look forward to seeing you then.

With very best wishes,



Mrs Hopkins

Please see a reminder of the upcoming dates for the rest of the Autumn Term:

Date	Event	Additional information
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9am in hall, includes a tour of the school.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual school photographs	Super smart hairstyles!
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Phonics Information Sessions	2pm & 5:30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Fun Day	Children wear their own clothes for £1 for charity
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Open day for prospective parents for 2019 Intake.	9:30-11 & 1:30-3pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Open evening for prospective parents for 2019 Intake.	5:30-7pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Class assembly for parents	2:30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performance	2pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 donation to charity

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