

Newsletter 9 – Friday 16th November 2018

Dear Families,

Another super busy week here at Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy! The children have been enjoying bread making this week with Mrs Blackshaw that links to their Talk for Writing text, 'The Little Red Hen'. They are very much enjoying the retelling of this story and acting it out in our role-play area. The flour was enthusiastically stirred around - I won't say anymore! We've had our first school photographs which I'm sure you will agree are such a lovely keepsake and the children smiled beautifully - I'm sure you will treasure them! A class photograph will be taken later in the academic year if you would like one of the whole class.

The building work inside school nears completion now with the last few jobs finished off - it really is looking wonderful! You will have also noticed that a significant amount of landscaping has been carried out this week. We are so lucky to have such fabulous trees, shrubs and plants being planted. The grounds are going to look brilliant when completed. There is still some grounds work yet to be completed at the entrance and electronic gates to be fitted. There is some delay to the parts for this so I'm afraid that area will not look finished until after Christmas now.

Phonics Workshop: Thank you to all who attended, it was a great success and we had some great parent feedback. After Christmas, we will be putting on a Maths workshop so that you can help at home with that too. If you were unable to attend, your child will be bringing home a copy of the power point slides used. There were two film clips shown that can be found on:

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

one on 'Understanding Phonics' and 'What is Read Write Inc?'. There is also a film clip on how to say the pure sounds so that children have the best start in being able to read and write. Each clip is only about 3 minutes long. We were planning on sending reading books home before now, however, having re-read the guidance from Read Write Inc, it is recommended the children only bring books home when they have learnt all of the Set 1 sounds. For most children, this will be by the end of November and so the children will bring a reading book home during the first week of December - do look out for this.

Here are the sounds the children have learnt so far if you would like to practise them with your child at home, do not forget to use the handwriting phrase that's on the handout to help remind the children how to shape the letter:

m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e, l, h, sh, r, j

Macmillan Coffee morning: We raised £76 through our coffee morning last week, which is fantastic! Thank you once again for supporting this. Thank you also for supporting 'Children in Need' today. It's always so nice to see the children in their own clothes, especially for such a worthwhile cause.

Questionnaires: Thank you to all the parents that have returned the questionnaires and for all the positive comments we have received so far! It is very much appreciated and great to hear we're on the right tracks. Thank you to the parent that let us know that the whiteboard pen

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markers do not wash out; we will order from a different company next time we order them. They all advertise as washable but it seems some may not be as washable as others! Thank you, that feedback really helps.

Eco Harrier Leaders: Each week Mr. Parker meets up with our Eco Harriers to share ideas and learn about the many different ways we can help our local and global environment. This week we have been learning about recycling and the different ways we can do this and the impact of not doing so can have on our world. As part of our strive for Eco Status our Eco Harriers have each stood up in front of everybody and have shared what they believe they can do to help our environment. From these ideas our Eco Harriers have voted and chosen 5 Eco Harrier Leaders who will now ensure that we are doing our very best!



Our Eco Harrier Leaders

are:

Robbie

Hallie

Caitlyn

Summer

Emily



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Staff in the front office: On Wednesday, you may have noticed that there were two different faces in our front office. Mrs Dennis was out at a School Business Manager's training event; therefore two of our Central Team from REAch2 came into help us. Occasionally, when Mrs Dennis is out on training or at meetings, they will be there to help us.

Harrier Award: This week the Harrier Award for our value of 'Everyone working together', goes to Kacie for being so thoughtful and helpful to her friends, joining in well with everything and being really involved in all her learning. Well done Kacie, what a great week you have had!

Next week: We have a number of events next week for potential new parents and for our local residents to come and have an opportunity to look around our beautiful school. Please do share these dates with anybody you know who has a Reception age child next year or a Nursery child. Our Nursery will open in September 2019 for 3 year olds turning 4. If you did not have an opportunity to look around last week at our Macmillan coffee morning and you would like to, please do let us now and we would be happy to show you around.

Have a fantastic weekend!



Mrs Hopkins

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

Date	Event	Additional information
Wed 21 st November	Open day for prospective parents for 2019 Intake.	9:30-11 & 1:30-3pm
Thursday 22 nd November	Open evening for prospective parents for 2019 Intake.	5:30-7pm
Friday 30 th November	Class assembly for parents	2:30pm
Friday 14 th December	Christmas performance	2pm
Friday 21 st December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 donation to charity

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