

## Newsletter 14 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear Families,

The Encore of our Christmas performance for the local residents was a huge success! The residents were full of compliments for the children and couldn't believe how well they did. We were able to give some of our residents a tour that had not yet been round the school and again they were very impressed with everything they saw. We also had several offers for help with our Community Partnership, which is fantastic! The more people we have involved, the better it will be for the children.

On Tuesday, we had our Monitoring visit with Mr Tim Culpin, the Director of Education for REAch2. He was very pleased with everything he saw, especially when he went down to the classroom and spent time in there with the children. He then joined us for our very first Christmas dinner, which was just brilliant! See the photographs below! I filmed some of the children pulling Christmas crackers; I don't think I've laughed so much in a long time! It's hard work pulling crackers when you're only 4 or 5! It really was a super afternoon and we were so pleased that so many of our regional and central team joined us.

**Raffle:** Thank you so much for supporting our raffle so generously. We raised an amazing **£100** for Leanne's treatment which is a truly wonderful Christmas present for a family in much need. The family were hoping to raise £50,000 for treatments and have already exceeded this with the generosity of people like yourselves. Thank you!

**Building work:** We had our latest Project Board meeting last Friday and unfortunately the news was not what we had hoped regarding the tank that is being installed at the site entrance. There have been some difficulties installing it and so the Contractor has given February half term as the revised completion date. Therefore, we will continue with the arrangements we currently have in place for parents to park in the school car park while the work finishes off. Please can I remind you to drive carefully and slowly through the cul-de-sac and up the school drive? Many thanks.

**Eco Market:** As you are aware Henhurst Ridge is an Eco school and as part of us sharing this with you and our community we are holding our first Eco Market on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 2.30pm.** We would be extremely grateful if you could donate any quality unwanted books, DVDs (PG and U), bric a brac, clothes and unwanted gifts etc. to us before Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Further information will follow and we look forward to seeing all of you and your families there!

**Harrier Award:** This week's Harrier Award goes to **Wills** who has been working exceptionally hard with his writing over the past few weeks and being more independent. Well done Wills, keep up the great work!

**Next term's dates:** Please see below our dates for the New Year and don't forget to mark them on your new calendars as we always look forward to seeing you at the events. Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

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January 2019 is an INSET day where we will be having more training on our wonderful interactive whiteboards. Therefore, the first day back for the children is on **TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019.**

All that is left for me to do is to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas from myself and all the staff. It has been an exceptional inaugural term, the children have settled in brilliantly, you have been wonderfully supportive and the staff have loved every minute of it! It really has been incredible! I can't wait to see what the New Year brings for us!

With very best wishes for a happy Christmas,

Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Dennis, Mr Parker, Mrs Blackshaw & Miss Coxon.

### Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Additional information
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Class assembly for parents	2:30pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Consultation Meetings	Times TBC
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term</b>		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Dress up as a character from a book. Parent assembly.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Official Opening of school	1:30pm all parents invited to join us.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	Children wear their own clothes for £1 for charity
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	INSET DAY	Children not in school
Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Lunch	All mums or grandmas invited into school to have lunch
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet parade	Time TBC
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays</b>		
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Day Celebrations	Time TBC
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>		
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fathers' Day Lunch	All Dads or Grandads invited into school to have lunch.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Assembly for parents	2:30pm
Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Annual reports out	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	All afternoon
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Days in case it rains	All afternoon
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September - Summer holidays</b>		

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