

Newsletter 12 - Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Families,

Well here we are at the end of November with only three weeks left of this first term of the academic year - it has whizzed by! The children continue to impress us everyday with their enthusiasm for learning, hard work and the progress they are making in all subjects! We've had another busy week with Reception Class making some beautiful clay pots and the Nursery and Year One Class teaming up to create Space Artwork together which they thoroughly enjoyed. We have also had a lot of children off poorly with quite a nasty tummy bug and unfortunately some staff too. We have spent time talking through good hand washing techniques and showing the children a film about this which can be found at the link below if you would like to remind them of this.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Mr Parker & Mrs Bradbury have been deep cleaning the classroom and toilet areas to avoid passing on any more germs. Please can I ask that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea that you do not send them into school for 48 hours so that we can prevent this very nasty bug from spreading? Many thanks for your help with this.

Open Events: We had our last Open Event on Tuesday and again it was hugely successful so thank you for all your recommendations and passing on the information to potential parents. If you have a child ready to start school in September 2020, don't forget your application needs to be in to the Local Authority by 15th January 2020.

Library books: Every Friday, our volunteer Librarian, Miss Julia will be here to help the children check a library book out of our library which is now officially up and running! This book will be a free choice book that your child will have chosen that they would like to read or have read to them so in most cases will not be phonically decodable. Your child's home reader is phonically decodable which means it is at the level they should be able to Fred Talk (sound out). Please ensure your child's Library book is back in school every Friday so that Miss Julia can help them check out another library book.

New Eco Leaders: This year, we thought we would tie in the election of our new Eco Leaders with the General Election so the children start to gain an understanding of this process and Democracy which is one of the British Values that children learn about. Mr Parker sent out the packs yesterday regarding this. If your child would like to put themselves forward as a candidate for Eco Leader, please complete the application form and return no later than **THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER.** The election will take place on the 12th December 2019. There's also lots of other information in there about how you can help with our Eco agenda too so please do read it to find out more.

Christmas Performance: We are well underway with our rehearsals for this and the children are fully enjoying getting to know the songs and throwing themselves into the acting as you can imagine! Letters have come home regarding words to learn and costumes. Please do speak to the class teachers if you have any questions. As with the Harvest Festival, for this year only we are pleased to be able to offer a maximum of four places per family.

Staffing news: Earlier in the week, Year One parents were informed that Miss Coxon will be leaving us at the end of this term to pursue her dream of teaching and travelling. We wish her every success in this new venture and although we will miss her lots, we know this is an exciting thing for her to do. A new teacher will therefore be joining the Henhurst Rudge community straight after Christmas who we are very pleased to welcome. Miss Lester will be available to

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meet Year One parents after school on Wednesday 4th December. Please do come along and say hello. She will be in the Year One classroom.

Christmas Craft Afternoon: We are very excited and looking forward to our first ever Christmas Craft Afternoon on **FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER**. It starts at 1:30pm, come along and have some festive fun in your child's classroom!

Christmas Cards - Christmas card orders have been delivered and given to the children this week. If you have not received yours, please speak to Mrs Dennis. Please note that mugs will be despatched separately and we are expecting them within the next week or so.

Height and Weight Check - Every year children in Reception class and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The check is carried out by trained healthcare providers and will take place in the new year. Parents of children in Reception class, please check your child's bag today for two envelopes, a questionnaire and an NCMP pack. Please complete the forms in both envelopes and return to school by **FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER**.

Easyfundraising - If you shop online, you can help us by raising FREE donations for Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. Please follow this link to register and support us when you shop! https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/henhurstridgepa/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Harrier Award: This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Harry to receive the Harrier Award for joining in with conversation and happily telling the teachers all about his learning! Well done Harry, we love hearing what you've been up to! In Class One, the teaching staff have chosen Isa because was very respectful when the Nursery children were in Year One yesterday by helping them get between classrooms and with their work and being super sensible at all times! Well done Isa, we're very proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Hopkins