Nursery Newsletter 15 - Friday 20th December 2019

Dear Families,

Well, here we are at last- our final newsletter of 2019!

It has been such a busy term and it certainly seems a long time since we welcomed our very first Little Harriers through the nursery doors. What an adventure it has been! We have started on our Talk for Writing journey enjoying lots of fabulous stories and rhymes. We have worked hard to develop our knowledge of numbers and shapes and we have certainly shown our creative skills over the last few weeks. Most importantly, we have made some wonderful friendships and really become part of the Henhurst Ridge family. The older children in school really love seeing our Little Harriers and Mrs Blackshaw is often asked how they are getting on when she meets with Reception and Year 1 around the school. Next term will see some new children joining our little nursery family and we are sure that they will feel welcomed by both our children and parents as they walk through our gates for the first time.

A huge thank you to everyone for your support in making our very first nativity performance such a success. The children were just amazing! We have had lots of poorly children over the last few weeks so practising together has been tricky but everything was perfect and the children really made us proud. To even be able to get up on the stage at this age is such an achievement- most adults would find that daunting! Thank you so much for providing the costumes too.

A quick update on Derek's Tree- Mrs Blackshaw dropped the donated gifts off last Saturday. The lady organising the collection point on the day was absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of the families and staff at Henhurst Ridge that donated- so much so that she burst into tears on opening the bags! I have been asked to pass on a huge thank you to you all on behalf of the charity.

Now to Birdie! After a hectic term, Birdie is taking a break from his weekend visits and is planning to go away to the North Pole with Elvis the Elf for the Christmas holiday. They are going to meet up with Santa and have a few mince pies while they tell him all about the lovely children at Little Harriers! Birdie will be back in the New Year, refreshed and ready to start visiting you all again.

Dates for your diary: Nursery re-opens on Tuesday 7th January 2020!

<u>Eco Market</u>: Our Eco Market is back on <u>Friday 10th January at 9am</u>. We are looking for any donations for this so if you are having a clear out after Christmas and find you're left with unwanted items such as clothing, games, books, toys, household items, then please bring them to school after the holidays and we will see if we can sell them on in our Eco Market: Reduce, reuse, recycle! We will also have our Pre-used uniform rack on sale too. Please do come along and support this event. There will be a raffle and refreshments too!

Finally, thank you so much for the gifts and cards that we have received for Christmas. You are truly very kind and generous and it has been lovely to see just how excited the children get about giving just as much as receiving gifts! Thank you.

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Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas (if you celebrate) and a wonderful New Year- which we will of course share together as the Little Harriers continue to grow and learn. ©

Mrs Blackshaw and Mrs Buckley 🔾

Home learning- Please do share your Christmas experiences with us on Tapestry should you get a moment to do so during the holidays. This will be a lovely way to share holiday news with the children on their return! Thank you.

