

## Newsletter 15 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Dear Families,**

What a brilliant week we have had and we are all feeling very much in the Christmas spirit! Monday started the celebrations with our fabulous Christmas Performance! It was so great to see such a packed hall and wonderful that our children are so supported by you in all that they do. The large audience didn't put the children off at all which we were all amazed by - they sang their hearts out, performed their lines superbly and remembered all the things they had to do. We are all incredibly proud of them and hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and there really is nothing like it to get you in the Christmas mood! Thank you also for being such a great audience!

On Thursday our local residents came to watch it too. We had planned to just do some carols around the Christmas tree for them but many of them requested seeing the nativity and so we couldn't say no! Thank you for sending the costumes back in and for bearing with us on Monday when the children had to come home in them. The residents loved it too - it didn't go quite as smoothly as on Monday with a few mishaps along the way, but it all added to the charm! We had so many compliments about the children's singing and enthusiasm.

We also had Little Harriers' first ever Nativity on Thursday morning which was a huge success! The children sang and remembered all the places they needed to be at the right time! The parents thoroughly enjoyed it and it was brilliant to see how well the children had settled in to Nursery life and were unphased by performing in front of such a big group of parents!

On Wednesday, we had our Christmas Dinner together which was delicious! Miss Karina did us proud with Turkey, Chicken or Quorn meat with roast and mashed potatoes, roast parsnips with peas, carrots, stuffing and pigs in blankets! Finished off with a ice cream snowman or Sticky Toffee pudding (my favourite!) It really was a treat! There was lots of fun with pulling the Christmas Crackers and telling each other jokes. The Head Office of our Academy Trust joined us and the children sang 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' at the end!

**Donation of Costumes:** Holly's mum made a great suggestion yesterday that if anyone is unable to or doesn't want to re-use their costume from the Christmas Play, then perhaps they could donate it to the school so we can use it in future shows. If this is something you would like to do, please send your child's costume back to school after Christmas and we will certainly put it to good use!

**Christmas Jumper Day** - thank you for your generosity for this event. We raised a total of £66 which included money from school donations and from Wright Rubber Ltd (Archie & Fleur's parents' work place) who gave us the money they raised on the day to add to our donations. A super amount of money raised for a great cause - thank you!

**Eco Market:** Our Eco Market is back on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9am**. 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!

**A Fond Farewell:** Today we said a fond farewell to Miss Coxon who leaves us for pastures new to follow her dream of travelling and teaching. As our founding teacher Miss Coxon will be very

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much missed by the staff, parents and children alike. She has always worked her hardest and given her best to the school and the children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done and we wish her all the luck and success in the world as she travels the world! Bon Voyage Miss Coxon - don't forget to send us a postcard every now and again! In January, we will welcome Miss Lester, who will be the new Year One teacher who many of you have already met.

**Harrier Award:** This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Jessica to receive the Harrier Award for demonstrating respect throughout the term. Jessica listens well and is always considerate towards both adults and her peers. Well done Jessica! In Class One, Miss Coxon and Miss Imran have chosen Summer for showing respect to her classmates both out on the playground and in the classroom. She is always willing to help anyone! Fantastic!

Finally, please see Key Dates for the Spring Term below, taking note that the first day back for the children is **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**.

On behalf of all of the team at Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy, may I wish you and all your family a wonderful, restful festive break and for all those that celebrate Christmas, a happy and peaceful one. We look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2020! The staff would also like to thank you for the many gifts, cards and wishes that we have received from you. It means such a lot at this festive time of year.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

Date	Event	Additional information
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 7<sup>th</sup> January Christmas Holidays</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY	Children not in school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Eco Market	9am
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Class assembly & 11B411 information session	2:30pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class assembly & 11B411 information session	2:30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Phonics Check Parent Information Session	2:30pm & 6pm (session no longer than 45 mins)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term</b>		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Meetings	3:30-5pm appointments will be scheduled nearer the time
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Meetings	4-6:30pm as above
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Dress up as a character from a book.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Sports Relief Week	Activities to be announced
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothers' Day Lunch	All mums invited into school to have lunch.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Bonnet parade	2:30pm
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays</b>		