

Friday 7th May 2021

Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

I hope you managed to have an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend despite the very wet and windy day we had on Monday! We've had another busy and enjoyable week at school. Please see the weekly roundup opposite for details about what your child has been up to this week!

Thank you to all the parents that joined me on Tuesday evening for the parent information session about our new Relationship, Health and Sex Education Policy. The session was recorded and is available on the Student General Team. The PowerPoint used, policy and a parent's guide is also available on there too. As part of the consultation period, the curriculum resources and lesson plans are available for you to view. Please see the dates below and call the office to book a time slot. Any written comments about the policy and scheme of work need to be received by **Friday 28th May**.

Don't forget we will be celebrating **Pyjamarama Day next Friday**. This is where children can come into school and wear pyjamas or onesies, leggings and nighties and we will have a day celebrating reading and in particular bedtime reading! There is a small donation for this of £1 which will go to the Book Trust Charity. Due to COVID, there are no teddies or soft toys allowed this year.

To all our families that are celebrating Eid on Thursday or Friday next week, Eid Mubarak! Please see the information about our celebration day on Monday 17th May.

With best wishes
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

Nursery: This week, Nursery have had lots of fun creating potions as they continue to explore water and how it changes when mixed with other things. We have had chefs making soup and scientists creating monsters! We have also been innovating our 'Come on, Daisy' story by thinking of lots of new action words.

Reception: Wow! We have been blown away by the children's hot writes this week! We have seen and heard some wonderfully creative, unique stories based on Rosie's Walk and the children's writing is astounding. In maths, we have been brushing up on our subtraction skills using lots of different resources and methods. We have also introduced a "Secret Writing Box" to continuous provision this week, which the children have been very excited to explore each day.

Year One: This week, Year One have expanded their mathematical knowledge by practising the counting on and regrouping method in addition and have also learnt a new method - the column method. We have also designed our own superheroes in preparation for making sculptures next week!

Year Two: This week, Year 2 have been learning all about fractions. We have been finding one quarter of an object or number. In English, we have been innovating the story 'The Tear Thief' and writing our own finding tale. Through our mini mission, we have been investigating the countries in Europe and researching about Paris. In Music, we have been learning about pitch and tone of voice to represent feelings.

Seed donations or vegetable/flower plant

donations: Thank you so much for all the generous donations we've had so far for this! Please keep them coming! The Reception children had a great time on Thursday with Mrs Clemens planting up their planters in the Reception outdoor area! Next week, Year One will be in our allotment!

Lunchtime Supervisor: We are currently advertising for a Lunchtime Supervisor to start with us as soon as possible. The deadline for this is Monday 10th May. Please visit our website to find out more: <http://henhurstridgeacademy.org/recruitment/>

Little Harriers: We are taking applications for next academic year now so please do enquire or apply if you require a place. We are hosting an open week in June so look out for that, if you'd like to come along for a session and please pass the word round to any friends or family!

Parking: Unfortunately, Traffic Wardens were in the area on Tuesday and several parents received a ticket for parking on the single yellow lines. Parking is even tighter at the moment due to the building work going on around the estate. There is space available further up Henhurst Ridge or round the corner towards the end of Aviation Lane. Please do your best to park where it is allowed and also try to keep to your child's pick up and drop off time slot so that there are spaces for the right year group at the right time. Thank you.

Eid Celebrations: This year, Eid is likely to fall on **Thursday 13th May or Friday 14th May**. The children celebrating will take a day for religious observance on **either of these days**. We are very excited to be holding our first Eid Celebration day which will be on **Monday 17th May** which falls the week after Eid. We will be doing a 'Dress up day' for the children where they can come in anything of their choice. Traditionally on Eid, families have new outfits to wear so if parents want to send their children in these, they are very welcome. The rest of the children can come in their best clothes too or can wear a 'dress up' costume or anything they would like. Please just remember, the children will be out playing at playtime and lunchtime so please ensure footwear is sensible and do not put them in anything you would hate for them to get damaged. There is no donation for this event. In the afternoon, we will have class parties.

Eid Assembly: On **Thursday**, we had a wonderful assembly with Mrs Parveen from a school in Derby who explained all about Ramadan and Eid to the children. The children had lots of great things to share and ask her and she was very complimentary about how the children sat and behaved throughout the assembly - well done children!

Georgia Gough School of Dance: Georgia's dance school has restarted and offers ballet classes on a Tuesday after school. Please contact Georgia on 07960 883313 for more details.



The Little Harriers making potions in the water!

Home Reading: There has been a bit more uptake on home reading this week but it would be great to see more children reading everyday for 15 minutes. This can be in the car, while dinner is cooking or in bed! Please do all you can - it really will make all the difference!

A warm welcome: We are delighted to welcome Harry to our Reception class this week. He has had a great first week and made lots of friends already! It's so good to have another friend to join us! We hope he is very happy at our school.

Friends of Henhurst: As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are hoping to get our Friends of Henhurst group up and running. A virtual meeting has been set for **Tuesday 25th May at 6:30pm** on Teams and we would love to see as many parents, carers, grandparents join it as possible. It will give us a chance to share ideas of fun events we'd like to organise for the children and our school community. We are hoping to organise a school disco before the end of the academic year if restrictions allow. So please come along to help us do something lovely for the children!

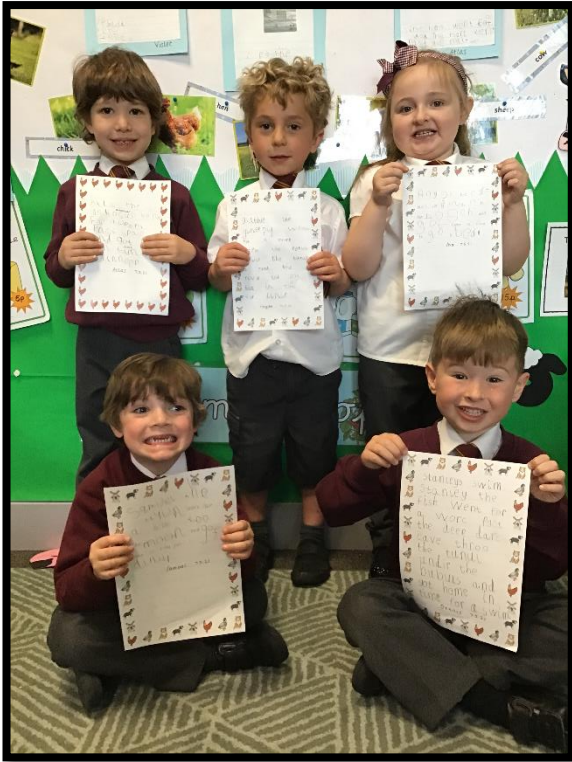
Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Innovation. The staff will be looking for children that are thinking of new ideas or trying different ways of doing something to solve a problem. Read on to find out who was given the Harrier Award this afternoon in our virtual assembly.

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Alfie	Alfie has been very innovative with the Mobilo this week, purposefully adding to and adapting his creations as his ideas have developed over the week. An engineer in the making!
Reception	Wren	Wren has worked really hard on innovating her Talk 4 Writing story and should be very proud of her excellent hot write!
Year 1	Lilly	Lilly has been using her innovation skills by creating beautiful puppets! She has also helped other children assemble their puppets! Well done Lilly.
Year 2	Abubakr	For super listening all week in lessons. He has listened well to instructions and any feedback given to him from teachers.

Viewing times for the RHSE curriculum and resources, please phone the school office to book in. Many thanks

Fri 7th	Mon 10th	Thurs 13th	Mon 17th	Tues 18th	Thurs 20th
2-3pm	2-4pm	2-5pm	2-4pm	2-5pm	2-5pm



Remarkable writing from our Reception children, it's no surprise they have huge grins on their faces!



An amazing act for charity! Jessica in Year 1 has decided to have all of her beautiful, long hair cut off so that a wig can be made out of it for a child who has become ill and lost their hair. What an incredibly selfless and generous thing to do. We are all so proud of Jessica to want to do something like this and it speaks volumes about her as an individual. If you want to read about it or donate via Just Giving, please follow this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JessicaRhaircut> It costs around £500 to make a wig for a child so if she could raise that too then that would be just brilliant! Her hair cut is during half term so we can't wait to see her when she comes back! Well done Jessica!