

Newsletter 15 - Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Families,

Happy new year! It was so wonderful to welcome all the children back on Tuesday and to hear about all the great things you have been up to over the Christmas holidays. Myself and the staff had a very good day on Monday when we had our Promethean board training to show us even more ways of using the IT screens in the classroom. I'm still amazed how much technology has changed and what we can now bring into the classroom to really enhance the learning of our children.

I have been at our annual REAch2 Leadership Conference on Thursday and Friday of this week. Yet again, I am reminded of how fantastic it is to be part of something bigger than just our own school. Developing our 11B411 strategy (Eleven Before Eleven) was on the agenda and it was so inspiring to hear how some of the schools have embedded this into their school communities and how this has impacted on the children. Schools have introduced initiatives as completing '10 Good Deeds' in the local community and taking the children to France on a residential trip (when they are much older!) I look forward to working with staff on bringing our 11B411 strategy to life and sharing it with you in the very near future. Watch this space!

This week, we welcome another new pupil to our school, Bess. A huge welcome to Bess and her family. We hope you will be very happy here at Henhurst Ridge and we are delighted that you have come to join us! We also welcome our two new Lunchtime Supervisors, Mrs Freckleton and Mrs Bradbury who have settled in brilliantly! They are providing wonderful support for our children at lunchtime and enjoying getting to know each of them. They have lots of ideas of how we can continue to develop our outdoor provision so I am looking forward to seeing this unfold.

Our new routine in the mornings seems to be working very well and thank you to you for supporting us with this. The children are very much enjoying the Yoga workout in the mornings which is a lovely way to start the day! I'm having a few troubles getting into all the positions but the children are doing brilliantly!

On Wednesday, we had a reporter from The Burton Mail come to look round with a view to write an article about the school. As soon as I know when the article will be published, I will let you know. He was exceptionally impressed with our school!

This half term's Harrier value is: Innovation. The children are having a focus on developing their art work this half term so it is a great opportunity for them to be innovative. This week's award goes to Caitlyn for using a variety of materials and resources effectively to create her animal mask this week, making the most of what was available.

Don't forget next week we have our very first Eco Market. Unbelievably, after just 4 short months of being open, we are nearly ready to apply for our Green Flag! Holding an Eco Market

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will help towards this. Please do come along between 2-4pm on Wednesday, bringing family and friends. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of quality unwanted books, DVDs (PG and U), bric a brac, clothes and unwanted gifts etc. If these could be brought into school as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins

Dates for your diary:

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