

## Newsletter 16 - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Dear Families,**

Thank you to everyone that supported us for our first ever Eco Market. It was a great success, raising £118.75 towards our Eco education for the children. The Eco Harrier Leaders did a great job of encouraging people to spend money and of course putting a few things aside for themselves when their parents got there! It was lovely to see so many members of our local community there too and they had lots of compliments for the way our children behaved and conducted themselves. Most children had the chance to come to the Eco Market with their parents and really enjoyed it.

**Curriculum:** 'Handa's Surprise' is our latest Talk for Writing text in Reception and on Wednesday morning, Grace Scott from Chartwells Catering company who provide all our catering, came in to do a workshop with the children. They got to try all the amazing fruits from 'Handa's Surprise' which included: Guava, Avocado and Passion Fruit to name some! The children were very adventurous and thoroughly enjoyed all the tasting! Please see photographs below. A huge thank you to Grace.

**Early Years Outdoor area:** You may have noticed some other additions to our outdoor area. Mr Parker has been busy making things out of recycled items and we have the start of a stage for the children to perform on as well as a Magical Musical area so they can create their own music! Watch this space, there's more to come!

**Burton Mail:** Hopefully, you were able to see the lovely article about our school in Wednesday's edition. If not, please see link below as it was online too. It reminded me how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school building even though it is not quite finished!

<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/burton/new-burton-school-henhurst-ridge-2410958>

**Free School Meals:** All children in Reception currently have a school dinner provided for them thanks to a brilliant government initiative. In addition to this, anyone claiming benefits may be entitled to 'Free School Meals' funding which means the school receives funding from the government for the children that can ensure extra support or resources. If you think you may be eligible, please visit Staffordshire County Council's website to find out:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**Parking:** Please can I remind parents not to park on the cul de sac and particularly not to block resident's driveways, which happened on Friday. It is very frustrating for residents if this happens and they need access to their drives. We are trying to build positive relationships with our local community and parking respectfully really helps this. Thank you for your support with this.

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**Harrier Award for Innovation:** This week's award goes to Holly Bateman for trying new ways to consolidate her Maths learning. She used pictures to help show the Maths problem she had made up herself - well done Holly, we are super proud of you!

**Inclement weather:** You may have seen that the weather could deteriorate over the next few weeks. Our Adverse Weather Policy will shortly be available on our website, however in the meantime, the main points to note are listed below. We have also attached a summary for you, to keep to hand in the event of snow next week.

- The school will text you by 7:30am to let you know if it is closed. It will also be on other media - please see policy for details. The decision to close is never taken lightly and is only taken to ensure the children and staff's safety.
- We will do our best to re-open as soon as possible and will communicate this as soon as we are able to make that decision.
- If the weather deteriorates during the school day, we will do our very best to stay open until the usual time but if we believe it will be dangerous to do so, we will text parents to let you know we will close early.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this. Hopefully, it will not be as bad as the forecast suggests or it will snow on a Saturday and be all gone by the end of the weekend!

Wishing you a lovely weekend - keep warm!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins

