

Newsletter 22 - 15th March 2019

Dear Families,

What a busy week we have had! On Tuesday, we had the visit from our Dfe Education Advisor, Val McGregor which went extremely well! As always, the children shone and she was extremely impressed with their behaviour, independence and their resilience to tasks! Our value for this half term must be really paying off! She observed Writing, Maths and Phonics lessons and she was very pleased with the quality of what she saw. She enjoyed looking at the children's learning journals on Tapestry and was impressed with the amount of content that Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw manage to upload and all of your comments too. Overall, it was a very successful day. I am hugely proud of what the staff have achieved in the short time we have been open and are really living out our mission "to provide the roots for the children to grow and the wings for them to fly!" Val will be back to visit us in the Autumn Term next academic year.

Red Nose Day: Thank you for all your generous donations today and it is always so nice to see the children in their own clothes. There were plenty of red noses too!

Walk round the local area: In the next two weeks, we will be taking the children on a walk around Henhurst Ridge just to show them the local area and look for shapes in the environment to support our Maths topic. As you have already given permission for trips in the local area on the Admission form that you completed, you do not need to give your permission for this again. I'm sure the children will have a great time and enjoy getting to know our local area a bit more.

People Who Help Us: During the week beginning the 1st April, the children will be learning about people who help us, such as doctors, nurses, police officers, fire fighters, teachers, dentists etc. It would be great to get some of these people in to talk to the children about their jobs. So if you know of anyone or indeed, if we have any of these professions within our parenting body, please do let us know.

School Mascot Name: I am delighted to announce that we have our mascot name! Halle's suggestion was picked out of the hat and our mascot is now officially 'Henrietta'! So welcome to the family, Henrietta the Henhurst Harrier!

New arrivals: We have two more arrivals to our Henhurst family this week. Patrick is a welcome addition to our class. He has settled in brilliantly, it's like he has always been with us! Patrick came from my old school and I hear that the teachers were very sad to see him go! We also have a new baby to welcome! Congratulations to Summer on becoming a big sister and to Mr and Mrs Thorley on their new arrival, baby Alex who was born on Tuesday weighing a very healthy 8lbs 15oz. We can't wait to meet him!

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INSET Day - Don't forget that next Friday is an INSET day where the staff will be undergoing Safeguarding training and the children will have a well-deserved day off!

Car Parking - The main school gates should be automated in the next few weeks. Until that point, please continue to park in the school car park.

Term dates 2019/20: Please find next year's term dates and INSET days attached.

Harrier Award: Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw have chosen Isa this week for showing resilience by helping his classmates out. He will often go over to other children and ask if they need any help. He will keep helping them until the task is complete. Thank you Isa for being such a kind classmate!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins



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