

## Newsletter 24 - 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Dear Families,**

What a wonderful day we've had today with all our Mums, Grandmas, Nans and Aunties! The Mother's Day meal was a huge success! It was a very special occasion for us to host our first event of this nature for parents. We do hope all our guests enjoyed it as much as we did! The children love it when you're able to come in and share experiences with them. We look forward to welcoming our Dads, Grandads and Uncles in June!

**Easter Bonnet Parade:** On the 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2:30pm we will be hosting our first Easter Bonnet parade. Details regarding the bonnet making were sent earlier in the week with the homework from Miss Coxon. If you need any help with this or would prefer us to make one with your child, please do let us know. We look forward to seeing you there!

**New Class Teacher Appointment:** It has been a very busy week indeed as we have had 2 days of interviews for our new class teacher. At the moment, we are anticipating one class of Reception children in September, so that means we will have 1 Reception Class, 1 Year One Class and our Nursery Class in September. It will feel very strange indeed as I think the children and staff are all very used to there just being us! Attached to this newsletter is a flyer with more details about our nursery and forthcoming stay and play sessions. Please pass this on to anyone you know who may be interested in a nursery place for their child and if you need more flyers, please let Mrs Dennis know.

I was astounded at the amount of applications we had for the class teacher post - 35 in total! This is unheard of in the current climate so it was very wonderful indeed to think so many people wanted to come and join our school community. I am delighted to announce that our new teacher will be Miss Jack who is a very experienced Early Years and Key Stage One teacher and leader. After Easter Miss Jack will be joining us for events so I look forward to introducing you to her then.

Next week we will be joined by Mrs Ghafur who is an initial teacher training participant. Miss Ghafur will be completing her final placement with us after Easter and is coming to do some planning days with us over the next few weeks. Miss Ghafur will work alongside Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw to continue to deliver the curriculum. I was fortunate to have worked with Miss Ghafur at my last school and know that she will be a welcome asset to our teaching team.

**Another new edition to the Henhurst Family!** Two and a half weeks early, Abubakar's baby sister Hawwa has made her entrance into the world! Hawwa is a welcome addition to her 3 big brothers who I'm sure with dote on her. Congratulations on becoming a big brother again Abuabkar!

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**Harrier Award:** Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw have chosen Bess this week for showing resilience in her Phonics. Bess never gives up with this and her teachers were so impressed with how hard she has been working - well done Bess, keep up this great work!

**Car Parking** - We are expecting the car park gates to be automated at some point next week. This means they will be closed to ensure our school meets all its Safeguarding regulations. If you need to drive up to school for anything e.g. collecting your child if they are unwell or collecting for an appointment, please press the buzzer on the post on the right hand side. Mrs Dennis will then speak to you and will let you in. During school hours, you will also need to press the buzzer on the pedestrian gate to be let in, however, at the beginning and end of the day, it will be opened. As soon as we have a firm date for operation of the gates, we will let you know by text message.

Please can I ask that you park considerately around the Henhurst Ridge estate when dropping off or collecting your child, being mindful of resident's driveways and being careful of obstructing the free flow of the traffic around the estate. The single yellow lines have been painted at places where parking in those areas could obstruct the bus getting through and other such vehicles. The single yellow line means parking is restricted between 8:30 and 9:30am and from 3-4pm, therefore parking is not allowed in those areas during these times. Hopefully you have already spotted some good places to park a little further up Henhurst Ridge or at the entrance before the bus stop. Please allow yourself enough time to be able to park and then make the short walk to school so that you are in time for the start of the day.

Many thanks and have a lovely weekend.

Very best wishes,  
Mrs Hopkins