

## Newsletter 26 - 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Dear Families,**

The end of another fantastic week and term and what a way to end it with a fabulous Easter Bonnet parade! The children did an absolutely amazing job. They have shown how much they have each grown in confidence over this past term and progressed so much in all areas but particularly in their reading. Thank you for all your hard work at home that helps make this happen. I don't think I've ever seen such a brilliant array of bonnets! You all put so much effort into them and they were all so different. In all the years that I've done Easter Bonnet parades, these were certainly the best I've seen and to have every single parent contribute was fab! The children did such a lovely job when they posed on the catwalk too and again showed such confidence. We are all so incredibly proud of them!

**Trip to the Adventure Farm:** What a day! I hope you've been able to see a couple of photos and film footage of the trip on Twitter so that you can see what a great time we had! Feeding the animals was such good fun and we really enjoyed going on the bear hunt but there was no fooling the children that the bear wasn't actually a real bear! Lots of fun was had on the bouncing pillow and in the play area, finished off with tractor rides and making bear scarers! What more could you ask for? We did miss our friends Emily and Caitlyn who unfortunately were ill on the day.

**Taster Menus:** The new Summer menu will be launched after the Easter holidays - please see the menu sent home today of all the dishes. The children have got quite comfortable with ordering the food they know such as cheese sandwiches or jacket potatoes when there are lots of lovely freshly made items on the menu to try that they could really like. Our wonderful Chef Miss Karina has suggested that she prepare a taster menu for the whole of the first 3 week cycle of the menu so that the children can try a bit of everything. She will prepare small portions of all the dishes each day so that the children can have some of everything and hopefully find a lot more dishes they like and will order in the future. Please chat this through with your child and encourage them to have a try.

**New Parent meeting:** It's hard to believe that it was almost a year ago when you found out where your child was going to school. Fortunately for us, many of you did not get your first choice and you came to be here at Henhurst Ridge - we are delighted about that! Next week our next cohort of parents will find out where their children are going to school. As previously mentioned to you, we are expecting one Reception class but we will not know definitely until next week on Offer Day and even then we may not be clear on final numbers until the appeals process has concluded. I will keep you informed as soon as we know more. On 10<sup>th</sup> May, we will be hosting our parent information evening for our new parents which I remember many of you coming to last year!

**Kimbles sessions for Nursery aged children & Dates for your Diary:** As you will have seen on the flyer that came out last week, we are hosting some free Kimbles sessions (Music &

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Movement classes) for Nursery aged children to promote our Nursery that will be opening in September. Please do join us if you have Nursery aged children which I know several of you have. Please see the attached 'Dates for your Diary' for when these are.

A couple of dates have changed since the original 'Dates for your Diary' sheet came out at the beginning of the year. We were going to hold a May Day Celebrations Assembly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May but with the preparations for the Easter Bonnet parade and then the Easter holidays, there won't be time to prepare this with the children so this will not be held now. Also, we had a class assembly booked for the 28<sup>th</sup> June but due to the movement of the official opening ceremony to the 26<sup>th</sup> June, this has been moved to July now. Please see the dates attached, these supersede any other dates that you have had. Many thanks.

**Miss Ghafur:** As previously mentioned, Miss Ghafur will be joining us for 8 weeks after Easter to complete her last teacher training placement. She will team teach with Miss Coxon during this time. As a very experienced Early Years and Key Stage One practitioner, we are lucky to have her working with us. I know she will make an excellent edition to our teaching team.

**Harrier Award:** This week's Harrier Award goes to Patrick for showing resilience in so many areas. He showed it when he started here just a few weeks ago and it feels like he has been here since the beginning. He has settled in brilliantly and made loads of new friends. He also shows resilience in all his learning, giving anything a go and giving his best efforts! Well done Patrick, we are all super proud of you!

**Car Parking** - The gates were unable to be completed this week but work will continue next week and I am expecting them to be operational for when we come back. We will confirm via text on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April where you should park on our return to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Apologies for the information regarding this being inconsistent. Unfortunately, I am in the hands of the Constructor and so share the information with you that I am given. We are very nearly there!

On that note, I wish you and your families a really wonderful Easter break. I hope the sun shines and you get lots of time to have fun together, relax and be ready for what will undoubtedly a brilliant final term in this inaugural year of Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy!

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins

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**On the tractor ride to go on the Bear Hunt!**



**Easter Bonnet parade**

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