

## Newsletter 27 - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

**Dear Families,**

I hope you had a wonderful Easter holidays and had an opportunity to have a rest and relax. The weather wasn't too bad either for most of it! The children have come back to school ready for action and brought with them some amazing home learning on our topic of Transport. We have all been so impressed at the creativity and how the children have talked about working with you on it. It's really great to see the result of these efforts! I had to share all of them in this week's newsletter so please see below where you can see all of them displayed in our 'Art Gallery'.

**Taster Menus:** This has been really successful this week and the children have been fabulous at tasting things they wouldn't normally try! They were a bit reluctant at first but when encouraged (with a sticker or two!) they tried it and they really liked most of it. They've had noodles, meatballs, tortilla bakes and vegetarian dishes which they wouldn't normally have! Yesterday, they even had chocolate cake that was made using sweet potato as an ingredient - shh don't tell them as they might not want it again! I hope they've talked about it positively at home. We will keep reminding the children that the same menu will be offered in 2 weeks time as it's on a three week rolling programme, so hopefully they will have it again! Let's see what we can get them to try next week!

**Fruit Tasting:** Continuing on the theme of food, we were lucky enough to have Katie (Asda's Community Champion) here with us on Thursday and she brought in a huge selection of fruit for the children to try (please see photos). They had a great time trying lots of exotic fruits that they hadn't tried before and again, were really great at trying lots of them. On Wednesday, Miss Shakir made fruit kebabs with the children too so we have had a very healthy eating week!

**Georgia Gough School of Dance:** Georgia started her Dance School here with us last Tuesday and is offering a free ballet lesson to all Henhurst Ridge children. Lessons are 4:15pm on Tuesdays (normal lesson price £6). Please feel free to come to a lesson bringing the attached voucher. A timetable of all classes on offer is attached.

**Kimbles sessions for Nursery aged children:** The first of our Kimbles sessions (Music & Movement classes) was held today and it was so much fun. Don't forget to come and join us if you have Nursery aged children or spread the word to others that have!

**Uniform:** Please can I remind you that only all black shoes or boots can be worn for school? Also, hair accessories should be in school colours and modest. Thank you for your support with this.

**Harrier Award:** Our new value for this half term is 'Respect' which I'm sure you will agree is a very important value to instil in our children. Miss Coxon and Mrs Blackshaw unanimously chose

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Patrick who always shows respect to both children and adults alike. Always offering to help whenever he can, he is super polite and just a delight to have in our school. Well done Patrick!

**Gate and Car Parking** - The date has finally arrived for when the gate will be fully operational. This will be as of **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**. Please therefore check out the available parking spaces so that you know where you can park taking account of the single yellow lines that have parking restrictions between 8:30-9:30am and 3-4pm and allow yourself enough time to walk to school from the car. May I also ask you to be considerate when parking so as not to block any of our local resident's driveways or make it difficult for other cars to pass. Under no circumstances should anyone park in the turning circle as this will make it hard for residents who are not visiting the school to turn around and exit the cul-de-sac. We are very keen to keep good relations with the local residents and parking inconsiderately can damage this. Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

I hope that you have something fun planned for the Bank Holiday and have a great time!

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins

### Fruit tasting with Katie.



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### Art Gallery



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