

Newsletter 29 - 17th May 2019

Dear Families,

Another busy week this week for us. On Wednesday, we had a Trust-led Pupil Safety Audit to ensure we have all the right procedures and processes in place so that the children are safe in school. You will be pleased to know that we were graded GREEN which is the highest one. This gives us a good solid foundation to grow our school on. A huge thank you to Mrs Dennis & Mr Parker who do much of this work to keep our children safe. Yesterday, we had our Welcome Meeting for next year's Reception and Nursery intake which went very well. Some of you will remember the first one we did last year when we were at Scientia Academy. It's hard to believe that was over a year ago and the children are nearly at the end of their first year with us. What a great year it has been!

Walk to school week - 20-24th May: This is taking place next week. The children will be bringing some information home about this as well as learning about it in school. It is a week dedicated to trying to encourage children to walk to school if they are able to and helping the children recognise the benefits of walking. We appreciate that many of you cannot walk to school as you live too far away but what the scheme suggests in this instance is that you park a little bit further away from school next week and walk that little extra distance. There are some parking spaces available on Aviation Lane towards the exit that could be used. Whilst we are thinking about walking to school, it is a timely reminder of the vehicle speed limit in Henhurst Ridge, which is 20mph. Due to our children crossing however, it is highly recommended that this speed is further reduced in order to ensure everybody's safety.

Parking: On the topic of parking, several issues have arisen this week which I need to bring to your urgent attention:

- **Double yellow lines on the bend of Henhurst Ridge** - the road is due to be fully resurfaced over the next few months, however unfortunately, recent repairs have covered the double yellow lines with tarmac. This has caused health and safety risks as unknowingly, parents have parked in these areas, resulting in double-parking in low visibility areas around bends. This has restricted essential access for emergency vehicles and residents. We have notified the Highways Department at Staffordshire County Council who are looking at what interim measures they can put in place.
- **Blocking Neighbours' Driveways** - as you can imagine, this is very frustrating for our neighbours. Please can I ask that you do not block driveways and also please ask anyone else that is dropping off or collecting your child to show consideration to our neighbours by leaving driveways clear.
- **Parking in the Turning Circle**- unfortunately I have received complaints from our neighbours about two cars parking here this week. The turning circle was developed in order to provide a turning area, so please ensure that you do not park here. It is not allowed at any time as it prevents drivers from being able to turn around.

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5 in Harmony: On Wednesday 22nd May at 1pm we are hosting '5 in Harmony', a local singing group, who are holding a concert in school for our neighbours. We would like to extend this invitation to parents, grandparents and any friends or family members you know who may enjoy a trip back in time, so please invite them to come along to join us for a few songs and a cup of tea!

Fathers' Day Lunch: Don't forget to return the Fathers' Day lunch slip and payment by next Thursday. The lunch is taking place at 12pm on Wednesday 12th June. Thank you to all of you who have sent the exact amount of money to school with your slip. This makes Mrs Dennis very happy! We are looking forward to seeing Dads and Grandfathers there!

Official Opening - 26th June 2019: Please check your child's bag for your invitation to the official opening of our school! We are delighted to be able to invite you to join us on this very special occasion. It is taking place on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 1.30pm. Due to the large numbers of people attending, places are restricted to a maximum of two adults per child. To allow us to cater for the event, we do request that you let us know whether you can come - please let Mrs Dennis know, either by email or in person, by 3rd June.

Photographs: Today our photographers, Tempest Photography, came to school to take a whole school photograph - this was very exciting, another 'first' for us in our inaugural year! Tempest also took individual photographs of the children and staff who have joined us during this year. As soon as we receive the proofs from Tempest we will send them home to you.

Before and After School Care: Thank you to all of you that have completed the survey so far. If I could ask all parents to have responded by the end of next week (24th May), even if it's a no, then we can start making any staffing plans for next year should they be needed. Please find the link to the survey below. Many thanks indeed.

<https://forms.gle/hLdAPvpS5gqdg9QKA>

Harrier Award: Well I asked for two children to be nominated for the Harrier Award each week and I have three nominations this week! That just goes to show how respectful and wonderful our children are! This week our focus was around respecting property. Following our assembly on Monday, the children have been making a real effort to show respect for their property and that of the schools. Please see what they have been up to below:

Emily Dowding was nominated due to taking her Eco Leader role very seriously indeed. Emily has been watching the recycling bins in the classroom very carefully and if anyone has placed a wrong item in one of the bins, she has made sure she has advised them which one it should go in. Thank you Emily for helping us keep our Eco Pledge! Silver Award here we come!

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Summer was nominated for ensuring that we are looking after our school property by going round the classroom and replacing the lids on our whiteboard pens that had been left off and would then dry out and on glue sticks that also dry out (this was one of the things we talked about in our assembly). Well done Summer for being such a great listener and then doing something about it!

Hayyan has also been nominated for taking care of our construction area. Every day, he has been spotted making sure every last part has been carefully put away by placing them in the correct containers. Sometimes the children throw them in from a distance but Hayyan has not been doing this. Thank you Hayyan for taking such care of our property!

Wow! Three fab Henhurst Harriers - I really am going to run out of my new gold Head Teacher stickers very soon!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins



Another transport model. This time by Emily - fantastic! The children's models are all on display in our Library area!