

Newsletter 13 - Friday 6th December 2019

Dear Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Mr Parker has been busy decorating our Christmas trees around school and don't they look lovely? The children were very excited to decorate their classroom ones and are really looking forward to our craft afternoon today. The newsletter will have gone to print before the event but I am sure it will be a huge success! It's the first time we have held such an event. Having worked in lots of schools over the past 20 years that have lots of traditions, it is really lovely that we are starting to make some of our own traditions together with you.

Unfortunately, we have still had a lot of children off poorly this week. Thank you for being proactive and not sending them in when they have been sick. As you know, these kind of bugs can spread very quickly indeed. You may have seen the Burton Mail and the outbreaks that some schools have been dealing with so keeping bugs like this contained is very important. Again, we've been talking to the children about good hand washing, please see link below to go over this with them at home. Thank you for all your support with this. It seems like we are coming to the end of it now so we are very much looking forward to having all the children back in school for the last 2 weeks of festivities!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Library books: Don't forget that every Friday, our volunteer Librarian, Miss Julia will be here to help the children check a library book out of our library which is now officially up and running! This book will be a free choice book that your child will have chosen that they would like to read or have read to them so in most cases will not be phonically decodable. Your child's home reader is phonically decodable which means it is at the level they should be able to Fred Talk (sound out). Please ensure that your child's Library book is back in school every Friday so that Miss Julia can help them check out another library book.

New Eco Leaders: Thank you so much to all the children that have handed in their application form to be an Eco Leader. We've had a really great response to this and thank you to our parents who have helped the children to complete them. On Thursday 12th December we will be having our very own election, just like the General Election where the children will come into the hall and listen to the main points from each candidate. This will be assisted by Mr Parker and their class teachers. The children will then cast a secret ballot vote their choice of candidate by putting a cross by the child's photograph. We will announce the elected candidates in next week's newsletter. As previously mentioned, the children have to learn about Democracy and what better way for them to understand this by them taking part in their very own election! We're all very excited to see who will be voted in! Watch this space!

Christmas Performance: The stage will be coming up next week ready for the rehearsals and the music and singing is sounding just brilliant! The staff have chosen a great musical to follow and the children are doing a great job - you're in for a real treat! Just a reminder, that for this year only, while we have the space, we are pleased to be able to offer a maximum of four places per family.

5 in Harmony: On **THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 7-8pm**, we are hosting this wonderful local male voice folk group who are well known and loved for the infamous 'Swad song'! They came to perform in May for the local residents and the children and we all thoroughly enjoyed it! We have invited them back for an evening performance and they would love to see a good turnout. Due to the 7pm start time the concert is intended just for adults.

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It is **FREE** entry with mince pies and drink available for a small donation and it is open to anyone that would like to come so please spread the word among your family and friends and come along for a good old sing song!



Christmas Jumper Day - is next **Friday 13th December** so your child can wear a festive jumper and pay £1 that will go to Save the Children charity. They do not have to wear their school uniform that day.

Car Park for Wednesday Multi Sports Club - Please do not use the school car park for picking up children from the multi sports club. It makes it dangerous for pedestrians if we have lots of cars coming out of the car park as others are walking out. Please follow the usual arrangements for collection. The single yellow restrictions are not in force at this time so can be parked on but please be mindful of not blocking driveways or making it difficult for our neighbours to get off or on their drives. Many thanks as always for your cooperation.

Height and Weight Check - Just a reminder about this. The envelopes came home last week, please complete the health questionnaire and return to school by next **FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER**. The yellow form in the NCMP pack envelope only needs to be completed if you DO NOT wish your child's height and weight to be measured.

Easyfundraising - Don't forget if you shop online, you can help us by raising FREE donations for Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. Please follow this link to register and support us when you shop! https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/henhurstridgepa/?utm_campaign=raise-more

Harrier Award: This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Leanne to receive the Harrier Award for always following the instructions given to the class and for trying her hardest in Phonics lessons! Well done Leanne, keep up this great work! In Class One, the teaching staff have chosen Bess because she always shows respect to everything around her including the environment. Thank you for being such a great role model Bess!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Hopkins

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