

## Newsletter 14 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Dear Families,**

I am delighted to start our newsletter with letting you know that nearly all our children are fit and well and back at school! What a horrid few weeks it has been, with so many of them poorly. Thankfully it seems to be mainly out of the way now so that everyone can enjoy themselves ready for the Christmas holidays.

While on the subject of illness, may I apologise for the gate not opening on time yesterday afternoon? This was due to the fact that poor Mr Parker went home ill and it's of course at times like these when we realise the many jobs he does that we forget to do in his absence! We will do our best to make sure this doesn't happen again.

**New Eco Leaders:** Yesterday was very exciting as the children went to our very own Polling Station and voted for the candidate they thought would do the best job as an Eco Leader; learning about 'Democracy' in a very real way. Please see photographs below. The votes have been counted and verified and I am delighted to announce that the following children have been voted in as this year's Eco Leaders:

**Nursery:** Eddie

**Reception:** Fleur, Abdullah & Teddy

**Year 1:** Hallej, Summer & Bess

Huge congratulations to those children, I know they will make brilliant Eco Leaders! Thank you also to all the other children that stood for election as there were some brilliant applications received and all would have been worthy leaders. Hopefully they will stand again next year.

**5 in Harmony:** This was a lovely event, thank you to all that supported it. It certainly got us in the festive spirit!

**Christmas Jumper Day** - thank you for your generosity for this event. The children had a brilliant time in aid of a great cause! I'm only sorry that I missed it as I was visiting another brand new school in our Trust yesterday to help them get ready for their Department for Education visit.

**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! Please ensure your child's library book is in their bag on a Friday if they would like to change it.

**Christmas Performance - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm:** The children are so excited to perform the Christmas story to you! There are lots of wonderful toe-tapping songs as well as some old favourites - we're sure you're going to love it! Thank you so much for your response to the costumes, the children looked fabulous when we did the Dress Rehearsal and it really helps them get into role! Just a reminder that it is a maximum of 4 places per family but please do not feel that you need to bring this amount. Not all of the children can fit on the stage for the whole performance, so some will be seated on benches next to it but will come on stage during the show to either sing or speak so you will get a good view of them all. There will be an opportunity to take photographs of your child in their costume after the performance has finished which is usually much easier to do than during. Parents are allowed to film if they would like but as per our policy, no photographs or film clips containing other children should be shared on social media as not all parents have given consent for their child to be on social media.

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If it is found out that this has happened we would have to impose a blanket ban on photography or filming at all of our events which would be a real shame. Please may I also ask, that you do not get in anyone's way while filming or taking photographs. Finally, the children have worked really hard to learn their lines, which they are doing brilliantly and to remember all the different parts, so please make sure you are a great audience by not putting them off or by talking to others while they are doing this. Many thanks for all your support with this, it really will mean the performance will run more smoothly. We are really looking forward to seeing you there.

**Christmas Lunch on Wednesday:** This will be lots of fun with a roast dinner and all the trimmings, followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding or Snowman Ice Cream. The staff and children will all sit together to enjoy this lovely celebration. There will be jacket potatoes and sandwiches available for any children that do not like roast dinners. We've even got some crackers to pull! We're looking forward to telling each other all those jokes!

**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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/henhurstridgepa/?utm_campaign=raise-more)

**Harrier Award:** This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen Alexia to receive the Harrier Award for having an amazing attitude to her Maths learning and making great progress because of it! Well done Alexia, keep up this great work! In Class One, Miss Coxon and Miss Imran have chosen Kacie for respecting everyone while playing outside! Thank you for being such a great role model Kacie!

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday for our wonderful Christmas Performance.

With very best wishes,  
Mrs Hopkins

