

Newsletter 16 - Friday 10th & 17th January 2020

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to each and every one of you! I do hope that you had a lovely time over the festive period with your families. The children have come back rested and ready for action as well as looking a lot more grown up! They have settled back into school life brilliantly and are hard at work already. Reception Class were hunting for a giant on Wednesday and Class One were able to tell me what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores were yesterday! Little Harriers welcomed five new children this week and with more applications, it looks our Nursery will soon be full! We also welcomed Muhid into Class 1 who has settled in really well. Class 1 said a big hello to their new teacher Miss Lester. As Miss Lester was in school so much before Christmas, it feels like she already knows us all very well. She has started the year off with a great poem called 'The Adventures of Isabel' which the children are really looking forward to sharing with you at their Class Assembly on Monday 20th January. So a busy first week!

Eco Market: Thank you to everyone that came to our Eco Market, it was a great success and our Eco Leaders thoroughly enjoyed taking all the money in! We will put all monies received towards more of our Eco work.

Woodland Trust: Following on from our Eco Market, Mr Parker has successfully applied for 30 saplings from The Woodland Trust that will be delivered at the end of March. These will be planted by the children in our 'Wonderful Wildlife' area by the pond at the entrance to the school. It's going to look great!

After school clubs: Apologies for the late notice in letting you know that Wednesday's after school club Multi-sports club was on. This will run until further notice and will remain free during this time. We still have places available and it runs from **3:15-4:15pm**. If you would like your child to join the club, please see Mrs Dennis. We have a new member of staff leading this from Burton Albion Community Trust (BACT) called Coach Tom, he will also be taking the children for PE on a Wednesday afternoon.

Monday is the last day to return slips for our Science Club that starts on Thursday. Names will be pulled out of a hat and those children's parents will receive a text Monday afternoon. If your child does not get a place, the club will run again after half term. This club has a slightly different time of **3:15-4pm**. Please pick up from the usual exit. A huge thank you to William's Dad for volunteering to run this club for us free of charge!

Half-Term Holiday Club: Please see details on the flyer of the 'Little Stars Holiday Club' that will run over half term if there are enough children wanting places. Please do let Kirsty know if you are interested - I'm sure it will lots of fun!!

Community Partnership/Friends of Henhurst meeting WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2pm: As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are looking to establish our Community Partnership which in some school is known as the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) or the Friends of Henhurst. It usually comprises of parents, or any other relatives and local residents that come together to organise events that benefit the school community through being together as a community and doing fun things but can also help to raise vital funds for schools that have much smaller budgets now than they used to. Some examples of events are: discos, cinema nights, cake sales, Summer and Winter Fayres. The list is endless. The children usually look forward to the events and they often form some of their best memories of their time at school. Last year, we organised an end of year disco for the children and this was hugely successful. Now we have more parents it will be much easier to organise events. Our first meeting is set for **Wednesday**

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22nd January at 2pm. We would love to see as many parents there as possible to get it underway and to start planning events that we can organise for the children this year. Please do come along if you would like to be involved. Thank you.

Flu Immunisation Catch up clinics: Should your child still be outstanding their flu vaccine the School age Immunisation Team will be holding the following Flu clinics:

- Tuesday 14th January 2020 - Ryecroft Health Centre ST5 2BQ - Morning Session Only
- Wednesday 15th January 2020 - Rising Brook Health Centre ST17 9LY - All Day Session
- Thursday 16th January 2020 - Tamworth Health Centre B79 7EA - All Day Session

If you do wish to book an appointment please ring the team on 0300 124 0366 accordingly.

Harrier Award: We are working on two values this half term: **Honesty & Responsibility**. This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen **Lilly** for taking responsibility of her belongings and particularly her library book - well done Lilly! In Class One, Miss Lester and Mrs Morgan have chosen **Abubakr** to receive the award this week for having a great learning attitude in the classroom and always taking responsibility to listen and learn. Well done Abubakr!

Next week: On Thursday and Friday of next week, myself and Miss Jack will be attending the national REAch2 annual conference. We have booked a supply teacher called Mrs Mathias to work alongside Mrs Carlile over those two days. Mrs Mathias has been to our school before and so knows our routines. As both myself and Miss Jack will be out of school, Scientia Academy have kindly lent their Assistant Head teachers to come and work here on those days so that there will be a senior leader in school. On Thursday, Mrs Roberts-Doyle will be here for the day and then on Friday Mr Wilson. Both are fantastic and very approachable, should you need anything in my absence.

This week's newsletter is a fortnightly one so there will be no newsletter next week.

Finally, please see a reminder of the Key Dates for the first half of the Spring Term below. We are looking forward to seeing our Class One parents at their class assembly on **Monday 20th January - 2:30pm.**

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend,
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

Date	Event	Additional information
Monday 20 th January	Year 1 Class assembly & 11B411 information session	2:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd January	Community Partnership meeting	2pm
Monday 27 th January	Reception Class assembly & 11B411 information session	2:30pm
Thursday 13 th February	Y1 Phonics Check Parent Information Session	2:30pm & 6pm (session no longer than 45 mins)
Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February - Half Term		