

## Newsletter 17 - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Families,

January seems to be whizzing by and the children continue to make great progress each and every day! Last week Mrs Roberts-Doyle and Mr Wilson were so impressed with what the children were doing and how our school community is developing. The last time they visited we had just moved into the school so they could hardly believe how much the school has changed and developed in this time. This is always so lovely to hear!

**Assemblies:** The Year One assembly on Monday was wonderful! Our Year Ones showed how great they are at performing their Talk for Writing texts and Bess shared her version of 'The Adventures of Isabel.' Mr Parker then talked us through our 11B411 initiative and parents got to share the passports of what the children have done so far with their children. So many adventures to look forward to! We are very excited to welcome our Reception Class parents in on Monday at 2:30pm for their assembly - I heard the practice today and it was fab! Mr Parker will also be sharing information about 11B411 again then too. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Visitors this week:** This week Mr Bhoola, the Deputy Director of Education for REAch2 came in to see how the children were getting on. He was looking particularly at their Personal Development (one of the Ofsted areas) and he was very impressed with what he saw. Then yesterday, Yashar Turgut, our Chair of Governors came for one of his visits to look at the Curriculum. He visited all classrooms and concluded that the children were very happy and very much enjoying their learning. Year One were busy making rabbit ears after a treasure hunt for Peter Rabbit that involved following a trail of carrots! Reception Class were engrossed in their Continuous Provision that included children dressing up, making play dough cookies and playing in the role play area which has just turned into a kitchen ready to house the Gingerbread Man! It was fantastic to see all the children so engaged!

**Community Partnership Meeting:** We had our first Community Partnership of the year on Wednesday. A few parents attended and shared their ideas of what events we can put on for the children that they will enjoy but that will also help raise some funds for school to buy more resources for them. We have set two dates for the remainder of the academic year. We are going to have an **Easter Disco on 30<sup>th</sup> March at 5-6:30pm** and then a **Summer Fayre on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 11am-1pm**. Please put these in your diaries as they are only as good as the people that turn up to them. More details will follow in future newsletters. In the meantime, to hopefully make future meetings more accessible to all parents or any other relatives that might like to attend, we are going to host our next one in the evening and hope more of you can make it. Watch out for the next date being advertised.

**Eco Market:** We raised a brilliant £129 at this event - what a fabulous total! This will go right back into doing our Eco work!

**Gymnastics Competition:** We have a Gymnastics competition coming up in March for Year One and so some of our children will be representing the school in this. There is a set routine the children have to perform which has some degree of difficulty. In PE on Wednesday, we were able to see who might be able to perform the routine at this time and they have brought a letter home today with more details. Please complete and return by Thursday at the latest. If your child isn't taking part this time, there will be other opportunities to represent the school in the near future should they wish to do so.

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**Half-Term Holiday Club:** Don't forget Little Stars is running a fabulous holiday club over the February half term. Flyers are available from the school office if you're interested.

**Parking Agreement:** Mrs Dennis has emailed the Parking Agreement out to all parents today. If you could take a moment to refresh yourselves with it and ensure that you or any person collecting your child adheres to it that would be great. Many thanks.

**Harrier Award:** We are working on two values this half term: **Honesty & Responsibility**. This week, Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen **Fleur** for independently being responsible for her actions. Fleur consistently sits beautifully on the carpet, is kind to others and tries her best with learning activities - well done Fleur! In Class One, Miss Lester and Mrs Morgan have chosen **Lukas** to receive the award this week for taking responsibility for his learning by carefully completing all of his homework this week and putting lots of effort into it! Well done Lukas!

And here's to the end of another lovely week! Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you bright eyed and bushy tailed on Monday morning!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

Date	Event	Additional information
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class assembly & 11B411 information session	2:30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Phonics Check Parent Information Session	2:30pm & 6pm (session no longer than 45 mins)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term</b>		



**Year One Assembly**