

Newsletter 20 - Friday 14th February 2020

Dear Families,

Another half term has whizzed by us and here we are, half way through the academic year! The children continue to make great progress and our school community continues to go from strength to strength. It was great to see our Year One parents at our Phonics Check information sessions yesterday. If you were unable to make it, don't worry, we've sent a handout home with your child today. Please pop in if you have any questions. There's also some resources that we are offering to parents, please let Miss Lester know if you would like them at Parents' Evening.

Safer Internet Day: On Tuesday, we took part in Safer Internet Day. This year it was teaching the children how they should be proud to be themselves and that no one on line should try to make them feel any other way. The teachers have been following up this message and how to keep safe on line during the week. They reminded the children never to give out their personal information when on line. Lots of children play games that interact with other 'children' on line but sadly we do not know who they are really playing with. Therefore, it is so important that the children know not to give out their name, where they live or where they go to school. If you would like to find out more, please follow this link: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer> or visit: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Children's Mental Health Week: A huge thank you to Mrs Wagstaffe who has provided a wonderful homemade 'Worry Monster' to add to our 'Worry Box' so the 'Worry Monster' can eat up the children's worries! The children love this new edition!

Parent Consultation: These are the first week back after half term and nearly all parents have signed up for an appointment so thank you! It is always so important that there are great home-school links and one key way to ensure this is the case is through Parent Consultations. We look forward to seeing you then!

Science Club: Our first Science Clubbers came to the end of their course this week and have thoroughly enjoyed it! Thank you to Mr Horsewell for all your hard work with it and inspiring the next generation of Scientists! As we had so much interest for this club, we put the children's names into a hat that weren't chosen this time and another ten children were selected and their parents have been informed that the club will start again after the half term holiday.

Community Partnership Meeting: Our next meeting is on **TUESDAY 3rd MARCH at 7pm** at school. We are hoping that this time might make it more accessible for more parents or family members to join us. We'd love to see you there so we can get organise our Spring Disco on 30th March!

World Book Day Thursday 5th March: We will be dressing up as a Book Character on this day and having lots of fun around books!

Harrier Award: This week Miss Jack and Mrs Carlile have chosen **Jackson Brown**. Jackson takes responsibility for his own actions. When asked to think of a way to change his game so that it was a bit quieter in the classroom, Jackson did so independently. He then popped to tell Miss Jack that he'd sorted it all out before going back to play and learn with his friends. In Class One, Miss Lester and Mrs Morgan have chosen **Patrick Stefan** for always being

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responsible all the time with everything he does and whoever he works with! Wow, what an amazing thing to have said about you Patrick! Keep up the great work!

Wishing you a wonderful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you back here on **MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY**.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

Dates for you Diary for after Half Term:

Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February - Half Term		
Tuesday 25 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings	3:30-5pm if you haven't booked your appointment, please do.
Thurs 27 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings	4-6:30pm if you haven't booked your appointment, please do.
Tues 3 rd March	Community Partnership Meeting	7pm at school. Everyone welcome!
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Dress up as a character from a book.
Monday 9 th March	Sports Relief Week	Activities to be announced
Wednesday 18 th March	Mothers' Day Lunch	All mums invited into school to have lunch - letter to follow.
Monday 30 th March	Spring Time Disco	5-6:30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Bonnet parade	2:30pm
Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays		