

## Newsletter 12 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Families,

What a joy it was this morning, seeing so many of our children back! We still have our Little Harriers off but they should all be back next Thursday. We are hopeful that we can plough on with the rest of the term together and enjoy the build-up to Christmas. There is no doubt it will be very different from usual but hopefully if we can spend it with some of our loved ones, it will make it that bit easier. As you will have heard yesterday, Burton will be at Tier 3 when the lockdown finishes next week. Again, this presents many challenges for our families. Please let us know if you need support in any way, we are here to help.

Please read on to find out what each year group has been up to this week, so much incredible Home Learning again!

### This week's round up around the school:

**Nursery:** We have seen some brilliant contributions to home learning as always. This week, we have been thinking about the way snowflakes fall to the ground as we experimented with different ways to move our bodies to Debussy's 'Snowflakes are dancing.'

**Reception:** This week we welcomed our Reception class back! Everybody was excited to see their friends again and there were lots of happy, smiling faces. We've seen some beautiful lanterns on Tapestry that the children have made for the 'Look for a Light' project taking place all across Staffordshire. They're going to look fabulous when they're all lit up on 12<sup>th</sup> December. We're also really proud of how well the children have done with their phonics while at home - we can tell they've been doing lots of practice! Good job everybody!

**Year One:** This week the children have been embracing their 'inner poet' by writing their own version of the poem 'Trees'. They have also done some fabulous leaf printing and making their own woodland creatures to go on our display board!

**Year Two:** This week Year 2 have continued to wow Miss Pollitt with their online learning. They have joined in live Maths, Writing and Reading sessions. Some children have been getting creative making their own stop motion movie and others have been busy in the kitchen making their own ice cream! We also enjoyed reading the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and acting it out using our own crayon headbands.

**Site Manager Appointment:** I am delighted to let you know that we have been able to successfully appoint a new Site Manager. We were very lucky to be spoilt for choice with a high calibre of candidates interviewed on the day. Our new Site Manager, Mr. Dawson, will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. I look forward to introducing you to him while we're out and about in the mornings. I have thoroughly enjoyed being out on the roads around school before and after school this week. There is nothing that starts my day off better than seeing our wonderful children come to school with a spring in their step and a huge smile on their faces!

**Santa is beaming into Reception Class:** We have been invited to go on a virtual visit to Santa's Grotto! As Santa only has time to meet one of our classes, we thought our Reception Class would get the most out of it so on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the children will get to meet Santa virtually via Teams! Thank you to Aspire People, our supply teaching agency, for making this possible.

**Christmas Performances:** Due to the current restrictions, we will have to do all of our performances virtually via Teams this year. These will be done as separate classes as we are still unable to mix the classes together. The children will perform on the stage in the hall so

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hopefully you will get a good view of your child during the performance. Nearer the time, you will find it scheduled in the calendar on your child's Teams account for their Year group. We will also record it and the recording will be available later during that morning. Please see below for the date and time for each class:

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10am
Reception Class	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	10:30am
Year One	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	11:15am
Year Two	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am

**Footwear:** Just a reminder that all footwear should be completely black. If you are purchasing boots for your child during the winter months, please ensure these are black and have as few decorations and accessories on them as possible. Many thanks for your support with this.

**Face Shields:** In our aim to protect everyone in our school community as much as possible, staff will be wearing face shields when working closely with children. We have chosen face shields instead of masks as it helps the children to see our faces and expressions.

**Harrier Award:** The Harrier Value for this half term is Respect. The children have been learning about respecting each other's differences this week and will continue to look at this theme over the next few weeks. Read on to find out who was given the Harrier Award this morning in our virtual assembly.

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Noel	Noel has been doing a great job of helping his daddy to complete some DIY jobs this week and showing lots of respect for his home!
Reception	Leo	Leo has been respecting his friend's feelings, being thoughtful and showing kindness.
Year 1	Zakr	Zakr has shown respect this week through his efforts always to look after our school resources. He is constantly respectful to adults and his friends and has beautiful manners!
Year 2	Mia & Caitlyn	Mia for her super contributions to our online learning, particularly in phonics. Caitlyn for excellent contributions to our home learning, sharing her ideas and being creative.

### Important Diary Dates:

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Flu immunisation Programme\* for children.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. The children can wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 to donate to charity.

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- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day

\*Organised directly by the School Age Immunisation Team. Should you wish your child to receive the vaccine, please ensure you have completed the electronic consent by 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please note that if you do not give consent via the electronic form your child cannot be given the vaccine. Contact the school office should you have any questions.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family



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