

Newsletter 13 - Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Families,

It has been a great week having all our children back in school. They are throwing themselves into their learning and you wouldn't know that so many of them have had such disruption to their education. They really are so resilient. Thank you for all the messages again this week about the Home Learning. It is great to know it has been appreciated and that we are getting the balance right. REAch2 (our academy Trust) have put together a package of training on how to do even more with Teams. The staff will be accessing this over the next few weeks so we hope we can just keep going from strength to strength with this. A huge thank you to the staff for working in what are incredibly challenging times. When I ask them for anything, they are always willing and giving of their time and energy to ensure we're doing the best for the children.

With two weeks left to go until the end of term, we have lots of lovely things planned for the children. Please keep your eye on the key dates at the bottom of the newsletter so you don't miss anything. As I said last week, it won't be the same but we're going to do our very best to make sure it's great!

Please read on to find out what each year group has been up to this week now that we're all back!

This week's round up around the school:

Nursery: This week, the children were so pleased to be back in Nursery and have been busy creating a fabulous information sheet entitled 'All about bears' as part of our Talk for Writing module. They were able to discover lots of facts last week at home by using different ways of finding out information, such as books and technology. Look out on Tapestry for our brilliant presentation of the information complete with actions.

Reception: In Reception, it's starting to feel very festive. We now have our very own Santa's Grotto where we can write cards, wrap presents, and read books about Christmas and Winter! Of course, the highlight of our week was speaking to Dennis' dad about being a night worker. We learned all about his exciting job building trains while we are all fast asleep in bed! Thank you for chatting to us!

Year One: This week we have started our new writing unit: Peter Rabbit! We had a carrot hunt on Wednesday and found all of the carrots that Peter had stolen from Mr McGregor's garden!

Year Two: This week we have loved having Year 2 back in school. In Maths, we have been developing our place value knowledge up to 100 by ordering and comparing numbers. In RE, we have been learning about Christmas traditions from around the world and comparing this to our own celebrations and beliefs.

A warm welcome: We have a new family that joined us on Tuesday. Noah has joined Reception Class and Esme has joined Year Two. We hope they settle in well and are very happy at our school!

Year Two Phonics Check: Next week will be when our Year Twos have their Phonics Check. This should have taken place in June when they were in Year One but was postponed due to the pandemic. We will share the children's results with parents after the Christmas break. In the meantime, don't forget to keep practising the sounds in the books that were sent home last week. It will help make sure they are fresh in their minds ready for the check. Thank you.

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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 7th December, the children will get to meet Santa virtually via Teams! Thank you to Aspire People, our supply teaching agency, for making this possible.

Flu Immunisation on Monday 7th December: This is offered to children in Reception, Year One and Year Two classes. If you want your child to have this in school on Monday but have not yet given consent, you can do so by completing the online form or by ringing 0300 124 0366. A text message has been sent to parents today on behalf of the School Immunisation Team asking that parents of any children with asthma who have increased inhaler use, are wheezy 72 hours before or have taken oral steroids within the last 14 days must ring 0300 124 0366. If you do not wish your child to have the vaccine and have not given consent, please do not worry as it will not be given to them. The nurses will only administer the vaccine to those children whose parents have given consent.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December: This is always a great day and really gets us in the mood of the season. The children can wear a Christmas jumper or T-shirt and their own clothes on their bottom half. Please ensure footwear is suitable not only for being in school and running around the playground but for the time of year. Don't forget to bring £1 in that will be donated to Save the Children. I look forward to tweeting out lots of photos of the day!

A reminder of Christmas Performances:

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

These will all be via your child's Teams log in. Nursery parents will receive a Teams invite via email that can be accessed whether you have a Teams account or not.

Parking: Some parents are parking on the single and double yellow lines on the road between Henhurst Ridge and Aviation Lane. There are parking restrictions between 8:30am and 9:30am and 3-4pm for the single yellow lines and there should be no parking on double yellow lines at any time. Last year, a parent received a parking fine from the Traffic Enforcement Team for parking there. It would be a shame if anyone else received one. The reason why the lines are there is to prevent any traffic bottlenecks or blockages as this is a bus route. Please avoid parking on these lines. Many thanks.

Please remember it is illegal to park over a dropped kerb. The purpose of a dropped kerb is to provide access for vehicles onto owner's driveways. You may have noticed some work outside number 22 Henhurst Ridge this week whereby the kerb has been dropped to allow vehicle access. Please note this change and do not park in front of the dropped kerb. There are not yellow lines painted there at present, however, as mentioned it is illegal to park there. Many thanks for your help with this.

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Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Respect. The children have been learning about respecting different cultures during assembly this week. 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	Martha	for the respect she shows towards others. She takes lots of time to listen carefully to what her friends say and shows lots of respect for our Super Listening Skills during activities.
Reception	Rosie	for always showing respect to her friends, grown-ups and our school.
Year 1	Evie	for showing respect to both adults and her friends. Evie has shown respect particularly in free choice time when she shares toys with other children!
Year 2	Maimoona	always being respectful to adults, looking after equipment and having an excellent attitude to learning.

Important Diary Dates:

- Monday 7th December - Flu Immunisation Programme for children.
- Friday 11th December - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day. The children can wear a Christmas Jumper for a £1 donation to charity.
- Tuesday 15th December - Christmas Performances for Reception, Year One and Two - see times above.
- Wednesday 16th December 10am - Nursery Christmas performance
- Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family