

Newsletter 24 - Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Families,

It has been a really wonderful first week back with 100% attendance most days. The children have been delighted to see all their friends and their teaching staff and we can't believe how grown up they look! The playground has been a happy and fun place to be where friendships have been reconnected and laughter has echoed all around. It's been a bit of a shock to the system getting back into routine and out the house for a certain time. Both children and staff are ready for a lie in this weekend I think!

Thank you for doing your best to bring your child to school and collect them within the window given. This really helps us to adhere to socially distancing measures. Most parents are wearing face coverings too. Thank you to our Reception parents who are waiting in the area on the other side of the main gates until their children are ready to collect so that this area doesn't get too congested. Please see a reminder of drop off and collection times below.

Class Bubble	Drop off time	Collection time	Designated area
Nursery	8:45am	3:15pm	Nursery gate
Reception	9-9:10am	3:10-3:20pm	Door at side of school by bike shelter
Year 1	8:50-9am	3-3:10pm	Year 1 Classroom door off playground
Year 2	8:40-8:50am	2:50-3pm	Year 2 Classroom door off playground

Siblings should be dropped off at the office **at 8:40am** and collected from the office at **2:50pm**.

Parking: Just a reminder about avoiding double parking. Yesterday, parents were doing this, making it hard for just an SUV to get through. As mentioned last week, this makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through to our elderly local residents should they need it which is unacceptable. There is plenty of parking further up Henhurst Ridge and round the corner at the end of Aviation Lane. Please let us be considerate to each other and our local residents.

Here's a roundup of what each class has been up to this week:

Nursery: This week, the children have enjoyed getting to know each other again as they continued to explore lots of shiny things while making a special gift for Mother's Day!

Reception: We have had a super week exploring our new topic Journeys and finding out about different countries on Google Earth. The children were very excited and had lots of fun putting our characters in Mr Gumpy's Outfit.

Year One: Year one have channelled their inner artists this week with our London's Burning project. They have really impressed Miss Cox with their excellent brush stroke and colour mixing techniques.

Year Two: We have loved being back in school this week in Year 2. We started the week with a mystery scary box in the classroom, we have been writing about what scary item could be in the box and reading the story 'The Dark' to inspire us. We have also been testing out waterproof materials in preparation for making our Titanic boat next week.

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Read, Write, Inc. eBooks: For Reception and Year One families

The Read, Write, Inc. programme that we use to teach phonics (early reading and writing) have a new subscription that we are pleased to be trialling for you at home. This gives you access to the books that your child will read with us in their lessons, giving your child the chance to consolidate their learning by reading the book to you at home. Your first book should be ready for you as soon as you login!

Rapid Covid-19 testing for parents: Free regular rapid testing is now available for parents, their households and bubbles and is a fast and easy way to find out if you have coronavirus. More information including how you can obtain the test kits can be found in the leaflet attached.

Red Nose Day - Friday 19th March: Next Friday is Red Nose Day so all children can wear their own clothes if they donate £1 to the charity. If they have any red items to wear, that would be great but no worries if not. They are also welcome to wear any merchandise should they wish to. We will have a fun packed day, learning about why this is such a great cause!

Thank you: For the lovely cakes and treats parents have sent in to the staff. It is very much appreciated and devoured! We also had a huge pack of chocolate bars sent through via Amazon but had no name on it so again thank you to the mystery benefactor! Again, these were gobbled up in no time!

A new baby brother: Congratulations to Ayah in Reception class who has a new baby brother. Both mum and baby are doing well and we're looking forward to meeting him when Mum is back up at school.

Welcome: We have another new family that joined us this week into Year 1. A very warm Henhurst Ridge welcome to Kai and his family. I know he has been well looked after by his class mates and they are delighted to have someone else to play with on the playground! We also welcome some new faces into our Nursery! A huge welcome to: Alfie, Billie-Mae, Cian, Olivia and Lainey who have recently joined the Little Harriers. So far they look like they are having a great time! We hope they will be very happy with us.

Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Aspiration. The staff will be looking for children that are being really aspirational in their work, in their abilities and in their play. 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	Robyn	For being so helpful with our new Little Harriers. She has shown them the ropes and then been super helpful to the adults too - thank you Robyn!
Reception	Leo	For working so hard on his reading and joining in with our new Talk for Writing text absolutely brilliantly! Fantastic!

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Year 1	Lacey	For reaching for the stars with her handwriting! She has worked so hard on it and the improvements are clear to see! Well done Lacey!
Year 2	Isaac B	For being a superstar and having an amazing attitude to his learning all week! Well done Isaac!

Wishing you a lovely weekend and a very Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums, we hope you're spoilt rotten!

With best wishes

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Primary Academy Family

This has been found on our grounds. Please collect it from the school office if you think it belongs to you.



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