

Friday 23rd April 2021 - St George's Day!

Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

A wonderful first week back, full of super learning, fun and laughter! It's been great to see all our children and staff back and the weather has been lovely too - lots of summer dresses and shorts! It was also great to have an opportunity to touch base with each other during Parents' Evening. I know the staff always appreciate having the chance to catch up in this way, we hope you do too.

As you can see, our Newsletter has had a face lift! A huge thank you to Miss Batkin for making our newsletter look much more colourful and easier on the eye!

Each class has started new Projects, please see the Curriculum Overviews that will come home with your child for more detail. We look forward to sharing snippets each week in our weekly news roundup section which is opposite.

Please read on to find out more information about what's been happening this week and what's coming up soon!

With best wishes
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

Nursery: This week, the Little Harriers have started to explore water as part of our new topic- 'Is water wet?' We have worked as a team to turn a water wheel and use pipettes to see how much water we needed to fill Duplo bricks. We have also started to learn our new text, 'Come on, Daisy!'

Reception: What a wonderful first week back! Miss Elliott and Miss Johal are both thrilled to be in the classroom with the children and have been blown away by their hard work. We are becoming very familiar with our new Talk for Writing text, 'Rosie's Walk', ready to begin making up our own version of the story next week. We have enjoyed the start of our new topic, 'Do cows drink milk?', learning about all sorts of different farm animals.

Year One: This week Year One have been searching high and low for the Evil Pea that destroyed our class supermarket on Tuesday! The Evil Pea is the villain in the story of 'Supertato' which is our new Talk for Writing story!

Year Two: Year 2 have had a great first week at school. We have started reading the story 'The Tear Thief'. We have also launched our new mini mission 'Around The World With The Three Bears'. They will be working as travel agents to make a guide for the bears' trip around the world. This week we started off with the world continents, oceans, UK countries and capital cities.

The Big Ask: The Children's Commissioner has released a survey for all children to answer to find out how they might have been affected by COVID-19 and what will help make them happier. Please do your best to try and complete it with your child:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Super Writing: It was great to see some wonderful writing from three Year 2 girls this week! They were so proud of their achievements, as was I! Well done girls and keep it up!



Relationship, Sex and Health Education Parent's Information Meeting: As you may remember, there was new statutory guidance that came into effect in September 2020 around what schools legally have to teach. Schools were given flexibility as to when they would consult parents about how they delivered this as the pandemic prevented meetings etc. We had held off doing this as we wanted to do it in person. However, as it is unlikely that we will be able to do this before June, a virtual parent meeting has been set for Tuesday 4th May at 5:30pm via Teams. Mrs Hopkins will briefly go through the guidance and the scheme of work the school proposes to use with parents. There will then be an opportunity for parents to book a time slot to come into school to view the materials in person and put their opinions and comments forward to form part of the consultation.

Staffing: We said 'au revoir' to Miss Jack in assembly today as she starts her Maternity Leave. She will be back at some point next calendar year. We wish her lots of luck, happiness and hopefully not too many sleepless nights over the months ahead! We will of course let you know when she has had the baby. We welcome Miss Johal who has been taken on as a permanent member of staff and in the first instance will take over from Miss Jack as the Reception class teacher.

Little Harriers Nursery: We are recruiting children for our Nursery for September so please do see the office to secure your child's place. Both 15 and 30 hour places are available. Please also spread the word among family and friends that we are here and happy to let them know a bit more about our Nursery. We have some fun open events coming up over the next few months (as soon as restrictions allow us) so watch this space!

School Photographer: The photographer was here today and worked hard to get lovely snap shots of all the children. The proofs will be sent out to you in the next week.

Lunchtime Supervisor: We are currently advertising for an additional Lunchtime Supervisor to join our wonderful lunchtime team. Hours are: 12-1:30pm Monday-Friday. Please contact the office for more details.

Georgia Gough School of Dance: Georgia's dance school will be restarting the week beginning 19th April. Please contact Georgia on 07960 883313 for more details.

Welcome to Willow who has joined us in Little Harriers this week! We hope she is very happy with us!



Hayyan in Year 2 has now received his blue Blue Peter badge as well as his green one! He is now applying for his silver badge. Keep up the great work!

Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Innovation. The staff will be looking for children that are being innovative in their work or play! Read on to find out who was given the Harrier Award this afternoon in our virtual assembly.

Congratulations to the following children:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Habeeb	Habeeb showed great innovation and teamwork when thinking of ways to build a simple construction in order to make a water wheel turn!
Reception	Samuel	Samuel showed excellent innovative thinking and problem-solving skills when he managed to fix a broken toy in reception this week!
Year 1	Kai	Since Kai joined us last month, he has been very innovative during choosing time by creating some excellent Lego structures!
Year 2	Summer	Summer has been innovative by thinking of exciting vocabulary to improve and develop her descriptive writing this week. Well done!