

Friday 14th May 2021

Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

What a fantastic day we've had with Pyjamarama today! The children (and staff) have thoroughly enjoyed being in their PJs all day! There have been lots of book themed activities with the day ending in hot chocolate and biscuits to remind us what a wonderful experience bedtime stories are. Check out our Twitter page to see lots of photos of the day! @HenhurstRidge

Don't forget that the children can come in their own clothes on Monday for our Eid celebration day - please have a look at the section about this overleaf. We hope all our families that celebrated this yesterday or today had a great time! Thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards that you have shared with the school community - it is lovely to be able to join in with this with you.

Next week, we have our last three sessions (please see dates and times at the bottom of the newsletter) to view the resources as part of our Relationship, Health & Sex Education Consultation. So far, we have only had three parents attend this. If you feel strongly about this part of our curriculum, it is important that you view the resources and put any comments in writing addressed to myself by **Friday 28th May**. Unfortunately, some videos and information are being circulated on parent WhatsApp groups which give false information. Please do come and see for yourself.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

With best wishes
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

Nursery: This week, Nursery have been learning about the water cycle during Talk for Writing and have created a map to help them remember the journey a water droplet makes from the ground to the sky and back again. We have also enjoyed learning all about Eid and building our own ship outside with loose parts!

Reception: Reception have done lots of practice of finding one more and one less than a given number in maths this week. They have used dice, numerals, pom poms, numicon, and even dinosaurs to develop these important maths skills! We have also framed our hot writes from last week and then had a chance to read these to a small group of friends, practicing our speaking and listening skills whilst showing off our excellent work. The children were very proud of themselves!

Year One: This week, Year One have continued to explore their mathematical skills by exploring addition. We have also become editors by spotting mistakes in information texts using our knowledge to input capital letters, full stops and finger spaces into the text! Year One also used their sculpting skills this week to create clay superheroes.

Year Two: Year 2 have been writing their own finding tales and continuing to develop their knowledge of fractions this week. In computing, the children have loved starting to learn how to code and instruct using our Dash robots. We have had a great pyjamarama day making sock puppets, drinking hot chocolate and creating their own piece of artwork based on the story 'The Dot'!

Seed donations or vegetable/flower plant

donations: Thank you again for even more fabulous donations! Thanks to Wright Rubber Ltd for 2 huge boxes of wildflower seed! Our school is going to look amazing! The Year One children had a great time on Tuesday with Mrs Clemens in our allotment area and next week it will be Year Two! #GloriousGardening

New Reception Parents' Meeting: On Wednesday 19th May at 5:30pm, there will be an information session for our September 2021 Reception intake. It is hard to believe it's that time of year already! These parents should have received a Zoom invite for this and we look forward to seeing you there!

Little Harriers: We are taking applications for next academic year now so please do enquire or apply if you require a place. We are hosting an open week in June so look out for that, if you'd like to come along for a session and please pass the word round to any friends or family! Little Harriers have their own Facebook page now, so you can follow them on: @LittleHarriersHenhurstRidge

Drop off and collection times: Please can I reiterate the message about arriving within your child's time window. It is really frustrating for parents of the year group that is due to be dropped off/collected when there are limited parking places as children that are due to be dropped off/collected at a later time are already parked up. Please be considerate about this. The ten-minute windows seem to be providing plenty of time to allow a steady flow of traffic and children. Unfortunately, due to the regular traffic warden visits we are now having, many of the residents are having to park in the areas that used to be vacant as they also cannot park on the single yellow lines. This is reducing the amount of spaces close to school so by coming in your time window really helps to free up parking spaces for the year group that needs them. Thank you so much for your cooperation with this.

Eid Celebrations: We are very excited to be holding our first Eid Celebration day which will be on **Monday 17th May**. We will be doing a 'Dress up day' for the children where they can come in anything of their choice. Traditionally on Eid, families have new outfits to wear so if parents want to send their children in these, they are very welcome. The rest of the children can come in their best clothes too or can wear a 'dress up' costume or anything they would like. Please just remember, the children will be out playing at playtime and lunchtime so please ensure footwear is sensible and do not put them in anything you would hate for them to get damaged. There is no donation for this event. In the afternoon, we will have class parties.

Georgia Gough School of Dance: Georgia's dance school has restarted and offers ballet classes on a Tuesday after school. Please contact Georgia on 07960 883313 for more details.



The good ship Little Harrier with Captain Martha ready to board!

A warm welcome: We've had another new pupil join us this week, this time into Year Two! We are delighted to welcome Alesha who is Duaa's cousin. She has already made lots of friends as the children in Year Two have been so welcoming! Thank you Year Two.

Pop-up Vaccine Clinic for over 38s: A pop-up Covid Vaccine Clinic will run at the Burton Caribbean Association, Uxbridge Street on Friday 21st May, between 11am and 4pm. Anybody aged 38 and over and members of the same household aged 18 and over are eligible. This is for first vaccine doses only and you must book a slot by calling 0300 111 8050. Lines will close on 5pm 19th May. Please see attached leaflet for further details.

Friends of Henhurst: As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are hoping to get our Friends of Henhurst group up and running. A virtual meeting has been set for **Tuesday 25th May at 6:30pm** on Teams and we would love to see as many parents, carers, grandparents join it as possible. It will give us a chance to share ideas of fun events we'd like to organise for the children and our school community. We are hoping to organise a school disco before the end of the academic year if restrictions allow. So please come along to help us do something lovely for the children! Our chairperson, Laura Hill has set up a Facebook page for this 'Friends of Henhurst'. So please do follow us for the latest information and events!

Harrier Award: The Harrier Value for this half term is Innovation. The staff will be looking for children that are thinking of new ideas or trying different ways of doing something to solve a problem. 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	Billie	Billie showed innovation this week as she used lots of different materials to create a boat, complete with a fabulous flag to help it to sail!
Reception	Noah	Noah has made up some wonderfully innovative stories with his friends in our farm small world area this week.
Year 1	Keira	Keira is this weeks Harrier because of her innovation to the story of 'Supertato'. Her hot write was amazing and she should be very proud!
Year 2	Esmé	For super innovation of her finding tale story. Esmé always has a lovely smile on her face which brightens up my day!

Viewing times for the RHSE curriculum and resources, please phone the school office to book in. Many thanks

Mon 17 th	Tues 18 th	Thurs 20 th
2-4pm	2-5pm	2-5pm



Don't forget to visit Jessica's JustGiving page if you can give to this brilliant cause of creating a wig for a child who needs it. We are looking forward to showing Jessica's new look in our newsletter after half term!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JessicaRhaircut>

A very proud Hayyan this morning as he received his SILVER badge! It's very heavy and shiny!



He's now wondering which badge to apply for next...

Another Blue Peter badge for Hayyan in Year 2! This is now his third badge which he achieved for sending off his Titanic diary.