

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

I cannot tell you how wonderful it has been to get to the end of a half term without any timetable interruptions! Both the staff and children have thrived on the 'normality' and getting stuck into all the learning. We have been astonished by the leaps of progress we have seen from so many of our children these last few weeks. We are so proud of them! We have also seen a significant increase in reading this last week so please do keep it up over half term. Please see the reading challenge below to keep them interested in reading!

On Tuesday, we had a great first Friends of Henhurst meeting with lots of parents tuning in! There were some fabulous suggestions made of a range of events from cake sales, lemonade stands, bingo to Auctions! So I think we are going to have a lot to look forward to! The Friends of Henhurst are hoping to put on a disco in July before we break up for the Summer. This will largely depend on how the restrictions continue to ease. More information to follow.

Don't forget today is the last day to make any written comments about the RHSE policy and proposed curriculum. The outcome of the consultation will be fed back to you after the half term holiday.

Wishing you a very happy half term and it looks like the sun is actually going to shine!! Don't forget Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day so we will see you on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June!

Very best wishes,  
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

Nursery: This week in Nursery, the children recalled lots of facts about ducks as they completed their Talk for Writing module. We also enjoyed planting sunflower seeds which we are going to take home and grow! In Maths, we have used water to help us begin to explore capacity by thinking about how much different containers can hold.

Reception: This week, our Reception children have written some fabulous instructions for bread baking. Of course, we had to put them to good use and spent a wonderful afternoon in the specialist DT room baking different types of bread! The children each took a sample home to enjoy in the evening. We hope they enjoyed tasting it as much as they enjoyed baking it!

Year One: This week in Year One we learnt about algorithm and programming within computing. We programmed BeeBots following instructions to travel across maps that we designed ourselves! Some BeeBots travelled to volcanos, parks, tiger dens and even travelled to a McDonalds!

Year Two: This week Year Two have written their own leaflet all about a place of their choice. They were excellent researchers and had lots of interesting facts to share. In project, we have been drawing self portraits in the style of Andy Warhol.

**Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy:** Our lovely Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs Freckleton has secured a new position at another school and so will be leaving us in 4 weeks' time. We will be very sad to see her go but wish her lots of success in her new position. This means that we have a vacancy, please see our website for details. Closing date is **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 5pm.**

**Other new faces joining our Team:** During our last recruitment for a lunchtime supervisor, we appointed Mrs Coombes who will be joining the team on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Straight after half term, Mr Hubbard, our new Site Manager joins us. He has been coming into school every Tuesday to get to know his way around and already feels at home!

**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 some free 'Stay & Play' sessions on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June.** Each session will be between 1:30pm & 2:30pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: @LittleHarriersHenhurstRidge

**Where are you reading?** We want the children to find great places to read and send in photos via Seesaw, Tapestry or Twitter (copy us in via @henhurstridge) and we will make a wonderful display in school of all the places you can read!

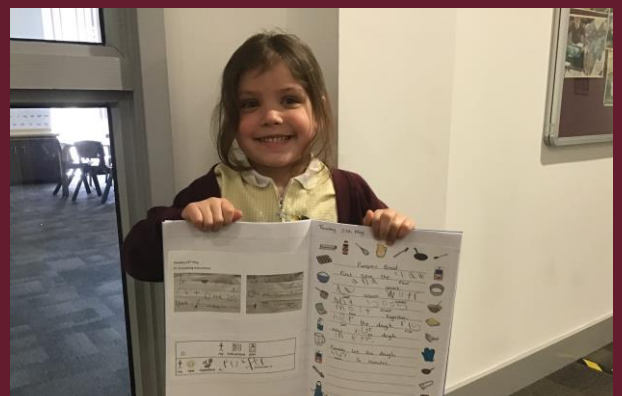
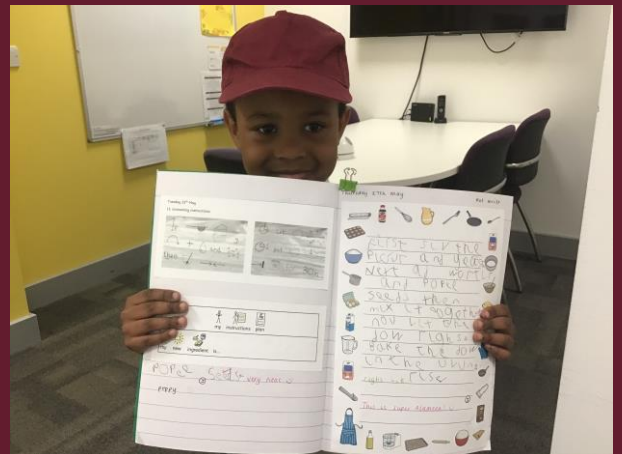


**It's haircut time!** Next week is when Jessica has her hair cut in aid of The Princess Trust. So far she has raised an astonishing £475. She is only £25 off the £500 total that will cover the cost of making a wig for a child who has lost their hair. Please see the link below if you'd like to make a donation. Watch this space for the new look Jessica!

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



**Amazing writing from our Reception children:** Both Saoirse and Alameen have tried so hard with their writing this week! Well done you two!!



**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	Cian	Cian used the wooden blocks to build a home for the 'Queen Bee'!
Reception	Oliver	Oliver found innovative new ways to make friends in role play area this week. We are very proud of him!
Year 1	Alexia	Alexia is this weeks Harrier because of her innovation skills in choosing time. Alexia makes the most wonderful books about maths and writing!
Year 2	Isaac C	Super innovation and ideas for his leaflet all about New York.

Please see key dates for the rest of the academic year after half term.

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June - Half Term Holiday		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY	Children not in school, staff attending Talk for Writing training.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day	All afternoon
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day in case it rains	All afternoon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up Morning!	Children spend the morning in their new class!
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of year Picnic on the Field	12pm - all welcome.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 - Summer Holidays		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September: INSET DAYS		



Nursery have made some fabulous signs so that we remember what we have planted in our garden!