



**HENHURST
RIDGE**

PRIMARY ACADEMY

PROVIDING THE ROOTS TO GROW AND THE WINGS TO FLY

Newsletter 3

Friday 5th November 2021

Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

What a fabulous first week back at school! It's like the children have never been away, they've got stuck straight back into their learning and they thoroughly enjoyed the school disco on Wednesday! A huge thank you to the Friends of Henhurst for organising this for us. The next meeting is next week on Wednesday 10th November at 6:30pm via Zoom - please see link below. We'd love to see lots of parents on there so we can start planning our next event!

<https://reach2.zoom.us/j/97490284871>

Your child will be bringing home their Curriculum Overview which details what they will be learning in each of the subject areas over the next half term. Please do have a good read of this so you know what they will be up to! The term will finish with a whole school Polar Express project which we're already very excited about! There is also a letter outlining Home Learning arrangements for this academic year. There are so many ways you can support at home so please do read this carefully to see how you can do this. Of course, one of the most important, is reading every day so please make every effort to do this, even if it is just Monday to Friday. Thank you.

Don't forget next Friday is Children in Need day so the children can wear their own clothes and donate £1 to this fabulous cause. The lunchtime team are going to be holding colouring competitions all week of Pudsey Bear so I'm sure we're going to have lots of fun!

Please read on to find out about key events and other news and have a wonderful Bonfire night and weekend - stay safe!

Very best wishes,
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

Parent Governor: I am delighted to let you know that we had an excellent application for the role of parent governor and therefore Andrew Theodosi (Dad of Stavros in Attenborough Class) will join Hannah Horsewell (Mum of William in Packham Class) in representing the parent body on the Governing board. Our first meeting of this academic year is Tuesday 9th November. Thank you so much to both these parents for giving up their time to help contribute to the development and success of the school.

Newly appointed School Business Manager: As you know Mrs Dennis left at the end of last half term and we had such a lovely assembly to say farewell to her. On Monday of half term, we interviewed for her replacement and I am delighted to announce that we successfully appointed Mrs Sarah Deacon. She is an experienced School Business Manager currently working across two schools in Burton. Due to notice periods, she is unable to start her new position with us until after Christmas. In the meantime, Mrs Dennis will help us out once a week on a casual basis - we knew she wouldn't be able to keep away! This does however mean we are quite short staffed in the front office so please bear with us as we try and turn everything around as quickly and as diligently as possible. Many thanks.

Sir Steve Lancashire: As you may remember, Sir Steve (REACH2's CEO) will be stepping down after Christmas and he is conducting a farewell tour of all the schools in the Trust. He will visit us on 1st December, and we are going to do our best to make it as good as the send off we gave Mrs Dennis! This is just open to the children.

Road works on Henhurst Hill: These have now gone and getting to and from school is much easier. If you remember, we had advertised the start time of school being 8:45am. Due to the significant delays of the road works, we put this back until 8:50am. As the road works have now gone, the start time of school will resume to 8:45am. Please ensure your child is in school by this time. We will give a week so everyone has a chance to get used to the revised time and then after that, from Monday 15th November, any child arriving later than 8:45am, will be marked late. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Poppies: It is that time of year already! Poppies go on sale on Monday 8th November and will be on sale all week. Poppies are for a small donation (no set price). If you would like your child to have one, please send some money in with your child. We will also be selling poppy merchandise at the end of each day next week under the canopy by the bike racks. See photo below of what will be available. So please do stop by on your way home.



Uniform: Please read the following information and do your best to adhere to it.

Ties are a key part of our uniform, please ensure your child is wearing one each day and that it is labelled in case it comes off. Jewellery is not allowed due to health & safety reasons except one small pair of stud earrings and a watch. The earrings should be removed on PE days or taped over so that it is safe for them to do PE. Nail varnish is not allowed.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM.

We have a huge amount of Lost Property already due to names not being put on clothes. Please see the Lost Property box on the playground to reclaim any items you have lost.

Hats & gloves: Now the weather is turning, please ensure your child is nice and snug while playing outside. We try to get the children outside whatever the weather. Again, please make sure they are labelled.

Eco Leaders: A new set of Eco Leaders were voted in before half term and here they are:

Class	Eco Leaders
Little Harriers	Lucy & Stanley
Attenborough	Benjamin & Habeeb
Thunberg	Isla & Violet
Silva	Saoirse & Jaxon
Packham	Hope & Jessica
Kamkwamba	Lukas & Caitlyn

Photograph to follow.

A huge congratulations to all the children voted in; we know you're going to do an amazing job! Thank you also to our outgoing Eco Leaders who have done an incredible job and really led the way! Thank you also to our good friend and neighbour, Mrs Clemens and Mrs Blackshaw for helping with the process.

Remembrance Day Service: On Thursday, the children will be having a special Remembrance Day service in the hall where they will recite poems and songs that pay respect to those that have gone before. They will also lay poppy wreaths that they have made. Some of our elderly residents have been invited to join us for this so they can remember friends and family they lost in the world wars. They will no doubt be impressed with the level of respect the children will demonstrate.

Nasal Flu vaccinations: We have not yet been advised of a new date for this which was postponed by the School Immunisation Team due to their staffing shortages before half term. As soon as we have one, we will send the date out via text message.

If your child has an underlying health condition, please see your GP to book one.

Introducing House Teams: We are really excited to launch our House Teams next week. The children and staff have all been split into 4 teams (siblings in the same teams) across the school. Our Teams have been named after British endangered birds of prey to sit alongside our school mascot - Hetty the Henhurst Harrier! The Team names and colours are as follows:

House Team Name	Colour
Kestrel	Yellow
Merlin	Green
Osprey	Blue
Red Kite	Red

The children will be awarded tokens for doing any of the things below. The team with the most tokens each week will be awarded the Team cup and at the end of the half term, the team who has won the most weeks, is rewarded with a special fun afternoon!

How to earn Team Tokens:



Upcoming dates for your diary:

Friday 12 th November	Children in Need day	Children wear their own clothes for £1 for charity.
Tues 23 rd November	Parent Consultations	3-5pm More details on how to book and whether it will be via Teams/person nearer the time.
Thursday 25 th November	Parent Consultations	4-6:30pm More details on how to book and whether it will be via Teams/person nearer the time.
Friday 26 th November	INSET DAY - children not in school	This is a change of date from 19/11, please make a note.
Week beginning 29 th November	Year 2 Phonics Check week	More information at parent meeting on 28/9/21.
Tuesday 14 th December	Attenborough, Thunberg & Silva Class Christmas Performance	9am - we are hoping there will be no restrictions and it will be in the hall.
Wednesday 15 th December	Packham & Kamkwamba Class Christmas Performance	As above.
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner day	12pm - children only in the hall.
Thursday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas Performance	9:10am - hopefully there will be no restrictions & it's in the hall!
Friday 17 th December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 to donate to charity.