

Newsletter 1

Friday 23rd September 2022

Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

Goodness me - September seems to be hurtling along! Where is it going? It has been such a busy couple of weeks getting all the children and staff settled into our 5th year of opening! Our Year 4s are rising to the challenge of being the eldest, most responsible children in the school and our new cohort of Nursery and Reception have settled in brilliantly!

We welcome new members of staff with Miss Ramsell taking over from Miss Batkin in the front office, Mr Moss a new teacher in Year 3 alongside Miss Carter a new Teaching Assistant. We also welcome Miss Sanghir, a student teacher who will be working with Miss Cox for most of the year.

The children are looking so super smart, and we are very proud of this. Please make sure you adhere to the jewellery policy - this is an important Health & Safety issue. Only 1 pair of small stud earrings and a watch, nothing else should be worn.

Please read on for other useful updates and reminders and at the bottom of our newsletter are the all-important academy 'Dates for your Diary' for the Autumn Term.

This year our key academic focus is on reading and writing. The children are still feeling the impact of the school closures during the pandemic, and it is our job as teachers and parents to work together to get them back on track so you will be hearing a lot about this as the year progresses! Let's make sure we get into great routines straight away by reading every night in the week for at least 10 minutes - it makes such a difference!

Have a lovely weekend and do read on to find out more....

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

New Sports Providers:

We have employed a new Sports provider, Progressive Sports who will deliver some PE lessons for us as well as running after school and lunchtime sports clubs. We will have 2 regular members of staff, Miss Walker and Mr B who have already had some great lessons with the children. The after-school sports clubs will start next week: **Wednesday for Year 1 & 2 and Thursday for Year 3 & 4.** Please do note down the finish times for these clubs as they are different. If you haven't had chance to sign up yet, please visit ParentPay. Other clubs will be on offer later in the academic year.



PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association):

We are lucky enough to have an active group who organise lots of fun events like our Summer Fayre that raises money to buy wonderful things for the children. The Summer Fayre raised a whopping **£1297** which is an absolutely incredible total for the first time of ever doing this event! A huge thank you to everyone involved.

The PTFA are looking for more people to join their group and it's a great way to meet other parents. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 28th September at 6:30pm** in the school staffroom. Please come along for a cup of coffee and to find out more - everyone is VERY welcome! Here's their email address if you would like to email any ideas:

friendsofhenhurst@outlook.com

Before & After school supervision: This is a polite reminder that prior to 8:30am and as soon as you have collected your child either at 3pm or 3:10pm, they remain the responsibility of their adult and need to be supervised accordingly. Please do not allow your child to run to the far end of the field or onto the MUGA where they cannot be easily supervised and please discourage them from playing with any equipment that has been left out from a PE lesson. Many thanks.

Uniform: The children are looking so smart yet again. Thank you so much for all your efforts with this as we know uniform is not cheap especially with how things are at the moment. Please do put names on everything, it's so disheartening to see brand new uniform in lost property. Don't forget we have a pre-loved uniform rail that has some fantastic items on it and is growing each year as more parents donate. We just ask for a donation. It will be out at our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday.



Ecolady email address: As you know, Mrs Clemens (Carol) our wonderful next-door neighbour has been helping us with our Eco work in a voluntary capacity. She has an email address that you can directly email if you would like to help with any of the Eco work that she does. Please contact her at ecolady@henhurstridgeacademy.org We will be cleaning the pond out soon so if anyone can give their time, please email Carol or let the school office know. Thank you.

New sibling: Huge congratulations to Lacey & Noel Gilbert who welcomed their new brother Ronnie into the world 2 weeks ago. Mum and baby are doing great and we can't wait to meet the little chappie!



Macmillan Coffee morning: It's that time of year again where we will be hosting a coffee morning on **Friday 30th September from 8:45am** in the school hall. Please provide cake donations and come along to support this worthy cause - all proceeds go to the Macmillan charity.



Make or Break a REAch2 Record: This coming Friday we are super excited to be making a REAch2 record for the largest ever Colour Run across our 60 schools! **Please ensure you have returned the waiver form otherwise your child will be unable to join in.** Please see the letter that came out so you know exactly what your child needs to wear and bring with them.



Ofsted visit: As you may already be aware, we are already a year behind having our first Ofsted inspection due to the delays faced by COVID. The school is informed of the inspection the day before and so will text out to parents when we know as they will be keen to talk to parents on the first date of the inspection. We are very much looking forward to showing off our lovely school and the even lovelier children in it!

New pupils:

A huge welcome to our new Reception and Nursery intake. They have settled in so brilliantly and it already feels like they have always been part of our school community. We also welcome some other children who have joined us in other year groups. A very warm welcome to siblings Scarlet and Rarnell into Year 2, Moosa into Year 1 and his sister Jawariah into Year 2 and finally Hanzalah into Year 3. Our school community continues to grow and flourish! Welcome to you all, we hope you will be very happy here with us!

Nut free and snacks at playtime: Thank you for the support we've had at becoming a nut free school. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 do not need to bring a snack in as they are provided with free fruit. Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring a **HEALTHY** snack in (please no chocolate or crisps). It would be really helpful if these were in a separate labelled container or bag and not in their lunch boxes. The children only have a 15-minute playtime and by the time they have queued up to get to their lunchbox and retrieve their snack, a lot of their free time has gone. Thank you for any help that you can give with this.

Who to contact? Our school has grown enormously from when we opened with 17 children and 5 staff in 2018! Please see a full staffing list below. You will notice that our senior leadership team has grown too. If you have a concern or query about your child, please always in the first instance contact your child's class teacher for an informal chat or make an appointment. Both are always welcome. If you feel that your concern or query needs to be escalated, please contact the Phase Leader by making an appointment or asking for a phone call at the school office. Finally, if your concern or query has not yet been resolved, please do make an appointment or request a phone call from Mrs Hopkins, head teacher. We are currently updating our staff photographs on our website so that you can see who's who.

Area of school	Name	Position
Senior Leadership	Mrs Hopkins	Head teacher, EYFS Lead (Nursery & Rec)
	Miss Pollitt	KS1 Phase Lead (Year 1 & 2)
	Mrs Decrean	KS2 Phase Leader (Year 3 & 4)
	Miss Jack	Cover Lead
	Mrs Tudor	SENDCO
Admin Staff	Mrs Deacon	School Business Manager
	Miss Ramsell	Office Administrator
Site Staff	Mr Hubbard	Site Manager
	Mrs Bradbury	Cleaning Supervisor
	Mrs Shorthouse	Cleaning Staff
	Mr Ebbutt	Janitor
Early Years - Nursery - Little Harriers	Mrs Blackshaw	Nursery Manager
	Mrs Buckley	Teaching Assistant & Breakfast Club Lead
	Miss Bennett	Teaching Assistant
Reception - Attenborough Class	Mrs Buckley	Reception Class Teacher
	Miss Hussain	Teaching Assistant
	Mrs Hance	1:1 Teaching Assistant
Year 1 - Thunberg Class	Miss Harriman	Y1 Class Teacher
	Miss Neill	Teaching Assistant

Year 1/2 - Silva Class	Miss Cox Mrs Kington Miss Sanghir	Y1 Class Teacher Teaching Assistant Schools Direct Participant
Year 2 - Packham Class	Miss Pollitt Mrs Collins	Y2 Class Teacher & Senior Leader Teaching Assistant
Year 3 - Kamkwamba Class	Mr Moss Miss Carter	Y3 Class Teacher Teaching Assistant
Year 4 - Rezwan Class	Mrs Decrean Mrs Carlile	Y4 Class Teacher & Senior Leader Teaching Assistant
Midday Supervisors & Catering	Mrs Bradbury Mrs Coombes Mrs Shorthouse Mrs Ealing Miss Robinson Mr Marcus	Midday Supervisor Midday Supervisor Midday Supervisor Midday Supervisor Midday Supervisor Catering Manager

Please see term dates below:

Please book any holidays outside of the term dates below. Holidays cannot be authorised in term time and fines will be issued for unauthorised absences.

Term	Start date	Finish date
Autumn Term INSET days	Monday 5th September & Tuesday 6th September	CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
Autumn First Half Term	Wednesday 7 th September	Friday 21 st October
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 24th October	Friday 28th October
Autumn Second Half Term	Monday 31 st October	Friday 16 th December
Christmas Holidays	Monday 19th December	Monday 2nd January 2023
Spring INSET day	Tuesday 3rd January 2023	CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
Spring First Half Term	Wednesday 4 th January	Friday 17 th February
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 20th February	Friday 24th February
Spring Second Half Term	Monday 27 th February	Friday 31 st March
Spring Holidays	Monday 3rd April	Friday 14th April
Summer First Half Term	Monday 17 th April	Friday 26 th May
Summer Half term Holiday	Monday 29th May	Friday 2nd June
Summer Second Half Term	Monday 5 th June	Friday 21 st July
Summer INSET days	Monday 24th July Tuesday 25th July	CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL

Summer Holidays	Wednesday 26th July	Friday 1st September
Autumn INSET days	Monday 4 th September Tuesday 5 th September	CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL
Autumn first half term 2023	Wednesday 6 th September	

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event	Additional information
Tuesday 27 th September	Henhurst Ridge PTFA first meeting of the academic year.	6:30pm in school staff room - meet at the main office
Friday 30 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning & information about 11 before 11	Cake donations gladly received Event time: 8:45-10am.
Friday 30 th September	REAch2 Make or Break a record Colour Run!	Children to wear own, old clothes to school & bring a change of clothes in labelled bag.
Monday 10 th October	#Hello Yellow Day Mental Health Awareness Day	All children can wear something yellow and pay £1 for charity.
Tuesday 11 th October	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop	9-9:30am After drop off, please wait in school hall.
Thursday 13 th October	Individual pupil school photographs	Little Harriers, Attenborough, Kamkwamba & Rezwan classes.
Friday 14 th October	Individual pupil school photographs	Thunberg, Silva & Packham Classes.
Tuesday 18 th October	Parent Consultations	3-5pm More details on how to book an appointment nearer the time.
Thursday 20 th October	Parent Consultations	4-6:30pm More details on how to book an appointment nearer the time.
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October - Half Term		
Thursday 3 rd November	Year 2-4 Reading workshop for parents	8:45-9:30am start in the hall.
Week beginning 14 th November	Anti-bullying week - Reach out Campaign	Events to be organised throughout the week.
Tuesday 15 th November	Open events for <u>new parents</u>	9:30-10:30am, 1:30-2:30pm 6-7pm
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day	Children wear their own clothes for £1 for charity.

Week beginning 21 st November	Usborne books competition	More details to follow nearer the time.
Week beginning 28 th November	Book swap event	More details to follow nearer the time.
Thursday 8 th December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 to donate to charity.
Tuesday 13 th December	Little Harriers & Attenborough Class Nativity Christmas Dinner day	9am - school hall. 12pm - children only in the hall.
Wednesday 14 th December	Whole school Theatre Trip	See letter coming out next week for more details
Thursday 15 th December	Years 1-4 Carol Service	6pm - this is an outdoor event
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January Christmas Holidays		