

## Newsletter 2

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

I hope you had a lovely half term break and are pleased to be back in the swing of everything. I am certainly thrilled to be back and feeling well again. I missed everyone so much and was keen to get back to see what I had missed. I have been really touched by all the messages from parents, staff and children so thank you very much indeed! I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff for doing such a great job in my absence. It is always very hard when you are short staffed and particularly when it is the head teacher at such a busy time of year.

We have had a super first week back, getting immersed in our new themes. Please refer to the Curriculum and Home Learning Overviews that have come home today and do your best to help your child/ren learn what's on the Knowledge Organisers. These are full of facts that we want the children to commit to their long-term memory which they can only do if they go over the information repeatedly and use it in a variety of ways.

Our Harrier value is 'Respect' this half term and we will be focusing a lot on how to be respectful on the playground and during free play when things don't go our way. Our first Harrier assembly back was full of amazing role models of children who consistently show respect in lessons, during free time and to everyone they meet! We look forward to seeing who's chosen next week for displaying this value.

Our School Development focus this half term is Reading so lots of our events are around this and we look forward to inviting our Year 2, 3 & 4 parents in on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November to come and see our Reading lessons in action. There are lots of events coming up over the next few weeks, so please read through the newsletter carefully.

Have a wonderful Bonfire weekend!  
Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

### New school rules poster:

Please see our new school rules poster that is now in every classroom. We wanted to have 4 simple rules that covered lots of areas. The children are working hard on each one.



### PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association):

Thank you again to the Friends for providing such an enjoyable event on Wednesday. The snack boxes were a massive hit with the children, as well as the DJ and all the fun games they played. It really is such a pleasure seeing the children enjoy experiences like this again.

The PTFA are looking for more people to join their group and it's a great way to meet other parents. Here's their email address if you would like to come along to their next meeting where they will be planning more exciting events:  
[friendsofhenhurst@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhenhurst@outlook.com)

**Poppies:** Unfortunately, we have not had our usual delivery of poppy merchandise, just a box of poppies to sell this year. Year 4 pupils will visit each classroom next week with the poppies if anyone would like to buy one. We ask for a minimum contribution of 20p into the collection tin. Please send into school with your child if you would like them to purchase one. We will be holding our annual service of Remembrance for the children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November where we hold a 2 minute silence.



**Year 3 & 4 breaktime snacks:** If your child brings a breaktime snack in, please ensure it is in an additional labelled container or bag and not in their lunch box as this makes it very hard for them to access it. Please also ensure it is a healthy snack.



All other year groups, do not need to bring snacks in as there is free fruit provided.

**Coats:** Now the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a coat in school as they will go outside everyday unless it is heavy rain. Please ensure names are in every item of clothing as our lost property is increasing daily and we can't return items as we don't know who's they are. This especially goes for hats, gloves and scarves.



**Team Token winners:** We are a little behind with the reward sessions for the winners of the Team Tokens. Yellow Team won in Summer 2 and now in Autumn 1 too. The Autumn 1 was jointly with Red Team. Please look out for an email about what and when their reward will be! Well done to both teams - we are really proud of you!



**Reading Week:** As part of our focus on Reading this half term, we have lots of great activities planned for the week beginning the 21<sup>st</sup> November. These include the parent workshop already mentioned, a book competition, a Reading under the Stars event, as well as a Book Swap! We are also going to invite our grandparents in that might like to listen o readers or come and share a story with the children. Look out for the sign up sheet for this!



**Anti bullying week & Children in Need:** This year's anti bullying campaign is called 'Reach out' and we will be doing lots of work with the children during this week (Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November) about what bullying is and what to do about it. To end the week, we will be celebrating Children in Need Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November where children can come in their own clothes and pay £1 to Children in Need.



**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.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>Finish date</b>
<b>Autumn Term INSET days</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September &amp; Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
Autumn First Half Term	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
<b>Autumn Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Autumn Second Half Term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>Spring INSET day</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
Spring First Half Term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Spring Second Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Spring Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Summer First Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Summer Half term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
Summer Second Half Term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Summer INSET days</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>
Autumn INSET days	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL</b>
Autumn first half term 2023	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	

**Dates for your diary:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Additional information</b>
Week beginning 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week - Reach out Campaign	Events to be organised throughout the week.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open events for <b><u>new parents</u></b>	9:30-10:30am, 1:30-2:30pm 6-7pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day	Children wear their own clothes for £1 for charity.

Week beginning 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Usborne books competition	More details to follow nearer the time.
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2-4 Reading workshop for parents	8:45-9:30am start in the hall.
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Book swap event	More details to follow nearer the time.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 to donate to charity.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Harriers & Attenborough Class Nativity  Christmas Dinner day	9am - school hall.  12pm - children only in the hall.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Theatre Trip	See letter coming out next week for more details
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1-4 Carol Service	6pm - this is an outdoor event
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Christmas Holidays</b>		