

Newsletter 3

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Message from Mrs Hopkins:

Dear Families,

We've had a very busy few weeks with our focus on Reading and the children have loved all the activities we have done. It was great to see so many grandparents come into school to share a book and it's prompted many of them to volunteer their time to listen to readers which is so important. This week we have our DEAR time which stands for Drop Everything And Read so at various times of the day, the school bell will sound and the children have to grab a book and read or for our younger children, there will be an impromptu story time! Thank you also for your commitment to our sponsored reading event. This was primarily to encourage the children to read and so please do not worry if not money was raised - this wasn't the reason for doing it. Any proceeds made will go towards buying new books for our library. Thank you for all the contributions, however big or small. Please send your sponsor money into school before the end of this week or pay Mrs Shale directly. Then the fun of ordering new books starts!

Thursday is Christmas jumper day and we have lots of wonderful things planned in the last week with our Early Years nativity, Carol Service, Christmas dinner, Christmas Fayre and our very first whole school theatre trip! I feel exhausted just thinking about it!

Please do let us know if you have any problem contributing to any of the above so that we can help. Things are difficult for everyone right now with increasing bills etc. We are mindful of this when planning school trips, more information about this in the new year.

I look forward to seeing you at the events over the next few weeks. Have a great week!

Mrs Hopkins & The Henhurst Ridge Family

Team Reward Afternoon for Red Kite & Kestrel Team (that's the red and yellow team):



This will be on Thursday afternoon this week. Children will already be in their own clothes and or Christmas jumpers and they will then have a wonderful afternoon with their teammates enjoying some extra Christmas activities! They are sure to have a great time!



PTFA (Parent Teacher Friends Association):

The AGM of the PTFA is in school today (6th December) at 6:30pm. Please come along if you would like to get involved. It is a lovely group of parents who are trying to put on enjoyable community-based activities for families to raise money for school. The more helpers we have, the easier it is to organise events. Please email this address if you would like to know more or come along for a cuppa and a chat on Tuesday evening in the staffroom.

friendsofhenhurst@outlook.com

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8th December:

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers or non-uniform on Thursday for a contribution of £2. Please use link to pay:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here>

The government have said they will double every £2 donated!



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.



Christmas Dinner Day Thursday 15th December:

There is a change of date than originally advertised for this to Thursday 15th December. Please complete all the relevant information on Parent Pay and pay if you need to. Reception, Year 1 & 2 do not need to pay and anyone that claims Free School Meals.



Carol Service Thursday 15th December 6pm:

Our Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 children are invited back to school for a Carol Service with their parents. Weather dependent, we will be outside. Please arrive by 5:55pm so all children can be in position and ready to start promptly at 6pm. Children to wear Christmas jumpers if they have them or a jumper to wrap up warm. The school car park will only be available to those that have permission to use it - please do not park in there otherwise and park responsibly around the estate.



Worry Monsters



It is important for us to know that if the children have a worry, they know what to do. We have reminded them to tell an adult about anything, however big or small. If they would prefer, they can put their worry or concern in their new class Worry Monster that arrived today and an adult will check on it and then in with them to help solve any problems they have.

Staffing News: Mr Moss (Year 3 teacher) has moved onto pastures new. We have taken this opportunity to advertise for another senior leader position to give more leadership capacity. Therefore, we are currently advertising for a Deputy Head teacher. Please do spread the word: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/143702/deputy-head-teacher/?LinkSource=PremiumListing>

Interviews take place next week and we look forward to sharing with you who has been appointed.

**Deputy Head
Teacher**



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
Thursday 8 th December	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day	Wear a Christmas Jumper for £1 to donate to charity.
Thursday 8 th December	Team Reward Afternoon for Red Kite & Kestrel Team (that's the red and yellow team):	
Friday 9 th December	Christmas Fayre	3-5pm School Hall
Tuesday 13 th December	Little Harriers & Attenborough Class Nativity	9am - school hall.
Wednesday 14 th December	Whole school Theatre Trip Father Christmas to visit Early Years & Key Stage 1 in the afternoon	See letter that came out for more details
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner day	12pm - children only in the hall.
Thursday 15 th December	Years 1-4 Carol Service	6pm - this is an outdoor event
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January Christmas Holidays, INSET DAY Tuesday 3rd January, Children return to school WEDNESDAY 4th JANUARY.		

More Dates for your Diary for the new year will be released next week.