



# HEATHERLEY NEWSLETTER

## Happy New Year

### Happy New Year Everyone!!!

A Big Thank You for all of your support during our Christmas celebrations, particularly in helping the school raise £1609.00 through tickets, tea/coffee/mince pie sales and the Christmas Fair.

### First Admissions to School

Please make sure that you have any younger siblings registered for primary education. All children must be registered in order for them to receive the necessary paperwork for them to start school. If you have any neighbours / friends with young children (not yet at Heatherley) please let them know to ring school.

### SATs Week 2017 (Year 3 to Year 6)

National Tests for all Y6 pupils (Mr Harrison's class) commence week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Please ensure children attend school during this week - your child will not be able to be assessed and awarded an appropriate level, as tests are taken nationally on a set day and marked externally. A meeting for parents will be held with more information. Y3/4/5 pupils will also be formally assessed using year group SATS during the same week so please avoid absences if possible.



**Y2 SATs** (Miss Ainsworth, Miss Lee and Mrs Brocklehurst's class's) - These assessments take place over a period of time during the whole of the Summer Term - some are timetabled and it is difficult if children are absent for long periods to reschedule missed tests. Please try not to request a holiday during May.



**Learning Review Day** - we will be holding a meeting for parents this term, week commencing 21<sup>st</sup>

February so that you can discuss expectations for this year and how your child can best be supported in this. The appointments will be 20 minutes long and held in the privacy of either Miss Plumbe's, Miss Hanson's or Mr Harrison's office. A separate letter with appointment request form will be sent out shortly.

### Parking



Please be considerate when parking near school. **DO NOT** park on the zig-zags or in the entrance to the school drive. No cars are allowed on site without permission. We receive regular complaints from angry residents throughout the year.

Parking across or opposite driveways and thus blocking exit and entry to houses is not acceptable as I am sure you yourselves would agree, particularly if you were affected at your home. 'Neighbours' do not expect to be verbally abused either!

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club started again at the beginning of term and we hope with your support that this will continue



throughout the year. We currently charge £1.75 per child, per day. *(Please be aware that due to rising catering costs, breakfast club will increase to £2.00 per child, per day, after the Easter holidays.)* Should you require any further details, please pop along to the school office. Spaces are limited so please let us know in advance if you just need to use an odd day.

### **Dinner Money**

We have been notified by the school catering service that the cost of a school dinner will increase after the Easter holidays w.e.f 18<sup>th</sup> April. The new cost will be £2.29 per day (£11.45 per week). This charge will only apply to those children who have a dinner in Key Stage Two as all full time children in Foundation and Key Stage One are entitled to a free school meal.

### **Overdue Payments**

Please can we remind you all that payments for dinner money, breakfast club and after school clubs should be

paid in a timely manner. Office staff are spending a lot of time chasing overdue payments with parents. Please be aware that we are not obliged to provide any service without payment in advance. **If payment is not received, you may be prevented from attending.**



Please keep these reminder pages for future information...

### Fund Raising for Charity

Schools encourage the awareness of the needs of others through fund raising, to broaden our children's understanding of the community and world around them.

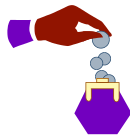
This year we will be taking part in

Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Save the Children Jumper Day  
NSPCC  
Children in Need  
Comic Relief  
and the Shoe Box appeal  
Further details to follow.....



### Monies in School

Can you please ensure that any money sent in to school, e.g. for a trip, dinner money etc. is sent with your child to their Classteacher in an envelope, clearly labelled with their name, class and the amount enclosed. Please **do not** give classroom staff money which is not in an envelope.



### School Meals

School meals are available to all children. Children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free meal and children in Key Stage 2 pay just £11.10 per week! (please send all money on a

Monday morning and make cheques payable to Heatherley Primary School) There is a menu on the back of the weekly newsletter.



Please note for administration purposes all money must be paid on the first working day of the week and we are not able to provide a meal unless it is paid for in advance. Please note that school dinners will increase to £2.29 per day after the Easter Holidays on the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### School Assembly 9.00 a.m.

We hold an assembly every day in school and this year on Friday we will be having a special "Star of the Week" celebration assembly.

### Uniform

It's lovely to see everyone at the beginning of term looking so smart. Please continue to support our uniform policy. (*This includes wearing shoes not trainers*). Please also ensure that all items are clearly marked with your **child's name**, and return any to school that have been taken home by mistake. Uniform can be ordered from the school office, and payment would be appreciated at the time of ordering. Current prices for uniform are:



Sweatcardis	£11.00
Sweatshirts	£9.50
Book Bags	£5.00
Sports Bags	£5.00

**P. E. Kit** - your child will need appropriate P.E. kit for activities in school consisting of - royal blue / navy shorts / short leggings, white t-shirt / polo shirt, plimsolls or trainers (bare feet are preferable for indoor activities). *Shorts can be ordered in school.* Please bring in P.E kits on Monday mornings.

**Lost Property** - Come and look in the classrooms. Any uniform not claimed will be passed on to classteachers for 'accidents in school'. Please can we remind you to name all items of uniform clearly.

**Footwear** - Remember children run around and "play" at school. The last thing we want are accidents due to unsuitable shoes. Please check what your children are wearing when they come to school.



### Jewellery

Watches and **stud** earrings only are allowed in school for safety reasons. These must be able to be removed **by the child** for P.E. or plasters (supplied by you) must be used to cover the earrings, otherwise sellotape will be used. Rings are not to be worn at all. (Try to avoid having ears newly pierced prior to swimming as your child will not be

allowed to swim unless earrings are removed.)

**Medicine in school** - please be aware that medicine will not be given to your child unless you have personally called to the office to sign



a form giving us permission to do so. **Please note that we only administer medication on parent's behalf if there is a need for it stated on the prescription.**

### Sandwiches

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please send in sandwich box or similar container. Please ensure that your child can open their packets / containers by themselves. Also make sure that you send a healthy, nutritious lunch. Snack type biscuits are allowed, e.g. Penguins, KitKat, but please do not send chocolate bars like mars, Snickers etc. Your child's mid-morning snack should be kept in their book bags



### Fruit in Schools Scheme

The children at Key Stage 1 participate in the Fruit for Schools scheme and this is proving to be very popular. A variety of fruit throughout the week is provided which children eat during milk / break time. We encourage children in Key Stage 2 to bring a piece of fruit for their snack at breaktime.





### Water in school

Please remind children to bring home their water bottles for cleaning - daily is ideal - and refill at home with **water** (*no secret tipples!*).

### Absence Notes

If your child is absent please contact school on the first day of absence to let us know in case of truancy and



infectious diseases! We now have a dedicated answerphone for absences. Upon return to school please provide a written note stating the reason for absence.

### Late arrivals / Leaving school early

Please ensure that all children arriving late to school come to the front entrance to the **school office** in order that they are marked in the register. If your child has to leave school early then please call in to the office in order that this can be recorded, and collect your child from the **office area**.

### Our School day

It is extremely important that children come to school in plenty of time to begin their school day smoothly. It is expected that children, parents and carers are **in the courtyard or agreed area** in plenty of time ready to begin the day at 8.50 a.m.



Teachers will be outside to meet parents, carers and children from 8.40 and children will be able to come into the classrooms from 8.45. Doors will be closed at 8.50 to enable a prompt start to learning. Parents / Carers who wish to speak to teachers may do so at 8.40 or make an appointment for another time.

### End of School Day

Any children not collected on time will be taken to the office area for safety and collection. Contacts will be rung if children are not collected. Please be prompt to avoid any unnecessary anxiety to your child.

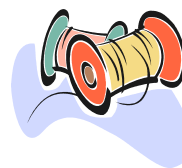
### Heatherley Helpers



Anyone interested in joining our friendly Parent Teacher Association can contact school. Everyone welcome to help organise and join our fun events!

Please speak to the Chair of the PTA if you are interested in helping or ask at the school office.

### Parents in School



If you are interested in helping out in school, then please let us know where your talents lie! Sewing? Baking? Painting? Helping out generally? Please see your child's classteacher - all offers of help are gratefully received however we do need

to perform the relevant security checks beforehand.

### **Dogs in School**

Please can you remember that we do not allow dogs on the school premises due to health and safety. If you do bring your dog up to school when you meet your child, please could you wait outside school, well away from the busy gate area.

