



## **Spring Term Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new half term which I hope finds you all fit and well in 2017. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting school during our many Christmas events at the end of last term- thank you.

I have selected a number of useful school information sections below to inform you of past and future events in and around school. As usual please contact myself or the school office for any further information.



### **Christmas Fundraising**

A big thank you to all of you who supported us in our fundraising over Christmas. Over the two weeks selling tea, coffee and goodies alongside the brilliant Christmas Fair organised by Heatherley Helpers, we raised a grand total of £1609.00. This will be used towards upgrading our sound system for future performances.



### **School Text Messaging Service**

If have recently changed your mobile number, please let the office know as soon as possible. In the event of the possibility of extreme weather it is our fastest means of communicating with you all.



### **School Website**

As you will remember, I asked you all how we could improve communication between school and yourselves. Many of you stated that our website was ready for updating, particularly in view of its incompatibility with most tablet/smart devices. I am very pleased to announce that our new and vastly improved website is now up and running. Please take some time to have a good look at our new site, we are continuously developing different sections of it so if you have any ideas how to improve it further, please let us know.

[www.heatherley.notts.sch.uk](http://www.heatherley.notts.sch.uk)



### **Communication Board**

To further improve communication, alongside promoting a healthier lifestyle, we have invested in an outside, interactive display board. Its purpose will be to share specific, school based information with you as well as sharing different points of interest such as government initiatives regarding fitness, diet and school attendance to name but a few. It will be changed on a regular basis and will

provide activities for our children to follow during supervised play and lunch times. Activities will include fun, sports based tasks such as Zumba to promote healthier life choices. If all goes to plan, the board will be positioned near the front school path by the end of the month.



### **Attendance**

Many children achieved their 100% attendance prize last term and we are very proud of them all. Overall our school attendance for the Autumn Term was 96.2% Keep up the good work 😊



### **Learning Review**

Many of you have raised concerns about the confidentiality/privacy of our Parent's Evening meetings and felt that the time allocated wasn't long enough for you to discuss your child's progress fully. Following these concerns and after careful consideration we have decided to trial a new system for you to discuss your child's progress in school.

Your child's teacher will now be allocated a **Learning Review Day**. This will consist of a whole day of lengthened appointments in which you can book a slot and meet your child's teacher in the complete privacy of either Miss Plumbe's, Miss Hanson's or Mr Harrison's office. This meeting will focus specifically on the expectations for the rest of this year and how you can best support the school in ensuring your child makes progress.



### **Easter Events**

We will be hosting an Easter Bonnet competition and an Easter chocolate tombola at the end of this term- keep an eye on our new website for information.



### **Maternity**

I will be continuing in school for as long as possible before the due date of my baby on the 30<sup>th</sup> March. Miss Hanson will take on Acting Head Teacher role and Mr Harrison, Acting Deputy Head in my absence. This will allow for complete continuity in school and I know you will support them as positively as you have supported me.

Thank you again for your continued support, our school continues to be a fantastic, hardworking place to be. Please feel free to pop up if you have any concerns or positive ways in which we can improve school further.

Sarah Plumbe

Head Teacher