



Spring Term 1 Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our new school term, it was lovely to see so many of you supporting school during our 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.



Heatherley Primary School Facebook page

We are very excited to announce that we are moving with the technological times and have set up our very own social media community on Facebook. This is a page administered by school and is designed to help with those (book bag eaten!) missing letters, questions regarding dates, times, outfits and general enquiries to school. As a staff team we will answer any enquiries in a timely fashion but please be mindful that we probably do not access Facebook as regularly as the average person so if you have an urgent enquiry in school time please contact the school office like normal. Any other discussions that require a response from one of the staff group will be responded to within 24 hours. We are hoping that you will use the page to support and help each other out with your queries and celebrate all of the fantastic things your children do day in day out.

There will be a series of questions to allow you access. These are for security purposes and a letter explaining these points will follow shortly. Lastly, a little plea from me, we will be following the same rules that we teach the children. All posts should be factual, not derogatory or personal and photos/videos will be vetted by staff to ensure the online safety of the children. Let us use this page to our mutual advantage and work together in a positive manner that supports one and all. Thank you ☺



Residential

Our Year 3 and 4 classes will be attending their very first residential experience to The Mill on the **25th-27th March 2019**. Each class will experience life away from home for 24 hours with a fun packed activity day. The children will have the opportunity to build on existing friendships, work together and be a little more independent whilst being a stone's throw away from home. The staff team are really looking forwards to making new memories with them.



Mr Harrison

I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate Mr Harrison on his promotion to Deputy Head teacher in school. As you are all aware, Mr Harrison has been fulfilling the Acting Deputy Head teacher role for some time now and after much hard work, a very rigorous interview process with both staff and Governors, I am delighted to announce this promotion.



Thank you

Thank you for all of your lovely wishes, cards and gifts for our wedding day. We had a fabulous day and very much appreciated your kind words.



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 Discos and Breakfasts organised by Mrs Rouse, we raised a grand total of £1100.00.



School Text Messaging Service

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



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 96.4 % keep up the good work 😊



Shop for Schools

We have secured a place in the annual Shop for Schools promotion in the Four Seasons Shopping Centre in Mansfield.

This initiative gives pupils and parents the chance to gain points for their favourite school to give them the chance of winning money for school resources. To gain points for schools shoppers collect receipts from stores at the Four Seasons Shopping Centre and exchange them for point's vouchers to be posted in the dedicated letterbox located at the Customer Service Desk. The Four Season Facebook page has a number of free activities, which are both fun for the children and contribute to the point system.

This initiative runs until the end of April 2019 and is a great way to support both school and the local high street.



Easter and Valentine Events

We will be hosting a Valentines disco; Easter bonnet competition and an Easter chocolate tombola at the end of this term- keep an eye on our website for more information.

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.

James

Mrs. Sarah James

Head teacher