



Heelands School Autumn 2 Newsletter 2021



Dear Parents and carers,

Compared to the Autumn term 2020, it does feel more hopeful this year that we might have a chance of having our usual Christmas festivities but we do still need to remember that, as last year, things could change very quickly.

The half-term has got off to a very busy start, Giraffes and Lions had a Divali dance workshop and painted some amazing Diva lamps and yesterday they were out and about with the Park Rangers in Linford Wood being Eco-Warriors! We learned all about how to Respect, Protect and Enjoy the countryside, we made bug-hotels, hedgehog homes and leaf kebabs and were so lucky to have such fantastic weather! Yet more excitement this week with M&M productions visiting to perform Beauty and the Beast, always a fabulous show!

Our new Value

Our new Value this half term is Respect so lots of good manners on show at the moment! Lions Class were the Friendship Value winners - well done!

Children in Need Day Friday November 19th

We'll be supporting Children in Need by having a Feel-Good Friday, children and staff may come to school wearing whatever makes them feel good - favourite party clothes, dressing up outfits, sports kit, even your pyjamas and dressing gown if you like! We'll be doing lots of activities to support our well-being so bring £1 to join in!

Christmas Jumper Day Friday December 10th

Bring £1 for Save the Children and wear your Christmas jumper to school.

Christmas at Heelands

Only our Yr2 parents will have any memory of how much hard work we put into making Christmas an extra special time at school and this year will be no different!

Nativity Performance: As we are now a much smaller school, this year we are doing a whole school Nativity performance and we hope to let parents watch the production in a safe and socially distanced way. We plan to do three performances and parents of each year group will be invited to a different day. This will keep the numbers in the hall manageable and we'll be able to socially distance the seating.

Christmas Party Day: The last day of term is always Party day, with a party lunch, games, a visit from Santa as well as our favourite entertainer Colonel Custard! Children can come to school in party clothes if they wish.

Santa's Visit: Santa will be taking time out of his very busy schedule to pay us a socially distanced visit on party day. Tickets to see him will be in book bags soon.

Christmas Hamper raffle: As with Santa, look out for tickets in book bags.

Christmas cards: The school post box will be up and running this year, please remember to put the name of your friend **and their class** on the envelope.

Flu Vaccinations

We have a provisional date for flu vaccinations for Thursday November 18th, book online if you would like your child vaccinated.

Diary Dates

Please keep these dates in a safe place, we will send you further information about individual events nearer the time.

Event	Date	Time
Giraffes & Lions - Divali workshop	Tuesday November 2nd	
Yr 1&2 Linford Wood Environmental Visit	Tuesday November 9 th	
Theatre group - Beauty and the Beast	Thursday November 11 th	
Children in Need Day, Feel-Good Friday	Friday November 19 th	
Christmas Jumper Day, bring £1 to support Save the Children	Friday December 10 th	
Nativity Performance for Lions Parents	Monday December 13 th	1.45
Nativity Performance for Monkeys Parents	Tuesday December 14 th	9.30
Nativity Performance for Giraffes Parents	Wednesday December 15 th	9.30
Last day of term Party day, fun, games, entertainer, children can wear party clothes to school	Friday December 17 th	
Return to school	Wednesday January 5th	

Best wishes,
Lesley Barnard
Headteacher