



Heelands School Autumn 2 Newsletter 2020



Dear Parents and carers,

Our Christmas tree is up in the hall, decorations are appearing throughout the school but unfortunately this year's Christmas celebrations will not be the same as previous years. Year 1 and 2 parents will know how much hard work we put into Christmas to make it an extra special time at school and we are determined to continue with as many of our usual festive events as possible even though their format may have to be slightly different this year.

New Beginnings...

Unfortunately I have to begin with news that is both sad and fantastic at the same time! I am very pleased and immensely proud to be able to tell you that Mr Ley has been appointed as the new Headteacher at Haversham School. Mr Ley has done amazingly well and it is a great endorsement to a school when a member of staff is appointed to a Headship position so we are incredibly proud of his achievement. David first came to us as a student at the very beginning of his career, he was appointed as a teacher and then left to take up a Key Stage leader role. He returned to Heelands in 2017 as our first Deputy Headteacher so although we are very sad to be losing him as a colleague, we know he is going to be a brilliant Headteacher. Now to the sad part, unfortunately Mr Ley will be leaving us at the end of the Autumn term but we have been extremely lucky to appoint Miss Katherine Warner who will be teaching in Giraffes for the remainder of the school year. Katherine is a very experienced teacher and I'm sure will have a super time with Giraffes. Giraffes have already met Miss Warner (without knowing who she was!) and she will be working alongside Mr Ley for several days this term.

I'm sure that you will want to join me in thanking Mr Ley for all the hard work and support he has given to Heelands and in sending him many congratulations and very best wishes for the future.

Christmas traditions

Christmas cards: children do like to send cards to their friends through the school post box. This year we are asking that they only send to friends in their own class or bubble please. Please note that we cannot give out lists of children's names.

Performances: the children will be performing this year, it will be different but hopefully just as much fun!

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

Christmas Party Day: Party day will go ahead as normal although lunch and games will take place in our current bubbles. Children can come to school in party clothes if they wish. We will not be asking for food donations from parents this year.

Christmas Hamper raffle: this will still be going ahead, as with Santa, look out for tickets in your child's book bag

Christmas Jumper day

We'll be supporting the Save the Children charity by wearing our Christmas jumpers to school on **Friday December 11th** - bring £1 to join in.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations were done by the school nurse team today, the take up in our school and across Milton Keynes has been much lower this year very probably due to the new on-line booking system. If you missed the school slot you can still arrange an appointment by calling 0300 790 0594 or contacting your GP.

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
Christmas Jumper Day, bring £1 to support Save the Children	Friday December 11 th	
Last day of term Party day, fun, games, entertainer, children can wear party clothes to school	Friday December 18 th	
Return to school	Monday January 4 th	

If you need any further information about anything in this letter, please talk to any member of staff who will be pleased to help you.

Best wishes,
Lesley Barnard
Headteacher