



## Heelands School Spring 1 Newsletter 2020



Dear Parents and carers,  
I hope that you all enjoyed a peaceful and relaxing break and wish you an excellent 2020!

### Christmas fun

As usual, we all had a great time with the nativity productions, the party, Santa and Colonel Custard our entertainer. Many thanks as always to staff, past and present, who help to organise these lovely events and make Christmas so special. The raffle and Santa visits raised £374 for school funds and the nativity collection raised £78 for the Ronald McDonald House charity, ([rhmc.org.uk](http://rhmc.org.uk)). This charity provides accommodation for parents while their child is in hospital and as several of our families have benefited from that support it's good to be able to give a little back. On behalf of the staff, thank you too for all the cards, gifts and good wishes we received.

### Attendance

If your child's attendance is below 90% you will have received a letter informing you of this and of the legal implications of low attendance, attendance for each class is listed below as well as their number of lates. Well done to Giraffes and Zebras for having the highest attendance last term and to Giraffes for being the most punctual class by far! Although still very high, lateness has actually improved with 202 lates in the Autumn term compared to 298 for the same period last year and 339 the year before! If you're one of the serial offenders please make it a new-year resolution not to be!

24 children had 100% attendance last term so a huge well done to them!

	Autumn Term Attendance	Number of lates
Monkeys	93%	31
Lions	94%	45
Elephants	95%	46
Zebras	96%	61
Giraffes	96%	19



### Telephone numbers

Please remember to update us if you change your phone number, a family were left at school until 4.30 recently as none of the contact numbers we had were current. Our next step in this situation would be to call the police who would then contact Children's Services to collect the children. It is vitally important that we have your up to date contact details.

### Year 2 toilets

At long last the Year 2 toilet refurbishment is finished and they look amazing, you can see some photos on Facebook.

### After School Clubs

After School clubs begin next week, please note that children must be collected at **4pm**.

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

Values Visit - Co-operation	Tuesday January 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.15
VR Space Workshop for Yr2	Friday January 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Parent Consultations	Tuesday February 11 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 to 7.30
Parent Consultations	Wednesday February 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 to 5.30
Giraffes and Zebras Class Assembly Last day of half-term	Friday February 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15
Return to school	<b>Tuesday</b> February 25 <sup>th</sup>	
Values Visit - Self-belief	Wednesday February 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15
Theatre group performing Treasure Island	Tuesday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Science Week	Week beginning March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Last day of Spring term	Friday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

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