



Heelands School Autumn 2 Newsletter 2017



Dear Parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us especially as we break up for the holidays so early this year on December 15th and we return to school on Wednesday January 3rd.

Morning routine

Can I remind parents that teaching assistants are on the playground in the mornings to take any urgent messages from parents but teachers are **not** available **before** school. Parents are welcome to speak to class teachers at the end of the day but, for safety reasons, please wait until all other children in the class have been collected. Only this week a child left the classroom when the teacher's attention was diverted by another conversation. Please be patient and wait until the teacher is free to talk to you.

School Safety

We are always conscious of safety issues and do our best to keep children as safe as we possibly can. Please help us to do this by not using the staff car-park as a short-cut or leaving by the front door after dropping your child off. Parents should enter and leave the school via the playground gates please.

New governors

David Gundry has been appointed as our new Chair of Governors, and Tammy Haughton is our new vice-chair. Both David and Tammy have children who have gone through the school so have been part of school life for many years now. I would like to say a huge personal thank you to the outgoing Chair, Jaime Hill, who has held the position for the past ten years and has been a great support to myself as well as the school. Other parent governors are Amanda Jones, Allegra El-Khazan and Helen Stephenson.

Website refurbishment

The school website is undergoing an update which will make it mobile-friendly, we expect the work to be mainly completed over the holiday so should be up and running in January.

School lunches

We are having far too many children ordering a hot lunch and then changing their mind and bringing in a packed lunch. The school still has to pay for that lunch whether eaten or not, so I'm afraid that if a hot lunch is ordered your child is expected to eat it. At £2.09 a day the cost soon adds up and we believe this is running into hundreds of pounds over the year, money we cannot afford to waste so please don't order unnecessary meals.

Christmas Party Food

We will be having our usual party lunch so your child will not need a packed lunch or order a hot lunch for December 15th. Would parents kindly donate the following items:

Monkeys: Biscuits

Tigers: Cakes

Lions: Cheese/savoury crackers

Elephants: Cooked cocktail/veggie sausages

Giraffes: Sausage rolls

Zebras: Crisps or savoury snacks

School will provide sandwiches, rolls & drinks.

If your child has any allergies, please talk to their class teacher.

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
Years 1&2 Pantomime trip	Tuesday December 5 th	1 - 4.15
FS Nativity	Wednesday December 6 th	1.45
Years 1&2 Christmas production	Tuesday December 12 th	6.00pm - children back from 5.30 for costuming and make-up
Years 1&2 Christmas disco	Wednesday December 13 th	3 - 5.00
Last day of term - Party & entertainer. Children can come to school in party clothes if they wish.	Friday December 15 th	
Return to school	Wednesday January 3 rd	
Values Visit	Tuesday January 9 th	2.15

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