



Heelands School Autumn 1 Newsletter 2019



Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year and a particularly warm welcome to the many new families who are joining us, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Morning routine

Well done to the new Lions and Elephants who all said good-bye to their parents on the top playground and came into school independently this week - what a confident bunch! This system keeps doorways clear so that children can get into school and parents can see that their child is safely inside. We do ask parents not to come into classrooms in the morning, teaching assistants are on the playground to take any messages. Parents are always welcome to speak to teachers at the end of the day.

The bell rings at 8.50 as a reminder that there are five minutes to go before the school day starts and the gates are locked. I have asked Mr Hull to lock the gates promptly at 8.55 so that children cannot slip through doors unnoticed and we are absolutely certain about who is in school. We take your child's safety extremely seriously so if you do arrive after 8.55 you will have to sign your child in through the office.

School lunches

A continuing problem for Mrs Phillips is the ordering of school lunches, many parents forget what they've ordered, which days they've ordered or even if they've ordered at all! You can help us by:

- ordering straight away for the whole half-term
- putting your order on to a calendar
- taking a photo of your order form with your phone
- **make it even easier and order on-line at www.essence-catering.co.uk**

FS Equipment

At the end of the school day please don't let your toddlers use the FS outside equipment, the resources are not for free use and the older children in school know that they are not allowed to play with them. Mrs Bonham bought a brand new set of ducks for Maths work and two of them have disappeared over the last two days, the children haven't even had a chance to use them. The wheelbarrows are regularly pushed away and then abandoned and as staff put a lot of time and effort into their outside area it's very disheartening for them to see their hard work ruined. If you find a stray duck at home please return to Mrs Bonham!



Emergency contact numbers

It is now a legal requirement that we have more than one emergency contact number for every child. Please ensure that your contact numbers are up to date.

Term-time holidays

A reminder that schools cannot authorise any holidays in term-time, absence will be marked as unauthorised and the local authority may issue a fine for holiday absence or lateness.

Values Visit

For new parents, our Values curriculum is based around six values chosen by parents, staff and governors that support our children to become good citizens. Whenever we see a pupil demonstrate the value they are given a glass pebble which they put into a special jar in Friday's assembly. The winning class gets a certificate at the end of the half-term. Teachers also choose a class Values Champion who wears the Values medal for the coming week.

We launch each new Value by inviting parents into school to do a creative activity alongside their child, visits are either at 9.15 or 2.30 but the first one is always in the afternoon. Our first value is Friendship so do come along and join us on Tuesday, October 1st at 2.30.

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
Yr2 Parent Information meeting	Wednesday September 11 th	2.30
Yr1 Parent Information meeting	Monday September 16 th	2.30
FS Parent Information meeting	Wednesday September 25 th	2.30
Values Visit - Friendship	Tuesday October 1 st	2.30
Individual photographs, school pupils only	Wednesday October 2 nd	
Open Morning - for prospective parents	Tuesday October 8 th	9.30-11.00
Harvest Assembly	Tuesday October 15 th	9.15
Parent consultations	Tuesday October 22 nd Wednesday October 23 rd	5.30 - 7.00 3.30 - 5.30
Last day of half-term	Thursday October 24 th	
Back to school	Monday November 4 th	
Values Visit - Respect	Wednesday November 6 th	9.15
Theatre group - Sleeping Beauty	Thursday November 21 st	9.20
FS Nativity	Wednesday December 11 th	9.30
Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas production	Wednesday December 18 th	6.00pm
Last day of term - Party & entertainer	Friday December 20 th	

Best wishes,
Lesley Barnard, Headteacher