07<sup>th</sup> June 2024 **ISSUE 15** 



# Heelands School News

Friendship, Respect, Self-belief, Cooperation, Challenge and Responsibility

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Week Beginning **Year 1 Phonics Testing**10<sup>th</sup> June

12<sup>th</sup> June

**INSET Day** 

School CLOSED to Pupils

21<sup>st</sup> June

Dress-Down Day

Children are invited to come to school in dress-down for a £1 donation to St Marks

Meals: DONATE HERE

04<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Afternoon

11<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Afternoon—(RESERVED)

Reserved Date in case weather does not

allow 4th July date to go ahead.

12<sup>th</sup> July

School Reports

15<sup>th</sup> July

New Classes

Children visit their new classes (Reception and YR1 only)

15<sup>th</sup> July

Meet The Teacher

Parents/Carers are invited to drop-in to meet your child's new Teacher - 3:15pm

19<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 Leavers Assembly

Families Invited

19<sup>th</sup> July

**End of TERM** 

School CLOSES at 3:10pm for the

End of Year Summer Break

22<sup>nd</sup> July

**INSET Day** 

School CLOSED to Pupils

#### Attendance Matters



#### **HEADTEACHER NEWS**

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome back to our final half term of the year. We are enjoying the better weather in school by preparing for Sports Day and by using different games and sporting equipment outside at lunchtimes. The Year 2 children are also getting ready for their Leaver's Assembly and for their transition days at their new schools. Lots to look forward to and to celebrate!

On Tuesday, we had our Ofsted inspection. Two inspectors were with us from 8am until about 5.30pm and they spent all day visiting lessons, meeting with leaders, chatting to parents, children and staff and finding out as much about our school as they could in the time they had. I am, as ever, so proud of our children and staff and I would also like to thank parents for your engagement with inspectors and for your well wishes. It is really appreciated. The report will be with me within the next 3 weeks for checking but will remain confidential until it is published in the near future.

You may have noticed new banners, signs and cones related to parking. Our children are very young and our school site and neighbouring roads are narrow with many corners and crossings to negotiate. This can make it unsafe if drivers are not careful and considerate when parking. Please think twice when dropping off or picking up to make sure our whole school and local community are safe.

Have a great weekend and best wishes,

Ian Fraser

**Executive Headteacher** 





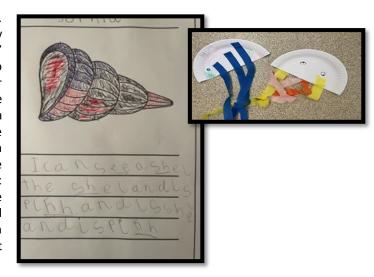






## EYFS - Monkeys

Welcome back after half term! We hope you had a lovely break. The last week of term saw us enjoying our Immersion day coming as 'Superheroes' and learning the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. The children really enjoyed role playing going to the Moon in a cardboard box. Thank you also for attending our open afternoon. We have started our new topic 'Beside the Seaside' by learning the model text 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. They have explored what we might find at the seaside, made their own underwater sea creature and even visited an aquarium (in our role play area). The children have really enjoyed the story and already created some fantastic writing about the crab and the other characters. In topic we have also been sorting past and present photos of the beach and seeing how visiting the beach has changed over the years. I am looking forward to exploring the Seaside theme over the next few weeks and think the children will really enjoy it.



#### YEAR 1 - Lions

In Lions class this week we have started our new topic 'Far, Far Away'.

The children have loved learning about toys in the past. We have looked at Victorian toys and toys from the 1950's and 1960's. They loved playing and exploring the different Victorian toys we have in school!

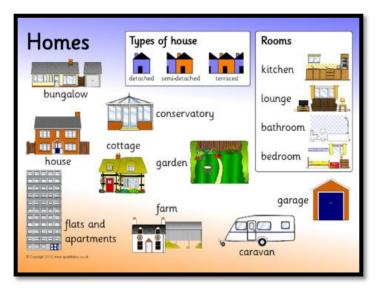


## YEAR 2 - Giraffes

Giraffes have started their final half term at Heelands school with our 'There's No Place Like Home' Topic. We are busy looking at different types of modern day homes and will be going for a local walk to look at different styles of historical homes. We will then be looking even further back in history to different styles on home in the past.

In English, we have been learning about how to write different sentence types like commands and questions and we have begun to include these in our writing. We are really enjoying our new text; 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole' by Nigel Foreman and have been learning to retell our own versions.

In PE, we are busy practising all our athletic skills for sports day and we are preparing a special leaver's assembly in our Guided reading lessons by learning how to use a script.



### Celebration Assemblies...



Congratulations to our Sparkler Children. These assemblies celebrate children's efforts in all areas of work and play.

24.05.24



MONKEYS Freddie



LIONS Oscar



GIRAFFES Natanael

07.06.24



MONKEYS Darius



LIONS Eden



GIRAFFES Oma

**VALUES** 

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 6 core values: FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, SELF-BELIEF, CO-OPERATION, CHALLENGE and RESPONSIBILITY

24.05.24



MONKEYS Mehran

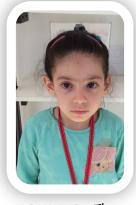


LIONS Elaya



GIRAFFES Maddie

<u>07.06.24</u>



MONKEYS Ela



LIONS NOVA



GIRAFFES Jack

#### Attendance Matters...

Children have the best chance of success if their school attendance is 98% or higher. Children who attend school regularly and on time are more likely to keep up with school work, develop good habits and important life skills and maintain friendships.

A child who is absent one day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

## Safeguarding...

With the warmer weather, please can you make sure that children bring a hat and water bottle to school. You can also apply suncream in the morning before children come to school. Thank you.



## Dress for Dinners—Dress Down Day...

On Friday 21st June we will be supporting St Mark's Meals and participating in a dress-down day. Children are invited to come to school in casual/dress-down clothing in return for a suggested online donation: DONATE HERE

No child should go hungry and the meals donated by St Mark's Meals go to helping some of our families across both schools.





Event partners
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