



# Heelands School News

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

<b>05<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Mental Health Week</b> <i>Various activities in school</i>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b> <i>3:30pm–5:30pm</i>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b> <i>5:00pm–7:00pm</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of TERM</b> <i>School closes at 3:15pm for the February Half-Term</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Feb - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>February Half-Term</b> <i>School Closed</i>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Start of TERM</b> <i>School opens at 08:30am for Spring Term (2)</i>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>National Science Day</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b> <i>Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book.</i>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mothers' Day Breakfast</b> <i>Details to be confirmed</i>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>World Poetry Day</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of SPRING TERM</b> <i>School Closes at 3:10pm</i>

## FUN FACT!

*The name for January comes from the Roman God Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before and the other head to look forward to the New Year!*



## HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first two weeks back have been really positive at Heelands! We have welcomed Emma Jones as our Assistant Headteacher and Monkeys' Class Teacher. She works Mon – Weds and has really hit the ground running. We are very pleased to have her support as a teacher and leader.

Last week, Mrs Farmer sent a link asking for all parents to re-register permissions with school. We want to make sure we have accurate permissions in order to include children's photos in the Newsletter and on the website; mainly when they receive awards. If you have not yet completed the form, please do so as soon as possible or speak to the office for help.

In a couple of weeks' time, a musical group called Toscana will be joining us to perform Monkey Puzzle and Peter and the Wolf for our children. This follows on from the Alina Band – a mini orchestra – visiting and our visit to MK Theatre for the pantomime last week. We are really engaging with performance and music not only for enjoyment's sake but also to inspire and immerse children in the Arts as part of our curriculum.

Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance. I know it is hard when our children are ill and we want to make sure they are well looked after but there is a big campaign both nationally and locally to encourage schools to improve attendance and we want our children to be in school as much as they possibly can. Good attendance leads to good attainment, socialisation and positive self-esteem and, therefore, the best possible future for our children.

Have a great weekend,

Ian Fraser

**Executive Headteacher**

## NOTICE!

Lions Open Afternoon changing to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.

This is for them to come and see their children's work and share a story with them too!

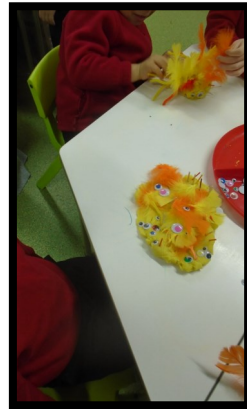


## EYFS - Monkeys

We have had a very busy week in Monkey's class this week. We have continued learning about Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins and the children have really enjoyed this story.

We also had an exciting visit from Mrs Wilson's chickens. She talked about how to care for them and we learnt lots of facts- they caused great excitement!

Next week we will be starting to look at the Little Red Hen.



## YEAR 1 - Lions

We have started off our new topic 'Happy Holidays!' with a really fun Immersion Day! The Lions packed up their suitcases and backpacks and set off on an adventure to China.

We learnt all about Chinese food, we tasted some fried rice and spring rolls whilst on our plane, and then we got to make a healthy stir fry. The children carefully cut, peeled and tore the ingredients they needed for the stir fry, and then enjoyed eating it afterwards.

It was a super day!



## YEAR 2 - Giraffes

Giraffes Immersion Day: The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse.

After reading the story, we wrote a shopping list and headed off to buy ingredients from our local Tesco. This shopping trip tested our knowledge of coins and notes as we had to pay for our shopping and check our change!

Then we came back to school and after writing a set of instructions for How to make a Tortilla Pizza and an apple crumble, we got cooking!

In the afternoon we enjoyed tasting our tasty treats and decided if we were team Country mouse and preferred the apple crumble or if we were team town mouse and liked our pizza the most.





## Celebrations...

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



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## Assembly 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



## ***Local Support...***

Dreamsai are a local charity that support many of our local community with food parcels. We would like to support them as much as possible in these difficult times and so have put a box just inside Reception where any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

# **COLLECTION BOX in SUPPORT of**



**DREAMSAI**  
**Milton Keynes**

## **COLLECTING DONATIONS of:**

Any Tins/Cans, Long life foods, Pasta, Rice, Jar Sauces, Cereals, Jams etc



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and we would like to support them  
in any small way possible.  
Thank you so much for your support