



# Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> December**     **Nativity**  
*Further details to be confirmed*
- 12<sup>th</sup> December**     **School Christmas Lunch**  
*(Parents to order by 4th December through Wisepay)*
- 12<sup>th</sup> December**     **MAPLE Class—Christmas Crafts**  
*Parents/Carers are invited to join their child from 2:15pm for a craft afternoon.*
- 20<sup>th</sup> December**     **END of Term**  
*School closes at 3:10pm for the Christmas Break*
- 6<sup>th</sup> January**     **INSET Day**  
*School CLOSED to pupils.*
- 7<sup>th</sup> January**     **School OPEN**  
*Welcome Back!  
School OPENS at 08:30am for the start of Spring Term (1)*

## COLD WEATHER

With the weather turning colder, please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate warm outdoor clothing.



## HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the cold weather setting in and the shorter days being very noticeable, the learning in Ash, Maple and Oak is shining brightly and everyone is energised! We have shown a lot of potential families around for a September 2025 start these last few weeks and they have been impressed by our children, staff and the lovely and purposeful atmosphere at Heelands. Of course, this is no surprise to us! We were also pleased to see so many people attending the Maths and Phonics sessions recently.

Communication is always a challenge in a school and is a bit like the story of Goldilocks - we do not want to send information too frequently or not often enough, too much or too little or information across too many different platforms (websites, newsletters, Class Dojo, etc). What I would urge you to do is to look on our website a couple of times a week as this is where the main school events and information are displayed and updated. Also, Class Dojo is used for more class-specific information.

The ongoing saga of the hall roof is finally coming to a conclusion! We hope to have the repair carried out very soon. Unfortunately, I cannot see us being in a position this term to be back using the hall space. This leaves us with a problem to solve with regards to Christmas events. We will definitely have a nativity performance and I am working on how this can best be held. As soon as I have further information, I will let you all know.

Thank you for your ongoing support and have a great weekend,

*Ian Fraser-Kirkup*

**Executive Headteacher**



## EYFS - Ash

We have been really busy learning the story of 'Rama and Sita'. The children enjoyed learning the story; we put the pictures in order and had a go at writing some of the key words. In our provision, we have made Diva Lamps out of clay and painted them, just like the lamps Rama and Sita followed to help them find the way home.

We are now exploring the book 'Room On The Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children have placed the characters on the broom, written CVC words and enjoyed exploring the provision linked to the story.

In Maths, we have really focussed on the numbers 1-5, writing the numerals and exploring the composition. We are looking forward to carrying on our story and moving onto our next Maths topic.

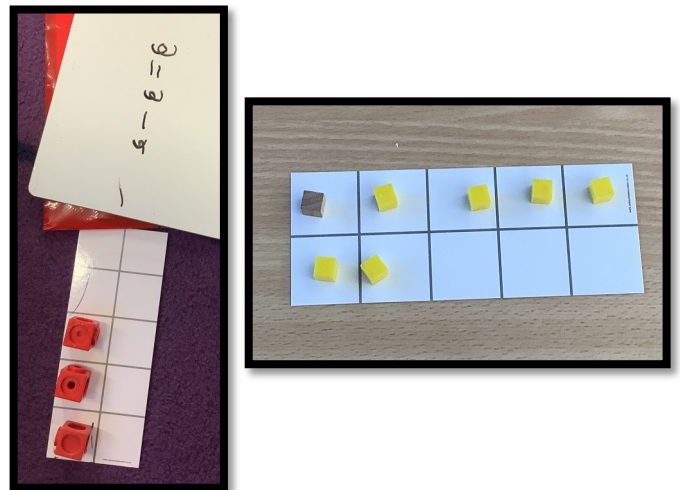


## YEAR 1 - Maple

This week in Maple class, the children have been busy learning their number bonds to 10, finding a part and subtracting on a number line.

We have started our new story 'The Queen's Handbag' and the children have enjoyed sequencing the story and creating their own story maps.

We have been learning about significant individuals in History and ordering the events of Bonfire Night and Queen Elizabeth II's life on a timeline.



## YEAR 2 - Oak

We have had such an amazing time in Science conducting experiments to find out why we should wash our hands. Currently, we have six slices of bread hanging on our Science board, growing mouldy at various rates depending on whether we washed our hands or not before touching it. We also wiped some bread on our tables, carpets and doors. We wonder which one will be the most hygienic!

The children had fun on our Immersion Day learning all about how space shuttles have to be designed to be able to reach the space station. We also learnt how the Astronauts live on the station and stay healthy.

We are putting the final touches to our Christmas performance which we can't wait to share with you.



## Celebration Assemblies...



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

22.11.24



Tahir

ASH



Logan

MAPLE



Aliza

OAK

29.11.24



Kevin

ASH



Fabi

MAPLE



Lucy

OAK

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:  
RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE



22.11.24



Nicole

ASH



Elijah

MAPLE



Lucy

OAK

29.11.24



Victoria

ASH



Aahil

MAPLE



Lottie and Lucy

OAK



# Snow Fun...

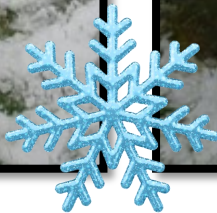


**TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER**

Children in EYFS got to experience first-hand the start of seasonal change from Autumn to Winter.

They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the snow. They noticed that it was beginning to melt and we discussed why that was happening. The children loved leaving footprints and making different shapes with the snow.

We had lots of fun!



# Notices...

## **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH:**

School Christmas Lunch Day is on 12th December.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Lunch, please order by **4th December** through Wisepay.

Thank you.



**ORDER HERE**



## **MAPLE Class:**

Cereal Boxes Needed Please!



In DT next week we will be making our own London Buses. Every child will need their own empty cereal box. Please can you bring in any boxes that you have before **Thursday 5th December**. If you have any spare cereal boxes, please can you bring these in too, just in case we don't have enough.

Thank you!

## **Wrap-a-round Care...**



THE BLUE SKY FEDERATION

# Wrap Around Care



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

from 07:45am

Costs £5.75

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

till 6:00pm

Costs £12.75

For Heelands, Bradwell Village  
and Priory Common School Children

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