



Heatherside Junior School Newsletter

9th September 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the school year! It has been a busy (and wet!) start to the term and it is good to see the children settling into their new classes. It might take me a little bit longer to learn all the names this year but I'll get there!

I am beginning to get used to working across both schools and already we have had the opportunity for staff to work together and we can see lots of ways in which this 'shared year' will bring benefits to our schools (and my step count!) - anything that enables us to achieve even more for the children and families at Heatherside can only be a good thing!

I look forward to working in partnership with you all in the year ahead.

Best regards

Mrs Dunn

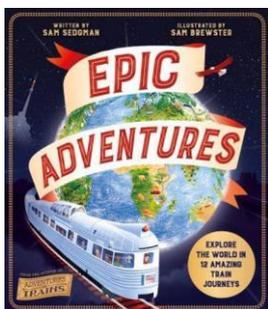


We join the rest of the country, and indeed the world, in paying our respects to Queen Elizabeth II who died yesterday. Her sense of duty and dedication to her role set an example to all. I hope our children will have fond memories of sharing her 70th Jubilee celebrations earlier this year. Her passing is a sad and significant point in history, and one we will all experience and mark together.

Dates for our September 2023 New Intake Mornings can be found on our [website](#).

Staffing News

We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Newman to our 'Front of House' team on 10th October as our new Receptionist. Sadly, Mrs Shepherd will be leaving us at the end of the month and so we are advertising for a Year 6 LSA. Details can be found [here](#).



We are excited to announce that we will have a visit from the author [Sam Sedgman](#) on **Wednesday 21st September**.

Sam has written fantastic books such as 'The Highland Falcon Thief' and 'Epic Adventures'. He will hold an assembly for the whole school and will lead some workshops for pupils in Year 5. He will also be offering to sign books. If your child has a copy of one of his books, they can bring it in on Wednesday 21st September to be signed.

School Clubs start next week (except the new Wraparound Club). Children should come in normal uniform and bring a separate bag with their clothes to change into if it's a Sports Club..unless of course it's already their PE Day!

BIG GREEN WEEK

26th – 30th September

Monday 26th - Friday 30th September 2022 will see Heatherside Junior School celebrating Big Green Week. Throughout the week children will participate in various discussions and activities around the current eco actions which we successfully complete in school and what further actions we could possibly take.

For those children that are having a packed lunch on Friday 30th September, we are asking that they bring in a 'single-use plastic free' packed lunch which we are hoping we may be able to have outside (if the rain stops!)

Friday 30th September – Book Sale

A member of Hampshire Search and Rescue will be hosting a pre-loved book sale on the front playground immediately after school. Books will cost £1.

Any donations of good quality books prior to the sale would be gratefully received; we will arrange a collection point in school.

During the school day, the children will be able to observe some of the equipment used by Hampshire Search and Rescue. There will also be a **collection** on the playground for this vitally important charity and we would be grateful for any donations.