



Heatherside Junior School Newsletter

16th January 2023

Dear Parents

After a very rainy start to January, hopefully we will see some sunshine over the next few days. As it is due to be quite cold, please can all children have a **named** coat in school and also their name in any hats/gloves etc they bring in so that we can reunite them with their owner if they do get mislaid.

On Friday this week, 43 of our choir children in Years 4-6 are going to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices concert. I will be on the trip with them and so will not be available at all that day but Mr Blay will, of course, be on hand if needed.

Best regards
Mrs Dunn



Our new Wellbeing Garden is taking shape!

You may have noticed that the diggers have been busy in the area to the left of the building behind the fence. This is the site of our new Wellbeing Garden which has been funded through a £10k Lottery Grant and lots of hard work from Eleanor Mann to get contractors and materials. The garden will be for use by children and staff and is designed to be a tranquil space full of flowers which will attract butterflies etc. We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work that has gone into making this (and Heatherside Infants new garden) possible.

Meet the newest member of our school!



As the children may have told you, we are pleased to welcome 'Sheldon' to our school. She is a 5-year-old Hermann tortoise and will form part of our wider wellbeing provision at school. We hope that the children will enjoy looking after her and learning about the care she needs. She is not a hibernating tortoise although may spend some quiet time in her shell of course!

We have sought thorough professional advice on her welfare to make sure she will thrive with us and all necessary health and safety checks have been undertaken.

Community/Local Authority Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a non-parent or staff Governor. We are really keen to have representatives from our local community (especially any with a finance or health and safety background) on our team and if you know of anyone through your employer/any local groups etc please signpost them to the [Hampshire Website](#) or ask them to contact the school directly.

Keeping Children Safe Online Tuesday 28th February

We have booked Paul Hayes to lead some workshops and assemblies for the children on this day and he will be leading a **Parent Presentation at 7pm** that evening, we do hope you'll be able to come along. Details and sign up information to follow shortly.

ESafety

Curriculum News



On Friday 3rd February we will be holding our 'One World' day where all classes will be learning about the Sikh faith as part of our RE curriculum. As RE is usually covered during PPA time, this is an opportunity for all teachers to be involved in teaching this subject. We are also pleased to be welcoming Mr Singh, who is a Sikh Education Officer, on that day.

As there are a number of other trips and events planned, we are going to reschedule our 'Pirate Mix Up Morning' which was pencilled in for the 24th February, it is only a four day week and already includes the Pancake race! We will re-plan for the Summer Term!

After School Care at Heatherside Infants - Spaces available!

Just to remind parents that after school care, run by SCL, is available for parents in both schools to book, either on a regular or flexible basis.



Click [here](#) for their booking page or see our website for more details. There is no After School Care on 31/3/23