



# Heatherside Junior School Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Dear Parents

What a scorching start to the new school year! The children have all coped really well with the heat and all the changes that coming back to school brings; it's been lovely for me to be here all day again and to have the time to spend with them.

Our partnership work with Heatherside Infants will continue to build this year; working alongside Mrs Bate (their new Headteacher) and the staff and Governing team too.

I'm sure that 2023 - 2024 will be another busy year and I am looking forward to working alongside everyone in our school community to ensure that we achieve the very best we can for the children, across all aspects of their development. We are also quite likely to have an Ofsted Inspection in the near future! I hope this will provide an opportunity for us to share our school's strengths, the aspects we are continuing to improve and develop further and the things we are most proud of....with the children at the top of the list of course.

Enjoy the sunny weekend!

Mrs Dunn



## Terrific Timelines!

We are really excited that our new History timelines have been installed on all our stairwells. From Dinosaurs to 2023 - the children can walk through time! We hope it will help children to learn about the past and make connections between different periods of history too!

**School Clubs start next week...please contact the Office if you need any further information.**



Our Harvest Collection is for Ocean Stars this year and we will be pleased to welcome the charity to our school on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** where they will be sharing all the work they do in Sri Lanka. Details of the items we would be grateful to receive can be found on the link [here](#)



Please could we ask that children do not go on any of the Junior or Infant play equipment before or after school (tempting though it is!) as it is only for use when supervised by school staff. Please can children also stick to the paths on their way to and from school.



## Here to help... contacting us

As I'm sure you can appreciate, teachers are unable to read or respond to emails when they are busy in class or preparing for the day. To help us make sure that we are able to respond to any questions, queries or concerns you may have as quickly as possible, please either

- Catch Mrs Dunn, Mr Blay or another member of staff on the playground or pop into the Office... we'll always make time.
- Phone the Office on **01252 617928** and they will get the best person to speak you if they can't help immediately (which they often can!)
- Email school via [adminoffice@heatherside-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@heatherside-jun.hants.sch.uk) and they will pass this on to the relevant teacher/member of staff.

I now use the 'Send Later' option when I am working late so that my team don't get disturbed at home. I know that parents also often only get to send emails late in the evening but scheduling them to arrive the next morning would make a very big difference to the staff.

## Possible Music Ensemble

Mrs Field and Mrs Whittock are keen to explore the possibility of running a musical ensemble, with children who are receiving music tuition (at home/school) and are at Grade 1 or above. If your child learns/plays an instrument and would be interested in this, please email [adminoffice@heatherside-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@heatherside-jun.hants.sch.uk) with the title Ensemble. We will then see if there are enough children to make this viable.