



Heatherside Junior School Newsletter

7th December 2023



As there are no full PE lessons next week, children should wear their school uniform each day (except Christmas jumpers, hats etc on Wednesday!)

Dear Parents

Only six more get ups before we break up for Christmas! We are looking forward to the Year 3, 4 and 5 Christmas assemblies and, of course, Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day next Wednesday 13th.

As always in school, we are busy planning events for next term and we hope the Dates' List which we have sent out will be helpful. The Spring Term tends to be a little less frantic, unless we suddenly get snow of course!

I'd like to take this early opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas; here's to 2024!

Mrs Dunn



We'll fly to the stars...



Peter Pan the Musical!

Our Year 6 production was just fantastic; the children performed with such confidence and creativity. A huge well done to everyone, including those who helped create the props. It was a joy to watch and truly magical, it moved us all to laughter and the odd tear too!

Ground Sourced Heat Pump – Proposed works

Parents may have heard on the radio last weekend that Hampshire County Council have secured funding to install a carbon reducing, ground sourced heat pump system at our school. This pilot scheme is currently at the planning stages and we will be working closely with the Local Authority to make sure it is able to proceed without significant disruption to the school.



The HSA Junior School Discos will take place on

Thursday 11th January

Year 3 & 4 from 4.30pm-5.30pm

Year 5 & 6 from 5.45pm-6.45pm

Further details and a Parentmail Consent Form will be sent out on Tuesday 2nd January. As it will be cash on the door, please save any pound coins ready!



Last day of Term – Friday 15th December

School will finish at 3.05pm as usual. Children may bring in a non-electronic game to play with their friends in the afternoon although preferably one without too many bits! We do have boardgames in the classrooms so this is completely optional.

Attendance Letters

As part of our duty of care, we regularly monitor children's absence and punctuality as consistent attendance has a proven impact on learning, progress and social development. For any parents with children whose attendance is close to or below the Persistent Absence threshold of 90% (or are frequently late) a letter will be sent home next week. We do personalise these letters as we recognise there are individual circumstances and will always seek to work alongside parents where there are attendance or punctuality concerns.

Multiply Maths Project

This is run by HCC to support families with Maths, including helping parents to obtain Maths qualifications themselves. They have launched a Christmas Quiz which has a £60 cinema voucher as a prize. Click [here](#) to see their flyer on our website. There is also a flyer on this page giving details of a **local SEND meeting for parents** on 11th January.