



Heatherside Junior School Newsletter



18th January 2024

Dear Parents

A belated welcome to 2024! I'm sure the children were disappointed we didn't end up with snow down here though!

A belated thank you also, on behalf of all the staff, for your many generous Christmas wishes, gifts and cards; they were all much appreciated.

Next week we will be holding our House Charity Assemblies and I know there have been some incredibly worthwhile local charities put forward. Once each House has voted, we will be sharing the £1000 you kindly donated at our Christmas performances between them.

Mrs Dunn

Sherlock Storyteller!



Year 4s enjoyed listening to Chris Connaughton's stories as a hook into their 'Sherlock Holmes and the Disappearing Diamond' English topic. Will they work out 'Whodunnit?'

Water Bottles in school

Please can I remind parents that children are only permitted to have water in school (not squash) and that children only need a **simple, small, sports cap bottle**. Other expensive/metal bottles are not suitable; Airup bottles and the (potential) new craze of Stanley cups are also not allowed. Children can refill their bottle during the day so large, heavy bottles are not necessary. Your support in this is appreciated.



Reading Matters

We are delighted to have been awarded Silver Status as part of a national Reading Award. This term we will be looking at improving class reading corners as well as enjoying our author visit from [Guy Bass](#) on the 11th March. There will be an opportunity for children to buy a book and have it signed, more details to follow!



On Friday 2nd February we will be holding our second '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 provides an opportunity for all teachers to be involved in teaching this subject and will build on the children's learning from last year. If any families have any connections in the Sikh community that might enhance our day, please let us know.

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

5-11
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2024

In advance of this important week, we have planned a creative whole school homework for Thursday 25th January on the theme of 'My Voice Matters' The Place2Be website also has some great links and ideas for families which can be found [here](#).

Fleet Carnival are running their annual Programme Design competition. Click [here](#) for details of how to enter! It would be amazing to have another Heatherside winner this year!



[Buy Nothing New Month](#) is a campaign being led by the Keep Britain Tidy Group...it might be too late for January now but families could set themselves an eco-challenge for February instead!

