



Heatherside Junior School Newsletter



18th April 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the Summer Term; this one is always super busy with so many different events, trips and activities planned. It is also the time when we start to plan ahead to next school year and we are looking at further ways in which we can help support the children's move to their new classes and schools.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Spelling Workshop tomorrow morning and will shortly be sending home details of a Maths session we plan to run on Monday 20th May in the morning.

I'm also looking forward to our first-ever Colour Run on Saturday morning!

Mrs Dunn

Thank you from Ocean Stars



We were delighted to welcome back the team from Ocean Stars just before Easter, when they shared with us photographs of the items we collected at Harvest being enjoyed by the children in Sri Lanka; we know that they especially loved all the colouring pencils and stickers!

We are hoping to extend our links with the Charity further so that the children in both countries are able to learn about the things in their lives which are the same as well as those which may be different.



Our Eco Ambassadors have narrated a special Earth Day video, which can be found [here](#) on our website. It includes a quiz for families as well as an important message from our Eco Team.



Our Curriculum Overviews for this Half Term can be found on our website via the following links

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... to keep our HSA going strong!

Our HSA, shared with Heatherside Infants, is **urgently in need** of some new members in order for it to keep going successfully into next year, as many of the current members are Year 6 parents. The HSA raises over **£10 000** a year for each school, vital funds which this year alone have funded children's cooking ingredients, our author visit, Leavers Books, class Reading books and these are just a few of the extra things the children benefit from.

Not only does the HSA raise this amazing amount of money, they organise so many **fantastic community events** (including Saturday's Colour Run, discos and the Summer Fair) which it would be devastating to have to cancel in the future.

I do know how busy everyone is but if you do feel you could spare some time (it doesn't have to be hours) to help ensure our HSA doesn't fold, please email your.heatherside@gmail.com or contact Mrs Dunn for a chat! The bigger the HSA team, the less work falls to a few and the more we can achieve for the children.

It is genuinely a great way to get to know other parents and to be more involved with your child's schools; it makes such an enormous difference to what we can offer the children and even looks good on a CV or LinkedIn page! It's also good fun and incredibly rewarding to be part of something that benefits the children so much.