



Heatherside Junior School Newsletter

6th June 2024



Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of a very busy few weeks! We are looking forward to our Summer Fair next Friday and are keeping our fingers crossed for sunny evening, or at least a dry one! Just to remind you that we also have a **Mufti Day on Friday 14th** and donations of bottles, cakes etc can be handed in to the HSA at the back playground via the middle (Service) road between our school and the Infants. Children in Year 5 and 6 should enter via the front playground and go down the side path by the field classrooms that morning.

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to help, it is really appreciated, I'll be on the BonBon Bingo as usual!

Kind regards
Mrs Dunn



'Path to Paris' Olympic Theme Week - 15th to 19th July

We are busy planning an Olympic and Paralympic inspired activity week at the end of term and are eager to invite/book sports coaches or visitors to help enrich the week for the children. If you have links with any local clubs or sports people, please contact the office to let us know. Please could the children also save kitchen roll tubes at home to bring in that week for our 'Mini Skate Park' mix-up challenge!



At the end of this school year, we will (very sadly) be saying goodbye to three of our long-standing members of our teaching team.

After 24 years at Heatherside, **Mrs. Husband** is taking early retirement from the teaching profession. She has been such a core part of our school family, as both a teacher and a parent herself too and we are so sorry that she is leaving. Mrs. Husband has taught across most year groups and has been our History lead for many years; the amazing timelines on our internal stair walls will definitely be her lasting legacy! **Mrs. McEvoy** is also leaving us as she is moving out of the area and is also getting married this summer! We are all delighted for her of course and I am sure you will join me in wishing her every happiness. As well as teaching in Years 3 and 6, Mrs. McEvoy has led all our Eco initiatives and her dedication and commitment to helping the children become positive environmental citizens of the future has been much valued. Finally, **Mrs. L Williams** will be moving on to an exciting new teaching role after 17 years, not only has Mrs. Williams taught RE across the school for the last seven years, she has also been a classteacher across three year groups and worked in 3H for many years too. In addition to her RE role, Mrs. Williams has always helped plan and lead school events linked to the Olympics and so we are really pleased that she will be here for our 'Path to Paris' Theme Week in July.

It is always very sad when much respected and valued members of staff move on but they do so with our heartfelt gratitude and warmest wishes. Having new teachers in our team in September will bring new opportunities and ideas too and I am delighted to share the news that Mrs. Douglas will be joining our teaching team permanently, as will Miss Baldwin and Miss Koza. Mrs. Hambleton is also due to be back full time. I will let you know which teachers will be in which year groups on the next Newsletter!

Year 6 Scopay (Tucasi) Balances

Please could Year 6 parents try not to leave a credit balance on their school meals account at the end of term as it is quite a tricky process for Mrs Duffett to issue refunds; thank you.



Support Staff Vacancies for September '24

Please click [here](#) for details of our current vacancies. We are looking to increase our staffing to support the needs of the children next year.