



# Heatherside Junior School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that there are just two weeks until Half Term, although the weather is definitely autumnal! As always, life at Heatherside Junior continues to be busy; next week Year 4 are off to the Ashmolean Museum and our Year 6s will be bringing in their Anderson Shelters on Friday morning for a special display, which is always just amazing!

We also have our annual in-school inspection visit from our Lead Learning Partner from Hampshire on Wednesday. As we are also expecting an Ofsted Inspection (any minute!) this annual HCC visit is always helpful for us in terms of external accountability. When we do get the Ofsted call, this will be on a Monday with Inspectors being in school on Tuesday and Wednesday. As you may know, the grading and framework has changed again and there is no longer an overall judgement. However, we hope there will be lots of opportunities to share all the things we are proud of as well as sharing our continued improvement priorities and commitment to achieve the very best we can for all our children.

Mrs Dunn

## Sporting Success!

Heatherside have been busy representing the school in a range of sports over the last two weeks. Well done to the Girls Football Team who braved the pouring rain in their friendly match against Dogmersfield this week. Congratulations to our newly formed Cross-Country squad who participated in the Calthorpe Park event and to some Tag Rugby players who were really successful at the mini-tournament. We really enjoy hearing their Match Reports in assembly on Fridays and are proud of how positively they represent our school.



Thank you for all your donations of clothes for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice as part of our Harvest Collection.



## COMING SOON

This year, **World Kindness Day** falls in Anti-Bullying Week (**11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November**) and so our week of focussed learning and activities will be based on our belief that 'The world is better with Kindness' and that it is 'Cool to be Kind'

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – **Odd Socks Day** – On this day, children are encouraged to wear mismatched socks as a symbol of uniqueness and to promote acceptance of diversity, embrace individuality and celebrate differences.

We will also be sending home a single 'Act of Kindness' challenge on 7<sup>th</sup> November which we would like all children to participate in. These will be celebrated as part of our special week.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

Applications close on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and the letter with all the details can be downloaded [here](#). We do hope to be able to welcome a new Parent Governor to our school!

## Funds for our school – Message from the HSA!

**Asda cash pot for schools** - You may have seen the adverts on the TV advertising Asda cashpot for schools. By signing up each time you spend money in Asda, they will donate a percentage to your chosen school. Please sign up via [here](#).

**Easy fundraising** - if you haven't already please do sign up to easy fundraising as you can raise money for school just by doing your usual shopping online. This includes food or clothes shopping and even holidays! Please visit the [website](#) for full details and to sign up.

**Match funding** - if you work for a company that offers match funding for schools we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch at: [your.heatherside@gmail.com](mailto:your.heatherside@gmail.com) as this can help double the funds we raise at events.