



NEWSLETTER



March 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back, I hope all of you managed to get some rest and spend some much needed time together. This term kicks off with an exciting book week. Mrs Brough has planned a range of activities, from workshops based on Alice in Wonderland for some, to ending on Friday with the Year 3/4 sleepover.

Parent Survey

I have attached our parent survey results and responses. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this. The document is quite large as we wanted to share as much as possible with you all. We had lots of questions and suggestions, and whilst we can't answer everything straight away, we have tried to explain some reasoning behind decisions as well as highlight areas we will now go away and look at. In some cases, it would be great to have parents contribute to these discussions, so please look out for requests for volunteers 😊

There were also lots of positives which is lovely and important to reflect on these as much as the areas to improve. I know just how hard our staff work and feel lucky to have such a strong team at Heath.

Staffing updates

Following on from last term's update, we now have some great news for our school. Mrs Brough has been appointed Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Hill will be our new Assistant Head, both from Easter. With my commitment at William Rhodes due to be one day a week, we have also appointed Mrs Wild as an Acting Assistant Head.

From Easter we have tried to minimise the impact on your children so have made the following plans.

Mrs Amans will be covering Mrs Brough for an additional day each week. They already share the class and work brilliantly together.

Mrs Wild's time out of class will be covered by Mr Askew, who the children already know as he has been supporting in the mornings this term.

Attendance

A huge thank you for all your support over attendance last term. We have tried the new system and hope it means you are all more informed as well as having more opportunity for support as well. As a school, whilst our attendance is still considered low, there was an improvement to 91.8%.

A reminder that Mrs McCubbin has now fully joined our pastoral team and will be supporting a number of families in the coming weeks and months. She will also support on attendance and may be the one to follow up on letters sent out before the break. Remember this is just one way we try to support families so if there is anything we need to know or can help with please say.

Safeguarding

I know some families may be finding things a little tougher than usual, if anyone needs any support please have a look at our website (see 'Safeguarding' tab and then the 'Parental Guidance' page) alternatively please come and speak to someone in confidence.

Dates

Whilst it is a relatively short term there are a few dates worth noting:

13th March Assessment week

27th March Parent consultation evening (Face to Face)

28th March Parent consultation evening (Online)

Potential Strike days: 15th March and 16th March

Inset days: Friday 30th June 2023 and Monday 3rd July 2023 (May 8th will now be a bank holiday)

Take care,

Mr Lynch and all the team at HPS

