



NEWSLETTER



January 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Firstly, welcome back. It has been lovely to see all our children return and see them again after what was hopefully a good break for you all. Writing this as we return, has been been fabulous to reflect on all the lovely things that happened at school in the run up to the break, from concerts and carol services to lots of in class crafts and of course a visit from Santa and the Christmas parties!

For the children on their return, classes are starting their new topics and getting back in to routines. A list of dates is at the end of the newsletter and we hope to start clubs up next week – keep an eye on Dojo for these.

Staffing changes

Some good news for one of our team this week, but sad news for us as a school. Mrs Wilkes, who has made a fantastic impact in her time at Heath, has secured her first headship. This is a fantastic opportunity for her, a testament to the success she has had at Heath primary of the past 7 years, and she will start at William Rhodes after the Easter holidays. The silver lining for us is that William Rhodes are also part of Embark so we will still all work closely together as two schools that have very similar values.

We are already advertising internally (within the school) to give further opportunities to some of the fantastic team at Heath to step in to her shoes.

As part of this work I will also have a slight change in role. One day a week I will be working with Mrs Wilkes at William Rhodes as Executive Headteacher.

I know when things change we all have questions and I will ensure I keep you all updated as we have updates to share.

We also have some lovely news to share that Miss Espada is expecting her first child. She is still planning to be with us for the next few months, and we have a new apprentice, Miss Brierley, starting in the office to support the team.

Attendance

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

For those of you with children in after or before school club we thought it would be beneficial to share their direct contact number. The number for after school club is 07943281251.

Dates

Full term dates to follow

Inset days: Monday 9th January 2023, Friday 30th June 2023 and Monday 3rd July 2023 (May 8th will now be a bank holiday)

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.

Take care,

Mr Lynch and all the team at HPS

