



THE BLUE SKY
FEDERATION



Governor News

Hello, parents and carers welcome to our Blue Sky Federation Governors' Newsletter.

I'm Robert Prosser-Dryer; Chair of the Governors, I have two boys at Summerfield. I am very ably assisted by my Deputy Chair Tammy Haughton and a team of eight Governors. Tammy has a long parental and family connection with Heelands.

As the end of the Summer Term approaches it's time to review the year and look forward to September 2025.



WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

The Governors are a team of parents, teachers and volunteers from our community who are responsible for supporting Ian Fraser-Kirkup and his staff. We do not run the school; our role is to support the school to deliver the best educational achievements for each child in a nurturing environment where everyone is given the support they need to be: The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day.

DONNA BELLHOUSE

Donna has stepped down as a Governor after 15 years of dedication to supporting Summerfield. She is widely known in our community and her wisdom and input is and will be missed by the Board Of Governors. Donna was instrumental along with Tammy in bringing the two schools together to form the Blue Sky Federation and creating the opportunity which is now benefiting both schools. As we say thank you for her work, the Bellhouse family continue to support the school as Donna's daughter Scarlet works as a LSA at Summerfield.

HEELANDS ROOF

As I write this, work on the Heelands roof is in its final phase; contracts to replace the floor have been secured, and the hall will be fully available again from September, some eight months since the flood damage. The Governors want to acknowledge how significantly the absence of this communal space has impacted both the children and staff this year. We also express our disappointment that it has taken far too long for these essential repairs to be prioritised and carried out. Both Ian and I have raised the considerable impact of this disruption with Milton Keynes City Council on multiple occasions. Whilst we appreciate that the work is now almost complete, the delay has been challenging for the school community, and we hope that future urgent repairs can be addressed more swiftly.

BLUE SKY MINI BUS

On Wednesday 9th July we proudly took delivery of our new Federation mini bus.

COMPETITION

The bus is fully paid for by a Government grant at no cost to the school and it allows us to invest in our wraparound care provision. The minibus can also be used across the schools to open up a further wealth of opportunities for all of our children. It's going to need a name – we will run a competition to name it in the Autumn; time to get your thinking hats on!



The Best You Can Be - Everyone, Every Day

WRAPAROUND CARE

At the beginning of the Autumn term on Tuesday 2nd September we are launching our new Blue Sky Wraparound Care. In the year to March 2025 wraparound care cost our schools around £32,000; money which by right should be spent on our children.



We are combining the Summerfield Jolly Junglers club with the provision at Heelands to create Blue Sky Wraparound Care.

All Care Club children should be dropped off at Heelands in the morning and collected from Heelands in the evening. Georgia Culver-Spall from Summerfield will be leading this service ably assisted by existing staff from both Heelands and Summerfield.

Blue Sky Wraparound Care will deliver a varied and fresh perspective to before and after school activities alongside healthy balanced food. Parents will also be able to benefit from consistently longer hours with wraparound care being provided from 07:45 through to 18:00.

For our frequently asked questions about Blue Sky Wraparound Care or our new Minibus please do check the school websites which are currently being updated. Click [HERE](#).

The savings made from this combination of services will eliminate the cost to the schools; allowing the £32,000 per annum to be re invested in our children.

ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

Over the past year, its been wonderful to see so many families getting involved in school events like World Book Day, sports day, cake sales, dress-down days, and more.

Your support really does makes a difference! That said, when it comes to parents volunteering a little time to help around the school, we often find it hard to get enough hands on deck. In the morning and afternoon I often see groups of you chatting in the playground, so I'm reaching out with a heartfelt request: could you please consider coming together to offer just an hour or two in the Autumn term to support our schools? Heelands has a beautiful but overgrown forest space and Summerfield has a lovely nature garden. Our first Autumn project is to help restore these areas so the



children can enjoy them safely. If you could talk with your friends and consider lending a hand, it would mean so much to the children and the school community.

Thank you in advance for any time you can spare!

CAN YOU HELP FILL OUR SPACES?

With the hall out of action Heelands has not been able to maximise its out of hours lettings. Lettings are a valuable source of income for both schools and support extra curricular activities through the year. We are now looking for new lettings to start from September. If you are part of a club or organisation who pays to use a space; would you consider moving to our schools? If you are aware of anyone who organises meetings, clubs and events, would you ask them if they could use our space? If you can help please contact the office.

Large open space
Access to Kitchen Area
Tables and Chairs available
Competitive Rates



Sporting Groups
Youth Groups
Faith Groups
Dance Groups
Fitness Groups
Language Groups

HALL FOR HIRE

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AVAILABILITY
weekdays and evenings
and during school holidays

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BEAVERS CLUBS AND SCOUTS

The world of Scouting is coming to Blue Sky. From Monday 8th September, Bradwell Abbey Group are permanently moving to Summerfield School. Beavers (Year 1 to 3); Cubs (Year 3 to 5) meet on a Monday at 18:00 and 19:00 respectively and Scouts (Year 5 onwards) meet at 19:00 each Thursday. There are spaces across all year groups. Both my children go to Beavers and I truly recommend it to everyone; they have already learned and gained so many new experiences. Scouting offers new opportunities for girls and boys alike; each meeting is different and all the leaders get training on making sure every meeting is inclusive for everyone.

QR CODE

If you are interested please use the QR code to follow the trail or you can look [HERE](#).



COATS AND CLOTHES AND WELLIES AND SHOES

As a Dad of two boys, I know just how fast kids grow, and how quickly they outgrow their clothes. I also know how expensive clothes can be especially coats and shoes.

In order to help each other out and to ensure those gently used items are not wasted I would like to encourage you all to bring them to school so they can be passed onto another family.

I know it's really easy to plan to drop things off but not quite get round to it so we're going to have two dates each year; the same dates each year; where we can all focus on helping each other.

The same days - every year:

The second Monday in September [8th September]

The second Monday in April [13th April]

Of course, we're happy to receive outgrown clothes at any time, but as you get ready for the new school year or prepare for your child's next step, please think about setting aside any clothes you think may have some life left in them whether school clothes or not.

There is always a high need for

- Coats
- School trousers, shorts, or skirts
- Quality school shoes

Bringing these in will make a real difference to families who could really use them.

In advance of your support thank you for your kindness and generosity.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A GOVERNOR?

We are always on the lookout for Parents and from the wider community who would like to support their schools by being a Governor.

What we ask is you come to six Monday meetings a year to give your views and to support the Federation. I will make sure that at each meeting matters are clear and well explained so you truly do not need any prior experience; just a passion to help the children.

Whether as a Governor or in another capacity we urgently need a Parent with **Health and Safety** experience.

If you have any **Health and Safety** experience and can offer some of your time [whether as a Governor or not] please contact either myself or the office.

We need you!

We need YOU!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 1st September: *INSET Day School CLOSED to Pupils*
Tuesday 2nd September: *School OPEN start of Academic Year*
Friday 24th October: *END of Autumn Term (1)*
Monday 3rd November: *INSET Day School CLOSED to Pupils*
Tuesday 4th November: *START of Autumn Term (2)*
Friday 19th December: *END of Autumn Term (2)*

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th January: *START of Spring Term (1)*
Thursday 12th February: *END of Spring Term (1)*
Friday 13th February: *INSET Day School CLOSED to Pupils*
Monday 23rd February: *START of Spring Term (2)*
Friday 27th March: *END of Spring Term (2)*

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 13th April: *START of Summer Term (1)*
Friday 22nd May: *END of Summer Term (1)*
Monday 01st June: *START of Summer Term (2)*
Friday 12th June: *INSET Day School CLOSED to Pupils*
Friday 17th July: *END of Summer Term (2)*
Monday 20th July: *INSET Day School CLOSED to Pupils*

TIME FOR THE SUMMER - TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Every term the Governors ask about and monitor how well our children are progressing both within the year and year-on-year. We evaluate and ask about our children's achievements to make sure we continue to deliver for each of them. This year across both schools, and in every class our children have surpassed our expectations. Well done to everyone it's time to shout loudly about how well everyone has done.

The Summer means the inevitable time to say goodbye to all of our children moving to a new school. We are very proud of everyone who is saying a final farewell on Tuesday 22nd July.

Good luck!
We will miss you

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the wider school family for all your support over the last academic year. Thanks also to the Leadership team and staff at both schools for working so hard and supporting each other.

We hope you all have a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you in the new school year.

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