



Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 13th March** **Fun Friday**
Children are welcome to come to school in dress-down clothes
- 18th March** **ASH Class**
Parents/Carers are invited to come and share learning from 2:30pm
- 19th March** **MAPLES Trip**
- 19th March** **MAPLES Class**
Parents/Carers are invited to come and share learning from 2:30pm
- 20th March** **Fun Friday**
Children are welcome to come to school in dress-down clothes
- 20th March** **OAK Class Immersion Day**
Year 2 children are invited to come to school dressed as a passenger on board the Titanic
- 26th March** **OAK Class**
Parents/Carers are invited to come and share learning from 2:30pm
- 27th March** **Fun Friday**
Children are welcome to come to school in dress-down clothes
- 27th March** **END of Spring Term (2)**
School CLOSSES at 3:10pm
- 30th March—
10th April** **END of Spring Term BREAK**
- 13th April** **School OPENS at 08:45am**
Summer Term (1)

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day this week. It was fantastic to see so many excellent costumes across the school and, more importantly, to see the children enjoying books and celebrating reading together.

All of our Immersion Days have now taken place and the children have had some brilliant experiences launching their new topics. There has been lots of fun across the school, but also plenty of knowledge shared as pupils begin their new areas of learning. It has been great to see such enthusiasm in classrooms.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending out our Parent Survey. Please do take the time to complete this when it arrives. Even if you feel things are going well, your feedback is really important to us and helps us understand what is working well and where we can improve.

A reminder again about parking around the school. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates and the staff car park must not be used for drop-off or collection. These rules are in place to help keep everyone safe, particularly at our busiest times of the day.

Finally, attendance last week was low again across the school. In particular, Ash Class had attendance below 89%, which is alarming. We will be speaking directly with some parents to see how we can support families in improving attendance. We are currently a 'school of concern' for attendance, and Milton Keynes City Council are meeting with us every half term to review our progress and understand why improvement in attendance has been slow. Good attendance is vital for children's learning and progress, so we appreciate your support in ensuring children are in school every day wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Ian Fraser-Kirkup
Executive Headteacher



Celebration Assemblies...

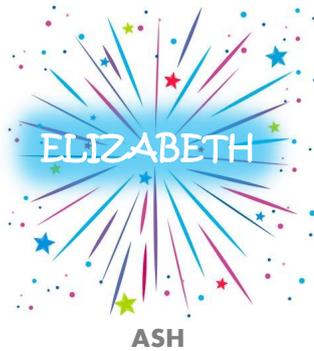
Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values: **RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE**

VALUES

27.02.26



06.03.26



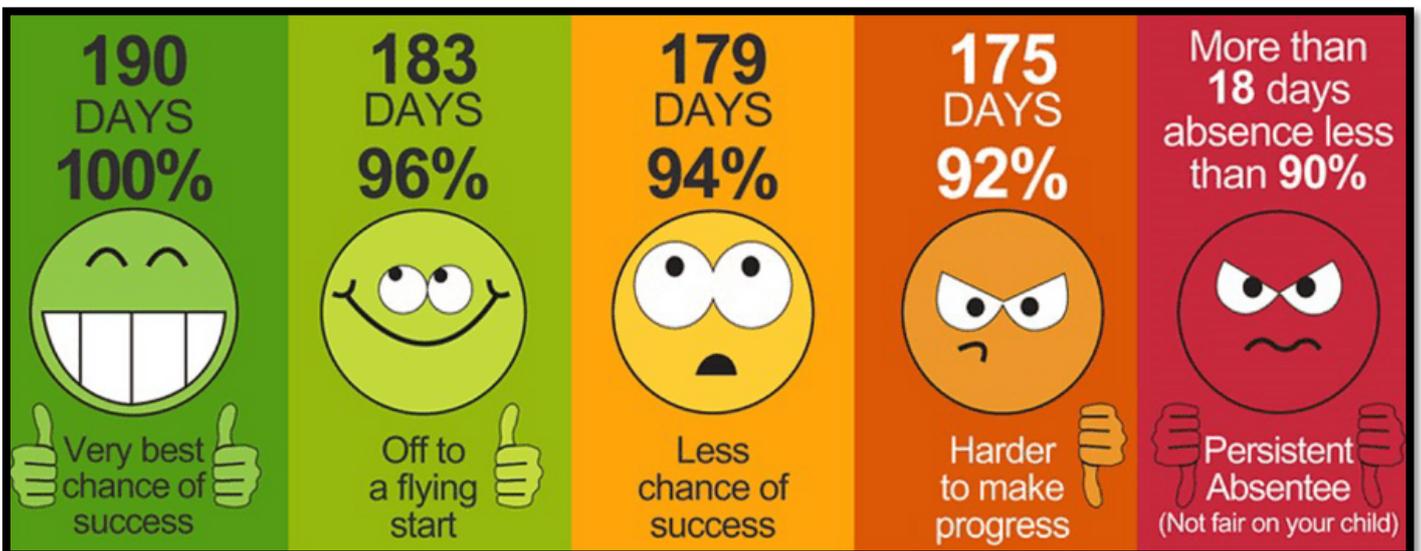
Attendance...

FRIDAY 6th MARCH—CURRENT ATTENDANCE

ASH CLASS - **94.6%**

MAPLE CLASS - **97.2%**

OAK CLASS - **93.0%**



SEND & Family Support Coffee Afternoon...

On Tuesday 24th February we hosted another coffee afternoon for parents, this time at Heelands School.

We were joined by Nicola from SENDIASS (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Independent Advice and Support Service) who shared information on how the service can support parents of children with additional needs.

Nicola's advice and support was really useful and it prompted interesting discussions as we sipped tea and some of us nibbled on biscuits.

We hope to invite different services to our coffee afternoons to spread awareness of the support that is available to families.

The next coffee afternoon will be near the end of March at Summerfield School. The date will be confirmed soon.



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SEND IAS



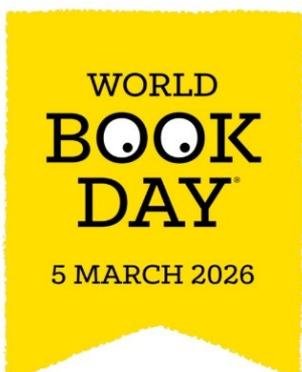
World Book Day...

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

What a wonderful day we all had celebrating our love of literature and our favourite books for World Book Day.

All the children looked spectacular in their character costumes and were all excited to share their favourite stories.

Thank you to all the staff who helped with all the different activities and for making it such a memorable day.



Don't Forget...

FUN FRIDAY



Dress-down Day!

FRIDAY 13th MARCH

Notices...

CHANGE TO PERSON COLLECTING YOUR CHILD

If you are unable to collect your child as normal from school and there is a change to the person collecting, please let us know in advance **so that we can release your child to this person. If we are not informed of any change, your child will not be released to them as per our safeguarding policies.**

You can call the office or email: office@heelands.org to give the **full name** of who will be collecting them. Please also provide a **password** that you will share with that person. This will allow us to check the password with the adult before your child is released.

Even if the designated person has collected before, we still need to be informed each time, and they will still need to provide a password, as different staff members may be dismissing the children at home time.

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please make sure that when you make GP Doctors and Dentist appointments that these are made **OUTSIDE** of school hours; either **BEFORE** 08:30am or **AFTER** 3:10pm or during school holidays.

It is **EXTRMELEY DISRUPTIVE** for children to have appointments during the school day. Not only do they miss essential learning, but it is disruptive to the other children in the class when a pupil has to leave.

We understand that hospital and emergency appointments have to be taken when given.

