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NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

ASH Class - Phonics Afternoon

Wednesday 23rd September

Parents are invited to come into school to learn about Phonics

School Census Day

Thursday 1st October

School funding budgets rely on children ordering school dinners. Have you ordered your child one for this date? It's free!

October Half-Term

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET Day

Monday 2nd November

School is CLOSED to pupils.

School OPEN

Tuesday 3rd November

School OPENS at 08:30am for the start of Autumn Term (2)

Allergy-Aware School



HEATEACHER NEWS...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Heelands School for the start of a new school year. The children have settled in incredibly well, and it has been lovely to see them getting to know their new classrooms, routines and teachers. Thank you to all our families for helping to make the start of term such a positive one.

We already have some exciting events on the horizon! Information will be coming home soon about our Harvest celebrations and our Halloween Disco, so please keep an eye out for further details.

As we move into autumn and the weather begins to change, please make sure that children bring a suitable coat to school every day. British weather does have a habit of changing its mind quickly!

We are also looking for nominations for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Board. A letter with further information has been sent out today. Please do consider putting yourself forward. Parent Governors play a really important voluntary role in the life and strategic direction of our school, bringing the valuable perspective of our families to the Governing Board.

A reminder, too, about Benedict's Law and the importance of keeping our school community safe. Please do not send birthday treats or other food into school to share with children. We also ask families to ensure that nuts are not included in packed lunches and to be particularly mindful of other allergens when preparing food for school. These measures help us protect children who may have serious food allergies.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope all our Heelands children and families have a lovely and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Ian Fraser-Kirkup

Executive Headteacher



ASH Class

Welcome to Ash Class!

The children have settled so well into school life! We have been exploring the environment, learning the rules and routines and most importantly making new friends!

We have been looking into our emotions and discussing how it makes us feel. We have read the Colour Monster and Ruby's Worry; you might like to read these at home. Next week we will continue to learn more about ourselves and our families and we will be exploring the book Ravi's Roar.

We have started to learn our phonics sounds and we have really enjoyed sharing our new knowledge. We all got to meet Fred the frog! He helps the children in phonics to say the sounds and words - the children particularly love him!

We will continue to practise these sounds and learn new ones so please keep exploring them at home.

(Miss Jones, Mrs Money and Miss Byrne)



OAK & MAPLE Class

Oak and Maple class have been enjoying getting to know each other and their new teachers. We have been really pleased at how well the children have settled into their new classrooms and how well they are sharing and using the resources during free learning.

Our topic this term is Dear Zoo and we have enjoyed reading the story and thinking of other animals and why they may not make a good pet.

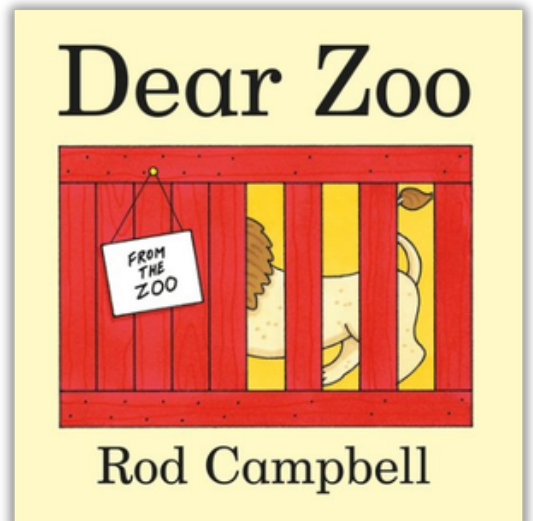
In Art we are being inspired by "Tiger" by Henry Rousseau and aim to make our collages of animals on the next few weeks.

In P.E. we have been learning how to move like gymnasts as well as learning how to move like different animals in our outdoor P.E. games.

We have been learning all of this whilst also being good role models to the new members of Heelands School. All of us now have different monitor roles in class and are learning our school value of responsibility.

We are so proud of you Maple and Oak class.

(Miss Burt, Miss Flynn, Mrs Mills and Miss Withington)



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:

RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE

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ASH Class

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OAK Class

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ASH Class – Phonics Afternoon

The children are settling in really well and have started their daily phonics lessons already.

Thank you for supporting their learning by completing the phonics packs we have sent home, please return these daily so we can add the new Sound of the Day.

On **Wednesday 23rd September** we are holding a Phonics Afternoon at **2.30pm**.

This is an opportunity for you all to watch your child take part in a phonics lesson and find ways to support your child to learn to read and write.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of EYFS team.

School CENSUS Day – Thursday 1st October



Why Census Day is Crucial for Your School

The primary reason Census Day is so important is funding. The UK government uses the data collected on this specific day to calculate how much financial budget your school will receive for the upcoming academic year.

- The School Dinner Factor: A major portion of a school's funding is directly tied to the number of children who eat a school meal on this specific day.
- Universal Free School Meals: If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, they are automatically entitled to free school meals. Schools highly encourage these year groups to take a hot school dinner on 1 October, as high turnout directly maximizes the school's budget.
- Extra Educational Funding: The census determines essential allocations for:
 - Pupil Premium (extra funding to support disadvantaged pupils)
 - SEND Support (resources for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
 - PE and Sports Premium (funding for physical education and equipment)

What You Need to Do as a Parent

- Encourage a School Meal: If possible, check your school's special "Census Day Menu." Many schools run fun, tailored menus (like burgers, pizza, or themed lunches) on Thursday 1 October to encourage kids to try a hot meal.
- Update Your Records: Ensure the school has your most up-to-date information regarding Free School Meal eligibility, address changes, or if you are a military/service family.

Allergy-Aware School

Following the introduction of **Benedict's Law** and new statutory guidance on allergy safety in schools, all schools are required to strengthen their arrangements for managing allergies and reducing the risk of allergic reactions.

As part of this, we are reinforcing our approach as an allergy-aware school. Please do not send cakes, sweets, chocolates or any other food items into school for birthdays or celebrations. Even small amounts of an allergen can present a serious risk to some children.

We still want birthdays to feel special! If you wish, instead of bringing food, your child could donate a book to their class for an adult to share with everyone.

Please also continue to take particular care with nuts and products containing nuts when preparing packed lunches and snacks.

Any food, drink or ingredients used in school will be fully risk assessed against information we have on your child and their medical needs so please make sure all information is up to date.

You can speak to the office staff for clarity or to update the information we hold on your child.

Thank you for helping us keep every child safe and included.



SUPPORT, INSPIRE, CHANGE, ***MAKE A DIFFERENCE!*** **BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR**

We currently have a vacancy for an elected parent governor on our governing board.

Want to help shape the future of Heelands School?

Want to contribute to your local community?

Want to make a difference to children's lives?

Only a couple of hours per month

If you are interested, please email: recruitment@summerfieldschool.org by Friday 25th September 2026.

