



# THE BLUE SKY FEDERATION

## School News



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy some special time with family and friends. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week, refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

As the weather improves, we are really looking forward to making the most of our outdoor spaces. Some learning will take place outside, and all PE lessons will be held outdoors this term. We know how beneficial fresh air and active learning are for the children, and we are excited to see this develop over the coming weeks.

Across both schools, teachers have also been busy refreshing and redesigning their classroom reading areas to help promote a real *love of reading*. These inviting spaces are already proving popular with the children. If you have any good quality, age-appropriate books at home that you would be willing to donate, we would absolutely love to give them a new home in our classrooms.

This term is a particularly special one for some of our pupils. Our Year 2 children at Heelands and our Year 6 children at Summerfield are now in their final term with us. We are committed to making their last weeks memorable, celebrating their achievements, and ensuring smooth and supportive transitions to their next schools.

Finally, we wanted to share that we currently have lower than usual pupil numbers for September, which brings challenges in terms of school budgets. If you are happy with the experience your child is having, we would be incredibly grateful if you could recommend our schools to friends or family. Please encourage them to get in touch with us - we would love to welcome them into our community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

*Ian Fraser-Kirkup*

**Executive Headteacher**

### Heelands Book Fair

**1st MAY—7th MAY**

**From 3:10pm**

**HELD AT:** Heelands School

Please do join us for this amazing Book Fair. Come find some fantastic books at low prices whilst also helping us get free books for our school.

### Paying for Trips

Did you know that if we don't receive enough voluntary contributions for school trips we either have to make up the shortfall from the school budget or make a tough decision to cancel a trip which is unfair on the children? Please do help us by making full payment where you can or at least a part payment contribution to help us cover the costs and provide exciting opportunities and learning experiences for your children. Thank you for your understanding.

#### TERM DATES

#### OPEN

#### CLOSE

#### SUMMER TERM (1)

Monday 13th April

Friday 22nd May

*May Half-Term Break (Monday 25th May — Friday 29th May)*

#### SUMMER TERM (2)

Monday 01st June

Friday 17th July

\* Friday 12th June and Monday 20th July are INSET days. School is closed to Pupils