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## Newsletter – Monday 13th March 2017

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

This newsletter is a little belated - here's hoping you found something equally exciting to read over the weekend in its absence! 😊

You'll be aware that we've had poorly people throughout the school for the last couple of weeks - children and adults. If you've had a poorly child at home, thank you for making sure they were completely well before they returned to school.

Meanwhile, we've been very lucky to have some great teachers and support staff working with our classes in the absence of their usual grownups. Everyone's fingers are tightly crossed that everyone is better this week!

In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments, thoughts or concerns, just let us know - we're always glad to hear from you.

Best wishes - Ms Harrison and the team at Heather Primary School

### Sing into Spring!



Last Thursday our Singing Club performed for a delighted audience at Ibstock Community College as part of their 'Sing Into Spring' event. The feedback for this, from adults who organised and attended the performance, has been absolutely glowing. Here's just one review from a Heather parent:

**I just wanted to say how well the Singing Club did at the Sing into Spring event. As the youngest participants there, they sang brilliantly and were not fazed by being on stage in front of a large audience. On the basis of the applause at the end of each of the songs, it would appear the audience warmed to them too. Well done to Miss Turner for getting them to such a good standard.**

Thank you to everyone who attended and to Mrs Turner and Miss Ralston for taking the children for the afternoon rehearsal and the evening event. Most of all, thank you - as ever - to our fantastic children for doing their best and being wonderful! 😊



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## The Happy Lunchtime Award - work starts tomorrow! ☺

Tomorrow, Steve Harris will be joining with us for the whole school day to work with the children and the midday supervisors on the 'Happy Lunchtime Award'. The children have been telling us today about the things they'd like to be even better - we'll share more with you when we know more! We're all really looking forward to the day.



## Staffing news

Just before half term, sadly, Miss Birchley let us know that she needed to leave her job for personal, family reasons. Unfortunately, she's now been poorly for the last fortnight and was away for her last day of work on Friday. We're really hoping that we'll be seeing her in school on a visit soon so we can pass on our cards, good wishes and thanks for all of her hard work while she's been with us.

## More staffing news

We advertised Miss Birchley's job straight away and we were able to recruit very quickly. In two weeks, someone will be joining our team who will feel rather familiar to some of you - Mrs Hedges will be returning to Heather! We're looking forward to seeing her and working with her again.

## Once a week, take a peek

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Every now and again, families let us know that their child has unwelcome visitors. We always send out a headlice text alert to let the families with children in that class know, but regular checks at home really help to stop the problem in its tracks. This website is really helpful - worth a read.

## LET'S FIGHT HEAD LICE TOGETHER

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys among primary school children have found that nearly 1 in 10 have head lice at any one time. If you're a parent you probably know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

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