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"A good school at the heart of the community"

Newsletter - Friday 24th March 2017

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

What a happy lunchtime we had last week! A fantastic day all round, with our super midday supervisors working together as a team with Steve Harris to plan for even better lunchtimes at Heather. Then the children had the Best Lunchtime Ever, with chalk, music and smiles all over the playground - a super day.



You may have heard tales of pompoms since then - the midday supervisors are giving pompoms to children making great lunchtime choices and at this afternoon's Celebration Assembly we'll see which house got the most pompoms - and the 25 housepoint reward to go with it!

Next week, the midday supervisors will be introducing The Zone on the playground - a place to join in with a new activity each day - we're all looking forward to seeing what happens each day!

While we're on the subject of lunchtimes, we have been talking with the children about how important it is for them to eat their food each day - sandwiches as well as school dinners. We will always let you know if there's a problem and if your child might be hungry by bedtime because of this - I've reminded the children about this.

We've also reminded the children - in Key Stage 2, particularly - that they're responsible for knowing where their coats are throughout the day. On these sunny/windy/warm/cold days, they're also responsible for deciding whether they need to wear them at lunchtime play AND for remembering to collect their own coat at the end of lunchtime if they decide to take it off and hang it on the fence half way through the break!

As ever, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, just get in touch - we're always glad to hear from you.

Best wishes -

Ms Harrison and the Heather Primary School team.



Letting us know what you think

As you know, we send out parent questionnaires at least once a year and are always keen to know what you think all the time! After Ofsted visited, several parents asked if we'd had a chance to see the comments they'd written to say how pleased they were with their experience of being part of our school. Unfortunately, we couldn't see the comments (because of Data Protection rules relating to Ofsted's collection of that information), so we missed those kind thoughts, which would have been lovely to read.

However, we don't just want to hear the good things - we need to hear about any concerns too, so we can address them straight away. Please do let us know if there's something on your mind. A reminder that our Complaints Policy is on the school website if you would like to read it, but also that the first part of the process is about talking about any concerns straight away (sorry to go on about this!). If you can't access the website or would prefer a paper copy, just let the school office know.

Heather's Code of Conduct

A reminder that our Code of Conduct is also on the website, as well as in every child's home-school diary.

School website and Twitter

New content on the school website (with some Twitter tweets to find too, if you follow us!) includes:

- Pioneers orienteering
- Photos of the Happy Lunchtimes Aware day
- Camouflaged Lizards made by the Adventurers - see if you can spot them!

Heather Primary School Code of Conduct

Everyone involved in our school system – pupils, parents or guardians, volunteers, teachers, other staff members and governors – is included in this code of conduct, whether they are on school property, off-site or at school-authorised events or activities.

All members of the school community are to be treated with respect and dignity.

Insults, disrespect and other hurtful acts disrupt the learning, teaching and ethos of our school community. **All members of the school community share responsibility for maintaining an environment where conflict and difference can be addressed in a civil and respectful way.**

Members of the school community are expected to use non-violent means to resolve conflict. Aggressive behaviour of any kind – physical or verbal – is irresponsible and unacceptable as a way of interacting with others.

Where behaviour and actions are unacceptable within this context, clear support and guidelines from the governing body and the Local Authority will be used with recourse to legal and police advice, as appropriate. It is a responsibility that we welcome as a school to support our children, families and staff in this way.

