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Newsletter - Friday 5th May 2017

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

Happy National Smile Month! We've just put some Tooth-Brushing resources on our school website (under 'Useful Links'), which you might find helpful. The key advice for our children is to:

- **Brush your teeth last thing at night and on at least one other occasion with a fluoride toothpaste**
- **Cut down on how often you have sugary foods and drinks**
- **Visit your dentist regularly, as often as they recommend**

Meanwhile, there is some staffing and governor news to share with you.

Mrs Mattley and **Mrs Graham** have each let us know now that they will be retiring from teaching at the end of this summer term. We'll be sharing plans for celebrations of their time with us as the term progresses, but I wanted to let you know as soon as the news was confirmed.

Our **governing body** meeting last night saw Mrs Laura Mackie making a very welcome parent governor addition to the team. We're very lucky with our governing body and grateful to them for all of their hard work in support of the school.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please get in touch and let us know. We're always glad of the chance to work with you to support our children together.

Best wishes,

Ms Harrison and the team at Heather Primary School

Make brushing your teeth fun!

For a FREE, NHS approved, award-winning Brush DJ app go to www.brushdj.com

Or scan in the QR code below

Brush DJ:

- Plays 2 minutes of music to encourage brushing for an effective length of time
- Allows users to set reminders to brush twice a day.
- Reminds you when next to see your dentist or hygienist.



To Find Your Local NHS Dentist:

Visit NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk/dentists

Or call your local Healthwatch on **0116 2574 999**

If you do not have a dentist & require urgent dental care please



NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.



Parking



A quick thank you to all of our parents and family members who park with care and consideration - for the safety and wellbeing of our children, particularly, but also for our good relationship with our school neighbours.

In the next few weeks, some of our children will be doing a parking survey at the start and end of the school day, so don't be alarmed if you see clipboards and very focused children making notes in the front playground at the end of the day! 😊

The website calendar and holiday dates next school year

Phew! We've finally been able to persuade our website calendar to open on the current month instead of May 2016! We can all breathe a bit easier when we go online to check the term dates now 😊



When you next go online to check the website calendar, you'll see that the last three 'teacher days' have now been added to the key dates, following discussion and approval at the governors' meeting last night. Teacher days are fixed for professional learning in school – the Local Authority sets two of them and asks schools to select three more; on these days, staff come into school but the children don't.

The new term time dates on our calendar are:

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| School opens | Thursday 24 th August 2017 |
| August Bank Holiday | Monday 28 th August 2017 |
| Half Term | Friday 13 th October to Friday 20 th October 2017 |
| School closes | Wednesday 20 th December 2017 |
| School opens | Tuesday 9 th January 2018 |
| Half Term | Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2018 |
| School Closes | Friday 23 rd March 2018 |
| School opens | Monday 9 th April 2018 |
| May Day | Monday 7 th May 2018 |
| Half Term | Friday 25 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018 |
| School Closes | Friday 13 th July 2018 |

Painting Party

We are trying to spruce up the outdoor area and want to paint the fence on the playground on Saturday 13th May. If you can help, school will be open from 9.00am to 3.00pm and don't forget to bring your own paint brush! If painting isn't your thing, we're sure Mrs Michalowski could find you some gardening jobs to do! If you are able to help, please let us know at the office.

Hope to see you there.

The PTA



Hopes for the Future – can you help? 😊

We'd like to give our children the chance to hear about the different jobs that people do and the career paths they've followed to get there.

If you'd be happy to visit a class (or even talk in an assembly!) about your work, your studies, your cv.... anything that will give some of our children the opportunity to nurture some aspirations about what they might do in the future, you'd be

very, very welcome! Please let your child's class teacher know, or chat with Mrs Dennis or Ms Harrison about the chance to work with us – we'd love to see you!