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"A good school at the heart of the community"

3rd March 2016



Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

Last week saw our **'Aspirations Day'**, which was an absolute pleasure. It was fantastic to see children sharing their plans for the future in such amazing outfits and a joy to spend time talking about this in our Celebration Assembly. Photos from that assembly are in this newsletter, but there are quite a few on the **school website**. Those children for whom we don't have signed **photo permission forms** aren't included in the pictures, rest assured. If this has reminded you that you still need to return the form (or need another copy!), please just have a chat at the School Office.



Today, everyone is dressed as **World Book Day characters** – some lovely outfits again ☺ Thank you to everyone who sent chocolate in as contributions to the **PTA 'Chocolate Bingo'**. Leaflets sharing more information about this have been sent home already – again, ask at the School Office if your copy has gone astray.



Brilliant to see so many parents in the habit of reading the **school newsletter on the website** now - we try to put all sorts of interesting things on there, but do please let us know about any super ideas to build on that. Don't forget that you can register on the school website to be notified when there are any additions or changes – so far 37 families have registered for information.

All best wishes,

Ms Harrison and the staff of Heather Primary School

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Calendar dates

School closes	Thursday 24 th March 2016
School opens	Monday 11 th April 2016
May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Half Term	30 th May – 3 rd June 2016
Sports Day (1 st Choice)	10 th June 2016
Sports Day (2 nd Choice)	17 th June 2016
Reports Out	1 st July 2016
Parents open evening to discuss reports	6 th July 2016
School Closes	Friday 15 th July 2016

Academic Year 2016/17

School re-opens	Tuesday 30 th August 2016
October Half term	14 – 21 st October 2016
School closes for Christmas	Friday evening 16 th December 2016
School re-opens	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Half term break	13-17 February 2017
School closes for Easter	Friday 7 th April 2017
School re-opens	Monday 24 th April 2017
May Day	1 st May 2017
Half term	29 th May to 2 nd June 2017
School closes	Friday 14 th July 2017

Cyberbullying: *How to stop it*

Beatbullying's CyberMentors offers valuable advice for children and young people who are victims of cyberbullying. Help children to understand that they should:

- ✓ never respond or retaliate, as this can just make things worse
- ✓ block any users that send you unpleasant messages
- ✓ save and print any abusive messages, posts, pictures or videos they receive or see
- ✓ make a note of the dates and times of bullying messages, along with any details about the sender's identity and the URL
- ✓ never pass on cyberbullying videos or messages – as they then become bullies themselves
- ✓ consider changing their user identity, nickname or profile if they are being bullied repeatedly
- ✓ seek help and report the problem.