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*"A good school at the heart of the community"*

Thursday 10th December 2015

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

Thank you so much to everyone who's joined us for our Christmas performances over the last week – I know that everyone who's been in one of the audiences will agree that they've been amazing. Well done, everyone involved, and thank you for all of your very hard work! ☺

It's a full newsletter today, so I'll sign off this section now, adding that – as always – if you have any queries, comments or concerns, just get in touch. We're always glad of the chance to work with you.

All best nearly-Christmas wishes,

Ms Harrison and the staff of Heather Primary School

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**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

This is on the school website and summarises the way that practice in school follows national requirements and legislation. For example, like all schools, we are legally obliged to “**un**-authorise” holidays except in the most exceptional circumstances, and this has been the case for some time. The policy also explains how our EWO (Education Welfare Office) works, how fines are applied and how absences are followed up.

**ASTHMA POLICY**

Governors approved our Asthma Policy last week, so letters will be coming home in the next few days to families with children who have an inhaler in school. Please watch out for them! ☺

**8.45am start – and not before!**

A polite (but firm!) reminder that the school gates open at 8.45am and that **children should not come onto the school grounds until then UNLESS** they are coming to Breakfast Club. They are still your responsibility until then and are not covered by the school's insurance in case of an accident. Thank you.

**Christmas Carol Service**

It's the Christmas Carol Service next Wednesday afternoon – 1.30pm at the Church. Pioneers class are leading the service. See you then, we hope!

**Celebration Assembly**

This week, Sports assembly. Next week, a general celebration!

**Term dates**

Don't forget that **Friday 18th December** is the end of the Autumn term. The children are back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016!



## **MINECRAFT**

We've added some advice for safe online gaming to the school website – the link is in the message that opens on the front page. Hope it's helpful!

## **PERMISSION SLIPS**

Thank you so much to everyone who has returned the photo permissions, acceptable use and home-school agreement forms. We are still pursuing forms for the last few children, who need them to be completed to be able to participate fully in school life!



## **PARKING**

Please continue to park with the greatest care... it's so important for our children's safety!

The School Council Vision Committee (!) worked this morning to write this statement about our school. All their own words, and I'm sure you'll be as delighted as I was to read them:

Our school is a happy school where everybody has a smile on their face. It's like a family where everyone looks after each other. We play with each other and we all follow the school rules. We all have friends and play good games together, we're kind to each other and we think about other people. It's all about caring for one another and not leaving people out.

We always have amazing lessons. The teachers are very kind and caring and give the children lots of things to play on. It's nice and colourful in the classrooms and we really like the garden room.

The behaviour system is a fair one and it works well. The school is very supportive of children that are struggling with learning or behaving and it makes a huge difference for them. We do things to keep people safe. We respect each other and treat each other how we want to be treated. If there's a problem then we tell the teachers and they sort it out. It's a very safe site.

The headteacher is nice and the people in the office do lots of good things for us. The children are very thankful for all of the work that the PTA and the governors do. This school makes you feel like you're at home. Everything is amazing.

*Written by Brandon, Millie, Freddie, Ava, Poppy, Christopher, Keaton and Sammy.*

