

Calendar Dates

Kingswood Residential	23 rd – 25 th September 2015
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon	Monday 28 th September
PGL Boreatton Park Residential	30 th Sept -2 nd October 2015
Individual Photographs	13 th October 2015
Harvest Festival & Open Evening	14 th October 2015
Parents Evenings	27 th & 28 th October 2015
Half Term Break	16 th October – 23 rd October 2015
Pantomime Trip	17 th December 2015
Christmas Carol Service	16 th December 2015
School Closes	Friday 18 th December 2015
School re-opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2016
Open Evening	3 rd February 2016
Parents Evenings	8 th & 10 th February 2016
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February 2016
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
Sports Day (1 st Choice)	10 th June
Sports Day (2 nd Choice)	17 th June
Reports Out	1 st July
Parents open evening to discuss reports	6 th July 2016
School Closes	Friday 15 th July 2016
School re-opens	Tuesday 30 th August 2016

If you are considering booking a holiday and would like to know when future terms dates are, please enquire at the school office.

Heather Primary School

Did you know...

- That you can register on the school website to hear when we update anything on there?
- That the website now contains learning overviews for the year?
- That we are still collecting small change in each of the classes – 1ps, 2ps and 5ps welcome! – to contribute to charities that the children choose themselves?
- That we have a 'British Values' theme in our assemblies this half term? – we're thinking about RESPECT and CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE!



Newsletter: 17.9.15

Check out the website for lots of new content... 20 parents are now registered on there for updates and don't have to keep remembering to check!

Dear parents, families and friends,

If you were in last week's Celebration Assembly, you'll know that we're going to be sending home some EXCITING HOMEWORK soon for the children to do with their families. We're asking you to work together to design posters about 'SAFE PARKING' – there has even been talk of laminating them and hanging them along the fence outside school to share your ideas for how to be safe with the world!

You'll understand the reasoning behind this, of course, and thank you for the very positive feedback we've had after last week's letter.

As ever, if you have any comments, queries or concerns, just come in to see us (and please park safely when you do!) ☺

All best wishes –

Ms Harrison and the staff of Heather Primary School

**Save money on your energy bills with NWLDC
Collective switching scheme - information for
parents**

We've put some information on the school website about a scheme that helps families to save money on energy bills.

We're not on commission and have absolutely no vested interest in this, but are happy to pass this information on for you to consider yourselves – hope it helps!

It's in the 'Policies/Information section' (listed down the left of each page of the site).

Reading has magical properties – official!

Recent news reports have shared the following information about reading:

Reading for pleasure 'boosts social relations' -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-33733356> - this report says that those who read regularly for pleasure:

- were less likely to have feelings of stress and depression
- had more self-esteem
- were more able to deal with difficult situations
- had better sleeping patterns

Children who enjoy reading have higher attainment in reading –

<http://www.learningspy.co.uk/reading/reading-for-pleasure/>

Reading to children makes a big difference to children's vocabulary – it's as important as talking to them!

<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/news/read-dont-just-talk-to-your-kids.html>

SMILE!

While we're talking about research and news reports, the BBC link here - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-31960772> - shares the information that **"Nearly half of eight-year-olds and a third of five-year-olds have signs of decay in their milk teeth, a national dental health survey has found."** It goes on: Dr Sandra White, director of dental public health at Public Health England, said it was good news that tooth decay levels were falling and more children were brushing their teeth twice a day, but there was no room for complacency. "Tooth decay is a serious, preventable disease and this survey echoes the need to urgently reduce the amount of sugary snacks and drinks in our children's diets." "Fluoride is indisputable in preventing tooth decay and by brushing teeth using fluoride toothpaste and also introducing water fluoridation where needed, we can significantly improve our children's dental health."