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"A good school at the heart of the community"

Newsletter – Thursday 30th June 2016

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,



What a busy week it's been! Lots to share, so let's start straight away with some pictures from the **Gymnastics Club** display, put on for the parents of our gymnasts last week. All of the teachers went through to watch the main part of the display and were so impressed! I know the parents and family members who came to watch really enjoyed it.



Well done, Heather Gymnasts!

Last night, our **Singing Club** went to the Unity Celebration evening and performed 'True Colours' to a packed audience of very appreciative parents and children from the 20 schools in the small school 'Unity Learning Partnership'. The Singing Club children were fantastic – brilliant behaviour, sensational singing and very proud adults all round.



Lots to celebrate at this time of the year – we do put lots of information onto the website and sometimes onto Twitter, so do keep checking ☺

As always, if you have any questions, comments, thoughts or concerns, please do let us know. We're always glad to hear from you.

Ms Harrison and the staff of Heather Primary School.

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Summer Fair

Don't forget the PTA Summer Fair on Saturday – 2pm till 4pm at school. We look forward to seeing you there!

End of Year Reports

End of Year reports come home tomorrow at the end of the day – lots of important information in there as well as the reports. This will include the annual letter from the governors and their parents' questionnaire – a really valuable opportunity to let us know more about what you're thinking 😊

Heather's new '3 Rs'!

Next school year we're going to be working really hard on:

- **Writing**
- **Reasoning (in maths) and**
- **Resilience!**

You'll hear lots more about all of these whole school priorities after the summer term.

Whole school vision

A reminder that our whole school vision was in last week's newsletter and is on the school website – it's a collection of everyone's thoughts, all of which fitted together perfectly. We all know the direction we want to travel in together and the things we want to keep in school that are valued by all of us 😊

Stranger Danger

This week all schools have been asked by the police to revisit 'Stranger Danger' with all of our children after some concerns about the end of the school day at another school. We've added some useful links about this to the 'Useful Links' section on our website. This leads us on to...

Online safety course for parents and families

Over the next few days, keep a lookout in book bags for details of a FREE online safety course we've arranged for our families – we can't overstate the importance of supporting your children in this way and hope you will find this really valuable. Which leads us on to...

YouTube

PLEASE be aware of how very easy it is for our children to access content online at home that is totally inappropriate for them - links which are at the side of videos you're perfectly *happy* for them to watch on YouTube may then take them quickly on to somewhere totally inappropriate. This is even easier if your children are using tablets or mobile phones without parental controls set on them. I've been very concerned by some of the conversations I've been having with children over the last couple of weeks.

PE Kit

We've noticed how many children are coming in to school at the moment without the right kit for PE – please check their kit bag with them to make sure they still have the right things to take part in PE lessons, including the right footwear. Thank you.

Tired little people!

We've got a lot of children who are sometimes almost too tired to enjoy themselves, to learn or to make the right choices at playtimes. The summer term is an even more important time for bedtimes that are early enough for children (and adults!) of all ages to get enough sleep.

Tuesday 5th July

We sent out a text yesterday to let parents and families know that the whole school will be **open as usual** next week, including **Tuesday** – a day of industrial action for some schools.