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Newsletter - Friday 30th September 2016

Dear parents, carers, families and friends,

This week we're looking forward to the return of our **PGL** group, who've been off on their adventures under the watchful eye of Mrs Michalowski this week. The messages we've been getting while they're away have all been exciting - they've clearly had a brilliant time (and will sleep well this weekend!) ☺

Today the children have been 'dressing down' to raise money for **Macmillan** - so far, donations have taken the fund-raising total to £89, but the cake sale is still to come later today! We'll give you an updated total next week and you're welcome to add to the donations over the next week ☺

Next week we hold our **Harvest Festival** in Heather Church on Wednesday afternoon. We're looking forward to your company that day - please do send donations for the foodbank if you can.

Our **Open Evening** is also on Wednesday, making it easier for you to stay and spend time with your child looking at their work and their classroom. Parents Evening meetings are the following week - please look out for letters coming home about this on Monday.

We've just begun work to renew our **Beyond Bullying Award** next year. The LA have 'marked' our anti-bullying policy, and we got 30.5 out of 31 for it! Lots of children were keen to join a Beyond Bullying Committee to look at our policy and the information we give to children, and they'll be starting work on this next week. You'll find the policy and other information about the award on this page of the website: <http://heatherprimaryschool.co.uk/beyond-bullying-award> and you could send feedback about the policy via the form at the bottom of this page: <http://heatherprimaryschool.co.uk/beyond-bullying-award> if you'd like to be involved in the review.

In the meantime, as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please talk to us straight away - if we know about it, we can do something!

All best wishes - Ms Harrison and the team at Heather Primary School



A note about red slips

A reminder that red slips come home to let you know that your child has been to the office for some form of First Aid. If they've had a bump to the head, we also text to be sure that you know. Most red slips are about tiny mishaps!

Immunisation

Seasonal Flu immunisation day will be on Wednesday 9th November and available to all children in Years 1 to 6. Those children in our Explorers class will be offered this opportunity through their GP.

Consent forms will be coming home with your child on Monday, these are really important and should be returned to the school by Friday 7th October.

Parking

Thank you to a few parents who got back to us about the possibility of using the Village Hall for parking at the start and end of the day. The number of parents who responded was very low and we're aware that families are making other arrangements now that are working well for them. We've sent a warm thank you to the Parish Council for considering this.

'Protective Behaviours'

Earlier this term, the school staff had training about 'Protective Behaviours' - ways to support children in learning to talk and thinking about staying safe in all situations. We thought we'd share some advice for parents about this on a not unfamiliar message - talking about strangers.

Teach your child some simple rules:

- Not to get in a car with anyone (**NOT just someone they don't know**) unless their parent/guardian knows who/where/when etc. and has given permission.
- Not to leave school with someone other than who they were expecting, unless their parent/guardian knows who/where when etc. and has given permission and they have checked with a school staff member.
- Not to walk off with anyone (**NOT just someone they don't know**) unless their parent/guardian knows who/where/when etc. and has given permission.
- If someone tries to grab them, it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others - e.g. Scream, kick, punch, bite... etc. Whatever they need to do to draw attention to themselves and to alert others to the fact they are in danger.