

Heworth CE Primary - June 2017 Newsletter



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"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

Science Week

A big thank you to Mrs Acaster and staff for planning an amazing Science week. The children learnt a huge amount about how to design, set-up and plan fair experiments. Some of the highlights of the week included making balloons wiz across the classroom, timing the length of time it took for a candle to go out inside a variety of jars and making their own hot air balloons.

Healthy Snacks

A polite reminder that play time snacks should be healthy and be a piece of fruit or veg (and on a Friday too!).

Student Council & Attendance

The student council are continuing to promote good attendance. A big well done to all the children who received a certificate last week from the student council for 100% attendance over the last half term.

As a school, we are obliged by the government to inform parents & carers if their child's attendance has dropped below 90% and we have been writing to parents and carers this week were this is the case. Obviously, there can be many factors that result poor attendance and it hasn't helped this year that we seem to have had one bug after another at Heworth. However, we do know that poor attendance does affect children's progress. On a recent data course, I heard an amazing fact that children with very similar starting points in their education (eg gender, month of birth, type of school, area of the country) are likely to achieve one grade lower in their Maths GCSE if their attendance at **primary school** (not secondary school) is less than 90% compared with children with attendance of over 95%. Only when attendance at secondary school was exemplary were some children able to get that higher grade back.

A reminder that we do ask that when possible (we appreciate that it isn't always), that holidays are taken out of term time and that medical appointments (again not always possible) are taken out of school hours.



Website Pupil Zone

Thank you for all the positive comments that we have received about our new website. We have recently updated the 'Pupil Zone' (quick link on the top right corner of the homepage) with lots of websites for supporting children with their learning in different subjects across the curriculum. To have a look either search for 'Heworth Primary School' or go to the address: www.heworth.york.sch.uk.

RE day

As I write this, we are in the middle of an RE day when the whole school is learning more about the religion of Islam. We have had a guest, Imran Kotwal, a Manchester Utd fan from Bolton, who had been helping us. He is already very impressed with our children's knowledge. Imran travels from Bolton to the length and breadth of the country working in schools to help improve pupils understanding of what Muslims believe, spreading a positive message and in these difficult times helping to build bridges with the Muslim community.

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Pathfinder MAT news

It is hard to believe that we have nearly completed our first year as part of the Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust. We continue to work closely with our original partners (AHS, Badger Hill & Hempland) sharing good practice and expertise. Over the last term it has been great to welcome St Lawrence's, Tanghall and Clifton with Rawcliffe into our MAT. We are already seeing the benefits of working with these new schools.



Friends of Heworth

Can I use this opportunity to say how blessed we are to have such amazing group of parents & carers who give their time to support the school and raise vitally needed (more so in recent times) funds for the school and to ensure that all children are able to access the full curriculum. Friends meetings are always welcome to anyone to attend. If you would like to volunteer do come along to the next one! (see Caroline Barratt for information: carolinejalexander@gmail.com)

Dates for your diary:

Cake Bake Class 1 Thursday 29th June

Family BBQ/Bingo & Disco at Heworth Cricket Club **Friday 23rd June 6pm 10pm** - more details to follow very shortly!

Summer Fair Saturday 8th July (starting at 10am) Theme: The Wild West - volunteers and stalls all welcomed: contact Caroline Barratt on carolinejalexander@gmail.com or catch Caroline or Dominique Cooper in the playground with any offers of support and ideas please

The Dads of Heworth School are running the Yorkshire Marathon as a team on Saturday 8th October to raise funds for the Friends - they're looking for 2 more Dads to join their relay team, each to run 3 miles. Contact Caroline on the email above if you'd like to join the team and she will put you in contact with the DOHS.

Next meeting of the Friends is Tuesday 20th June 7.30pm - as always all are welcome. Please email carolinejalexander@gmail.com for confirmation of venue.

Diary Dates	EVENT
16 th June	Sports Day KS2 – 9:30 start KS1 & EY – 1:15pm start
8 th July	Summer Fair
13 th July	Final swimming for Y2
Week of 26th June	Last week of clubs for this term
13 th July	1:30pm Y6 play at Heworth Methodist 6:00pm Y6 play at Heworth Methodist
21 st July	9:30 Y6 Leavers' Celebration at Holy Trinity (all welcome)
21 st July	Break-up for Summer holiday