



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and enjoyed special time with your children. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the children in their Christmas performances, I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Thank you to all of you who were able to come and support your children, it was brilliant to see so many of you in school.

We have had a great start to 2023, the children are all pleased to be back with their friends and are thoroughly engaged in their learning. We have a busy term planned with lots of exciting opportunities for the children. Our dodgeball team kicked 2023 off by qualifying for the finals and our choir are heading to Birmingham to show off their singing talents as part of Young Voices. I wish all the children involved the very best of luck!

NSPCC Number Day



We are thrilled to be taking part in the NSPCC's maths-tastic fund raising number day on Friday 3rd February. This will be a fun filled day full of maths activities and the children are welcome to come to school dressed as a number or with a number displayed on their clothing. I look forward to seeing our school full of numbers and buzzing with maths.

For more information about Number Day, please click this link, [Number Day 2023 | NSPCC](#)

Children's Mental Health Week



During the week beginning the 6th February, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme of this week is Let's Connect. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in activities designed to encourage the children to consider how we can make meaningful connections that support our mental health. For more information about Children's Mental Health Week, please follow this link - [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)





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Taking care of our children's mental health and well-being is incredibly important to us. Through our PSHE curriculum, we regularly carry out activities to support children's mental health. We also offer Positive Play sessions, coffee mornings and family sessions to any children and families who may need further support. If you feel this support would benefit you or your family, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Water bottles

As a school, we acknowledge how essential drinking water is for our children. Water provides essential energy to the brain, keeps the nerve signals going, delivers nutrients to the brain, and removes toxins. Children need to be drinking enough water daily to keep their brain fuelled and energized for optimum function.

Please can you send your children to school with a sports style water bottle with a secure lid so it doesn't leak. They should not bring in named water bottles such as: Prime. The children should only have water in their bottle, we have water fountains in school so the children always have access to fresh, cold water.

Heath Fields Heros

Friday merit assembly continues to be my favourite time of the week. It is a pleasure and honour to be able to celebrate our children's successes and reward them for their fantastic behaviour.

Moving forward, we will be exchanging our Heath Fields Hero jumpers for badges. The Heath Fields Heros and I are currently working together to increase their profile and ensure their high-quality behaviour is promoted throughout school.

I look forward to seeing you on subsequent Fridays to further celebrate the children of Heath Fields.

Planned strike action

Heath Fields **will not** be affected by the planned strike action on the 1st February, 1st March, 15th and 16th of March. We will be open as usual on all these days.

Staff changes

At Heath Fields, we see a sad start to the spring term as we have to say goodbye to a very valued member of staff due to a fabulous career opportunity.





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Mrs Wynne is leaving us after working at the school for over ten years. We would like to take this opportunity not only to say goodbye, but also offer congratulations on her new role working with Derbyshire's Special Needs Service. SEND, alongside teaching in EYFS, is Mrs Wynne's passion and this role is one where her talents will be perfectly suited. Our loss is the gain of many children throughout Derbyshire.

Mrs Wynne has brought so much to the children of Heath Fields. She is the first to enthusiastically dress up for a school event and regularly gives up her time to support the PTA in holding events for our children. Her warm, caring nature and positivity has helped many of your children begin their journey at school in a positive and enthusiastic way. For many of your children, Mrs Wynne has been there to ensure they get the care and support needed to succeed in school and reach their full potential. We know she will be very missed by all of you. Myself and the team at Heath Fields wish Mrs Wynne all the very best for the future.

It is of upmost importance that moving forward, we find the best teacher and special needs coordinator for your children. We will inform you of all changes in due course.

Wishing you all a happy healthy 2023. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Miss S McBride
Head of School

