



## Newsletter | 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

We can't quite believe it's the end of the first half of the Summer term. The time has really flown by! We are so pleased with all the children and their hard work, we know some have found getting back into the school routine harder than others but to say we are proud with each and every one of our children is an understatement – we are so impressed with their resilience and progress! It has been lovely to spend this last week learning about New Zealand as one of our International weeks. Please do ask them about their learning or take a look on Tapestry.

We hope you all have a lovely half term and are able to enjoy getting out and about a bit more, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 ready for Healthy Living Week, where all the children will be doing various events and activities linked to healthy life styles.

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Half Term holiday

Week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Healthy Living week, including a yoga session (Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June), Multi-skills and well-being sessions (Thursday 10 June)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021: A day of Welcome – Schools of Sanctuary, **Non-uniform day**.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021: Virtual FOHA Meeting 2pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> July Stay and play session for new starters and younger siblings 1.30pm – 2.30pm in the school canteen

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021: Last day of summer term

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021: Summer Holidays

### A day of Welcome

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June is a day of Welcome. We will be thinking about ways in which we make our school a safe and welcoming place for all.

To celebrate we will be having a non-uniform day and assemblies around the idea of welcoming all

As a school we will take time to think about what it really means to be seeking sanctuary and about ways in which we can ensure that we welcome everyone as equal and valued members of our school community.

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### **Eco – Award**

We are working towards re-accreditation of our Green Flag Eco award!

We have activities planned in the following areas: **Energy, Litter, Marine, Water and Global.**

We will be learning about being environmentally friendly in each of these areas and learning about ways in which we can help to look after our planet.

Please help us by continuing to collect empty crisp packets and bringing them into school, reducing single use plastic in lunch boxes and sharing ways in which we can be more environmentally friendly.

### **FOHA**

#### **Ice Lolly Friday**

Ice lolly Friday will be running each Friday until the end of the Summer term.

Thank you for supporting this venture – it is lovely to see you all at the end of the week!



### **Young Carers**

Across school we are growing our awareness and support for our young carers (children who help out at home due to needs in the household). By understanding who our young carers are, the vital role they play in supporting in their households and ways in which we can support them in school. If you have any suggestions please do let us know.

**We pledge to show additional kindness and support to all our young carers and recognise the incredible role they play - we believe they are superheroes!**

### **Local Advisory Board Vacancy**

We are still on the lookout for a new parent Governor to join the wonderful team of Governors at Heather Avenue Infant School. The Governors meet each half term for a couple of hours to discuss school performance along with the general management and strategic direction of the school. Governors also visit the school to see the school in action and attend special events. If you feel that being a parent Governor is something that interests you or you know someone who may be interested, please come and see me for more information - Many thanks

### **New 'Stay and Play' Group**

We will be starting our 'Stay and Play' group on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June for four weeks and welcome younger siblings to this group! Our host will be Carrie from 'Get Me Out The Four Walls' and there will be opportunities to meet with myself (Head teacher), Mrs Barker (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) and Mrs Muff (Parent Support Advisor)

### **Library Summer Reading**

#### **Challenge – Wild World Heroes**

10th July will see the Libraries Summer Reading Challenge titled 'Wild World Heroes' being launched – please look out for further information. The challenge is designed by the Library to keep children reading through the Summer months.

## Sun Safety

You will have received our sun safety awareness policy and resources via email (15.05.21), please do encourage your children to bring sun screen, a sun hat and water bottle to school with them throughout the rest of the Summer term.

\*Please also ensure a light coat is available in the case of showers\*

The children will have a sun safety assembly in the week after half term and as part of this bring home a sticker and small workbook to support them in recognising the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

## PE kit

Please could we remind you that PE kit should be plain black shorts/black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white t-shirt and school jumper.

In September we will be continuing to ask children to come to school on their PE / Games days in their kit. We have been really pleased to see that the children have benefitted from this arrangement in a number of ways, including more time for PE. Thank you for supporting us with this. **From September please ensure that the children are wearing the correct kit/uniform in line with our uniform policy which can be found on our school website.**

## Congratulations

It was wonderful to wish Mrs Watling our Midday Supervisor and Mr Watling our Caretaker the very best as Mrs Watling starts her maternity leave from school. We look forward to hearing some exciting news in the coming weeks.

## Facebook

Please follow us on Facebook, we've been sharing lots of school news on our page and it would be lovely for you all to follow us and see our updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/HeatherAvenueInfant/>

## English Hub Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Literacy Specialist to join our English Hub team, if you are interested please take a look or share if you know someone who may be.

Please follow the link to find out more

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