



Newsletter | 27th March 2024

Happy Holidays!

We wish you all a very happy Easter weekend and holiday – we look forward to seeing all the children back to school on Monday 15th April 2024 ready for the start of the Summer term.

Reflecting on this half term, we are blown away by how much has happened in such a short time!

Each year group has enjoyed a range of outdoor adventures including;

Reception children visiting the Dinosaur Park and more recently our local Church

Year 1 visiting Wroxham Barns

Year 2 taking part in a residential trip to Hilltop

As well as a whole school trip to see 'Alice on the Wondertrain'

In addition we have also taken part in sporting events including a 'Girls Biggest Football' event and an 'Adapted Sports' event.

Children have visited our local care home to complete Easter crafts.

We have also welcomed our 'Pets as Therapy' dog who is working with a small group of children to help build their confidence in reading. We have also trained a large group of Year 2 children as playground leaders!

Children have made great progress in their learning and have learnt a lot through this terms topics. We can't wait to get started on our topics next term – a topic web will come your way in the first week back.

Reception children will be learning through the topic of 'Journeys' whilst Year 1 and 2 children will be learning through the topic of 'Get Set Go '

Please take time to read our regular newsletter as we use this to try to keep you abreast of all the different items taking place in school. Information is also available on our school website; please visit www.heatheravenue.co.uk, our Facebook page [Heather Avenue Infant School](https://www.facebook.com/HeatherAvenueInfantSchool) or follow us on twitter [@HeatherAvenue](https://twitter.com/HeatherAvenue).

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Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th April: First day of Summer 1

Wednesday 1st May: FOHA Pyjama and Film event

Monday 6th May: May Day Bank holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 15th May: Class photos by Tempest

W/B Monday 20th May: Reception Hearing and Vision Checks

Friday 24th May: Last day of Summer 1

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May: Half term

Monday 3rd June: First day of Summer 2

W/B Monday 3rd June: Healthy Living Week

W/C Monday 10th June: Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 pupils

Wednesday 4th July: Year 2 Theatre Trip

Friday 19th July: Last day of Summer 2

Monday 22nd July: Summer holidays 2024

Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

We are blown away by all the amazing things our FOHA have doing to support our school this year! Just to give you a flavour of how the FOHA funds are being spent this year . . .

Coaches for trips - this subsidy means that trips for the children come at a cheaper cost (coaches have included Gruffalo Theatre trip, Dinosaur Park, Wroxham Barns, Hilltop, Frozen Theatre trip)

A Reception Water butt

Reception dry suits for the children's outdoor play

New welcome signage

Entertainment at fundraising events to interest the children

Santa gifts at Christmas

Class parties for the children

Easter egg hunts for the children

Teddy bears and new books for our new starters

Leaver's books

Break Charity Giraffe

RWI Phonics

The children are all progressing well with their knowledge of letter sounds (phonics), and sounding these sounds together (blending) to make words for reading.

Please support your child to practice their phonics and reading throughout the holiday! This practice will help them to maintain their knowledge and enable the children to continue where they left off in the new term.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day!

We had a great day raising funds for Comic Relief via the sale of Red noses and of course a non-uniform day!

Attendance Matters

Please remember that children should be present in school each day unless they really are too ill to attend.

Please come and see us if you feel attendance is an issue so that we can work together to improve this.

Speaking and listening!

Speaking and listening skills are really important and we are working hard to support all the children to develop their speaking and listening skills further!

We know that talking can help children to clarify their thoughts and help them expand their thinking. By asking open questions children are given opportunity to discuss ideas. Each week the classes discuss a 'Think' question, this term some examples are as follows . . .

Is silence a sound? Can you hear silence?
Is love an invention created by humans?
Is there such thing as an unkind friend?
Should everyone look and act the same?
What would happen if we were all the same?

Can your child share some of their thoughts on these interesting questions with you!

Polite Reminders

Please note our playground is not for general use before or after school. Children should not be playing on the school equipment or indeed making use of school resources outside of the school day without a member of school staff present.

Personal devices such as mobile phones should also not be used on school premises

Thank you for your understanding in this matter

School Suggestion Box

Some of you may have noticed the metal, black post box on the wall by our school office building, this is our school suggestion box! If you have any suggestions for us that you would like to make, please do post your idea/suggestion for us to read.

Thank you