



Heathwood Lower School Newsletter

July 2022

Well, we've come to the last month of the school year; it's time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the one ahead.

The children and staff have had a super day in their new classrooms today, the children being very excited about being so grown up and having a go at being ready for the next year group. We're all looking forward to another great day tomorrow.

It has been a pleasure for us to read and comment on each End of Year Report - we are proud of all of our children and their achievements this year. Do please take the time to read your child's Report and reply on the slip attached. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 4's the very best as they begin their next adventure in September at Middle School.

Have a super month and a safe, sunny August.

Susanne Dove and Jackie Wright
Head Teachers

Pre-School News



Well, what a busy month we have all had! We have had so many brilliant activities happening in Pre-School and the children have been doing some fantastic learning from them. We had a great time during our two Healthy Heathwood weeks; doing lots of exercise, preparing food and making our own naan bread pizzas, learning about hydration, and looking after our bodies. Here we are

doing our food preparation and another photo where we joined in with the whole school for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations; sat in the Royal carriage made by Class R.



We would like to say a big well done to all our children in Pre-School who are moving up to their big schools. We are so very proud of them; they have done so well and are more than ready for their next adventure. We will miss them and would like to wish them well ... have fun, enjoy and don't forget to give us a wave!

From Mrs Dicocco and the Pre-School Team



Council News

The Eco Council have applied for a Local School Nature Grant. If successful, we will have some equipment to support and observe wildlife in the school grounds including a hedgehog home, bee house, bird feeder and a waterproof camera to record the animals in their habitat! We will let you know in September if we have been successful.



Governors News

As we near the end of the academic year we would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and children for their continued commitment and hard work throughout the year. Also for the support of the PTA, in supplying those little extras to enrich and enhance the learning environment for all pupils! All of you have played your part in contributing to the successful conclusion of another year at Heathwood and... parents you also played your part by supporting your children and ensuring they came to school prepared and ready to learn!

We are looking forward to seeing all the Handwriting Challenge entries and will be awarding the winners on 13th July.

Join our team of Governors, we have the following vacancies:

Community or Local Authority (not parent) Governor on the Management and Resources Committee

Community or Local Authority (not parent) Governor on the Teaching and Learning Committee

Please contact Paula Bangs Chair of Governors via the school office for more details

Staffing News

We are pleased to share with you our staffing for next year 2022-23.

The children met with their new class teacher/s today - please ask your child all about it.

	Teacher	Support Staff
Pre-School	Mrs Morrell	Sara, Julie and Karen
Class R	Miss Romaine (maternity Leave) Mrs Sharff - 3 days Mr Dicker - 2 days	Mrs Stanford Mrs Posner Mrs Rockell Mrs Mansfield
Class 1	Miss Candler	Mrs Hinds Mrs Ottaway
Class 2	Miss Leary	Mrs Marsh Mrs Smith Mrs Nicolle-Cutler
Class 3	Mr Wilkins	Mrs Wallace Mrs Black Mrs Fontana Mrs Pearson (PT) Mrs Meehan (PT)
Class 4	Mr Waterhouse	Mrs Cunningham Mrs McDonald Mrs Venn (PT)

Miss Murphy and Mrs Bisby are our Language Provision staff and will be working across the whole school.

Mrs Dicocco, Mrs Aspinwall and Mrs Randall will be leaving at the end of July after working at Heathwood for more than 60 years between them! They are valued members of the team and we will miss them greatly. I'm sure you'd like to join us in wishing them well for the future.

Post and Correspondence

We have two post boxes on the wall outside the school office.

One is for the School and one for PTA. Please feel free to post any letters, forms and/or money that you need to hand in if you do not need to speak to a member of the office staff. This will, hopefully, avoid you having to queue at the office unnecessarily.

If you need to contact as member of staff, please call the Office on 01525 377096 or email office@heathwood.beds.sch.uk

Other useful email addresses:
preschool@heathwood.beds.sch.uk
send@heathwood.beds.sch.uk

Please note, the class emails that we set up for use during lockdown will be disabled at the end of this month.

Parentline

The Schools' Nursing Team run a confidential text messaging advice and support line for parents and carers. If you would like advice and/or support on any of the following issues, **text 07507 331456**
Sleep, continence, minor illness, speech, behaviour, temper tantrums, diet and exercise, and much, much more.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your circumstances have changed during the coronavirus pandemic, you may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding for your child. To check, call Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 8306** with your NI number and dates of birth of your child/children.

Dates for your Diary

July

4th Annual Reports to parents
6th and 7th School Transfer Days (Moving Up days)
8th Queen's Jubilee additional holiday for schools
13th Handwriting Competition winners Assembly
15th Class 1 Whipsnade Trip
15th Outside Achievement
20th Leavers' Assembly @ 9.30am
20th Class 4 Leavers BBQ 3.30-5.00
22nd End of Summer Term

September

5th (Monday) Back to School - Pre-School and Yrs 1-4
6th New Reception Class Open Afternoon
1.30pm-3.30pm
7th New Reception Class in Full Time 9.00am-3.30pm

Term Dates 2022/23

Autumn

Monday 5th September 2022 - Friday 21st October 2022
Monday 31st October 2022 - Friday 16th December 2022

Spring

Wednesday 4th January 2023 - Friday 10th February 2023
Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023

Summer

Tuesday 18th April 2023 - Friday 26th May 2023
Tuesday 6th June 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023

INSET Days

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 1st May 2023 - May Day Bank Holiday

Parking

We have had some complaints from our neighbours about parking in the local area. If you need to travel to and from school by car, please park safely and considerately .

Kitchen News

Congratulations to our kitchen team who were recently inspected by Environmental Health and achieved a 5 Star rating - the highest possible.

Well done team!



Summer Weather

At this time of the year the weather is very changeable, please make sure you check the weather forecast with your child and send a coat in case of rain, and a hat as protection from the sun (named please). When the weather is warm enough for sun cream, this should be applied at home when possible (once-a-day sun cream is ideal). Sun cream brought into school must be named for use by your child only and cannot be applied by staff.

New Payment System

From September we will be introducing a new payment system called School Money. It is linked to our texting system and will be used to pay for Before and After School Clubs and School Trips. You will be issued with a login and password before the end of term and you can use this during the Summer holiday to book wraparound sessions for the first half term. You will even be able to check availability and book outside of school hours! Payments can be made using a credit or debit card.



I would like to give a general **Very Well Done** to all children, both past and present, who have taken part in the challenges I have been presenting in school for many years. My goodness, there have been times when you have really amazed and impressed me. It has been a challenge to me to keep coming up with new ideas for the challenges and has really been an interesting journey. I do hope you have enjoyed the journey

with me and that you will continue to rise to the challenges; you are all **Heathwood Super Stars!** So, June has come to an end and I would like to congratulate William B and Emerson (Yr 1) and Maia (P-S) for their super photographs of letters they found out and about in nature. You will receive your certificates and small rewards as soon as I get round to your classes. This month's challenges will stretch over the Summer holidays so I am sure more of you will be able to take part and have fun.

- **Design Challenge: Egg Drop** - Using any items you can find around your home, try to design something that will protect an egg during a drop. Take a look at the poster in the hall for some ideas that could be used.
- **Creative Challenge: My Favourite Animal** - Draw, colour, shade or paint your favourite animal. You can use your own choice of media to capture your favourite animal. Please draw it carefully and then colour, paint or shade it in.



Parents: If you would like more ideas and helpful examples, we have added the challenge Board posters to our website. If you go to our website, click on the drop down menu for children and then click on Monthly challenge; you will find them there.

Have a super time challenging yourselves and enjoy the Summer break!

Mrs Elaine Dicocco

Our Value in July is

COURAGE

Facing situations of which one is anxious



'What makes you anxious?'

Consider how you overcome fears..... by being with and confiding in other people, friends and family? Nothing is ever as frightening when you are not alone.

What do we do when situations are new or we're facing the unknown? Reflect on times when you have been brave, examine how that made you feel.

It is important that we stress that bravery doesn't just relate to physical feats but also to daily words and actions such as being honest and owning up to something even when you know you will be in trouble or standing up for what you know is right even when friends are against you.

Thought for the month: 'Sometimes the biggest act of courage is a small one.'

At home you've all been doing something reasonably challenging and we're beginning to see that the end is in sight-you've all done an amazing job and should take pride in the courage that you've shown.

Over the summer, think about September (when we hope to return to normal) and consider how having courage will help with the new start.



WOW!

Let us know how your child has demonstrated this month's Value of Courage at home.



Community News

**Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice,
and guidance on supporting Primary aged children with
school anxiety**



Guest Speaker Chloe Lovell

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

Professional session Thursday 7th July 2022

1 -2pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/372739332377>

Register for you place via the Eventbrite link below

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

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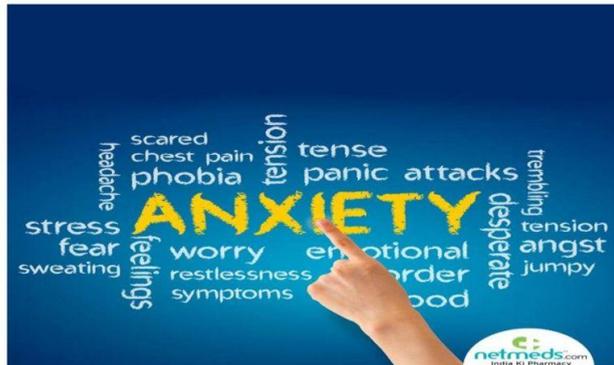
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Professional Insight

**Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice,
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Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

Professional session Monday 11th July 2022

1 -2pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/374222037187>

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Summer School

Give the Gift of Confidence This Summer!

August 15th - August 19th

10am - 1pm (Ages 4-8) 10am - 4pm (Ages 9-18)

Linslade Lower School

Promo code LB10 for 10% discount!

**Contact leightonbuzzard@razzamataz.co.uk to
find out more!**