



Heathryburn School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you will be aware, I am due to leave Heathryburn at Easter to begin my maternity leave. I have thoroughly enjoyed the last three years and I am so proud of what we have achieved together. I am delighted to announce that I will be leaving the school in the very capable hands of Miss Elrick and Mr Packham. Miss Elrick will take up post as Acting Head Teacher for four days per week and Mr Packham will continue in his role as Depute Head Teacher, but also taking on the new role of Acting Head Teacher on a Friday. We are currently advertising an Acting Depute Head Teacher position and I will inform you as soon as we have a preferred candidate in place.

I hope to see you all later in the term for our Parents' Evenings.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Milne

School Car Park



In a recent Health and Safety audit of the school, the situation in our school car park was highlighted as a concern. This is another reminder that the speed limit is 5 miles per hour and this **must** be adhered to. Please ensure that you do not double park, which causes an obstruction to other drivers. Please also ensure that you do not park in the drop off bay or where the cones are located. It would be much appreciated if we could all work together on this as the number one priority is to keep the children safe.

School Improvement



During the February Inservice days all staff were involved in working on our School Improvement Priorities. Staff engaged in a school audit; looking at our strengths and areas for development and we also looked into ways in which to engage parents in the life of the school. We looked at our new Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies. Please make yourselves aware of these two policies, which are available on the school website or paper copies are available from the school office.

Outdoor Learning

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are developing outdoor Learning across the school. All classes will be working with an Aberdeen City Council Wildlife Ranger to access our outdoor spaces. The purpose of working with the ranger is to increase teacher confidence in using the outdoors as a learning environment and to improve the health and wellbeing of all pupils. We hope that after sessions with the ranger and the purchase of new equipment, every class will be able to enjoy our fantastic outdoor facilities and local area.

Staffing News

Mrs Scroggie will sadly be leaving us at the end of term. She has been a much-valued member of the nursery teams at both Marchburn and Heathryburn for over 30 years. Mrs Scroggie will work a more flexible approach by joining the EYP supply list. We wish her the very best and hope that she will come back and help us in the nursery soon.

Mr Finch has also decided to leave us, he has been a dedicated member of the PSA team since August. We wish him and his family the very best in their move to Caithness.

ICT at home

On Monday 4 March, Mr Clayson will be holding a session for parents interested in using ICT at home with their child. We use a number of websites, apps and programmes in school that can also be used to support learning at home. If this is something that interests you please let the school office know.

Diary Dates



- 4-8 March - Literacy Week
- 7 March - World Book Day – **dress as your favourite book character**
- 15 March – Comic Relief (details coming soon from the Charities Group)
- 19-20 March – Parents Evenings
- 22 March – Autism Awareness Day – **dress in blue**
- 28 March 9.30am – Easter Church Service – all welcome
- 29 March End of term

*****Please note that we return to school on Monday 15 April but are then off for Good Friday on 19 April *****

Keeping in Touch

As well as class and school newsletters and Marvellous Me, you can keep up to date with what is going on in school by looking at our website or following us on Twitter!

Our Family Learning Worker holds drop in sessions on a Wednesday morning in the Parents Room and everyone is welcome.

If you have any comments or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or ask for an appointment with one of the Senior Leadership Team.



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