

Heltwate Round up

December 2017

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A note from the Head

We have had such a full Autumn term: We have had lots of time to get to know our new children and settle into new groups, routines and systems. I have watched the children rise to the challenges and activities set for them and take part in some really good learning. Staff have been inspired and moved your children on. An enormous well done to staff and students.

It's definitely coming in the distance – those jingling bells are getting louder..... This week's assemblies marked the start of Christmas in Heltwate. As usual, our very talented students will be performing in the Christmas shows and well done to our very inspiring staff who work tirelessly to create exciting musical opportunities. Mostly our children love to throw themselves in to all our Christmas festivities with complete gusto. We are now enjoying a busy few weeks building up to Christmas. It is the same in every school. Decorations to put up, festive hats to make, trips out, the trip to Gulliver's, Christmas Jumper Day, the end of term party and of course Christmas dinner.

I hope to see as many of you as possible in school for some of these events. In case I miss you, I will take this opportunity to wish all of our Heltwate community an extremely happy - and restful Christmas. My thanks for the part you have played in making the term so enjoyable and rewarding!

I hope you have a very happy Christmas
So; enjoy the Christmas break and
I look forward to greeting everyone
back on January 3rd 2018.



Adam Brewster

Calendars

The 2018 Heltwate Calendar is now on sale from school at £2.00 featuring art work from pupils.

A big 'thank you' must go to Fisherprint who have kindly printed these on our behalf.

End of Term Arrangements

There are lots of exciting events happening during the last 2 weeks of term which ends on Tuesday 19th December at the normal time of 3.00p.m.

The Christmas dinners which are now all ordered, are on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December and your child's class will contact you about their lunch arrangements for the day they are not having their Christmas dinner. Pupils are invited to wear a festive top / Christmas jumper for their Christmas dinner day with a suggested donation of £1.00 for Save the Children.



December Diary Dates

Monday 11th December

- 9.30 Upper School, Rainbow 3, Rainbow 4 and Olympic College Christmas Performance
- 1.30 Lower School, Rainbow 1 and Rainbow 2 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 12th December

- 9.30 Lower School, Rainbow 1 and Rainbow 2 Christmas Performance
- 1.30 Upper School, Rainbow 3, Rainbow 4 and Olympic College Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13th December

Lower School & Rainbow Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday 14th December

Upper School & Olympic Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Monday 18th December

School Christmas Party

Tuesday 19th December

End of Term at 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 3rd January

Start of Spring Term



Donations to the school

We would like to express our thanks for 2 very kind donations:

- Andy Simmonds from The Ploughman pub in Werrington from funding raising in memory of his sister Kelly who was a former pupil.
- The Sharpe family in memory of their Grandad.

Fish and Chip Supper

We are delighted that over 100 parents / carers / children attended our school fundraising evening. We raised £207 from donations, raffle and bingo and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We look forward to future events.

Attendance

Class attendance from September up to 5th December:

Amber	92.6%	Purple	89%
Blue	97.5%	Rainbow 1	95.8%
Coral	96%	Rainbow 2	92%
Green	94.6%	Rainbow 3	97.7%
Jade	94.6%	Rainbow 4	98.6%
Lilac	84%	Ruby	96.7%
Olympic College 1	96.2%	Saffron	85.7%
Olympic College 2	93%	Violet	93.8%
Orange	90.3%	Yellow	90.7%
Pink	95.6%		

Well done to the 10 classes who have achieved over 94%. The whole school attendance is 92.2%.

Sleeps till Santa

We have recorded again the Sleeps till Santa song for Heart FM. This year pupils sang the '5 sleeps till Santa' so we will be on the radio on the 20th December. It is usually played at either 7.30 am or 8.30 am so make sure you are tuned in to Heart FM Peterborough.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Closes Tuesday 19th December at 3.00 p.m.

Spring Term 2018

Opens Wednesday 3rd January

Half Term Mon 12th – Fri 16th February

Closes Thursday 29th March at 3.00 p.m.

Summer Term 2018

Opens Monday 16th April

May Day Monday 7th May

Half Term 28th May – 1st June

Closes Friday 20th July at 1.00 p.m.

ParentHub

Thank you to those of you who have signed up to the ParentHub app and we would encourage all who haven't to do so. It is a free app that helps you keep up to date with what's going on at school. It is easy to download from your app store, and after creating an account for yourself enter @Heltwate in the 'add a school' section.

The office staff will be around after the Christmas performances to offer any assistance if needed.



Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need last month, we raised £320.54

School breaks up on Tuesday 19th December at 3.00 p.m.

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018



Class News

Purple



Purple Group went to Burghley House to see the beautiful buildings and feed fallow deer in the park. Here we see Yusuf and Gage enjoying a 'close encounter' with some of the deer.

Yellow, Coral and Saffron

This week Yellow and Coral and Saffron classes joined with the Kingsgate Community Church for their Carol Singing event. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and were a credit to the school.

Rainbow 2

Rainbow 2 have had a very busy half term! We have been reading lots of stories as part of our Literacy topic and all really enjoyed The Gruffalo and some traditional tales such as The Gingerbread man and The Three Little Pigs. Everyone in the class has written a letter to Father Christmas which we have posted. We are now all really looking forward to our Christmas visit to Church Farm (which we are going to on the 7th December) and seeing Father Christmas there (we will ask him if he got our letters too!)
Best wishes, Rainbow 2 team

Violet

Violet Class have had a superb half term. We have been learning all about snow and what happens to snow. To celebrate the end of our topic and because everyone had had such a good start to the new year we had a lovely trip to see Father Christmas. We went to Baytree Garden Centre and went on the winter train to the Northpole where we saw the elves making toys and the reindeer. We met Father Christmas and he gave us a gift and a small Christmas tree. Then we went to find the real reindeer and fed them carrots, they gobbled them up very quickly!

Everyone has enjoyed the topic especially our winter wonderland cosy den which will disappear over the Christmas holidays to make room for our new topic, 'How many colours in a rainbow'.

Rainbow 4



15th November 2017. Today we completed our boxes and delivered them to the Salvation Army. This was part of our accreditation work.

