

# Heltwate Round up

July 2017 [www.heltwate.co.uk](http://www.heltwate.co.uk)

## A Note from the Head

As we approach the end of another school year; all our children are a year older, they have again had the most amazing action packed year. Some are moving on others moving up, but rest assured the staff team have gone way beyond what I could reasonably expect. What a team! I can't thank them enough. When you are in a team, you don't have to be good at everything, the trick is to know your gaps and ensure that those gaps are not the same as the gaps of those around us.

It has come to my attention over the last year or so, that in lots of ways, my job seems to be getting easier. However, it is only this week that I have really understood why. The vision at Heltwate is really very simple: students come first. This informs pretty much every single one of our decisions. There are more and more people around me making decisions based on the same principle: students first. Now, things seem to happen so much faster and based on those consistent decision making principles. It makes things really quite easy - because everyone is moving in the same direction. There are days when I think I must have absolutely the best job in the world. I was, sitting and quietly reflecting on my week, thinking about what I might consider the highlights to share in this note. I could have mentioned the really fun interactive assemblies, students - as usual - throwing themselves into the interactive bit. I might have talked about sports days; or the fun we had at Wickstead Park, or the amazing Rainbow student singing "I love my life" a solo in front of the whole school with his parents in the audience and the whole staff team reduced to tears. As I was thinking, 2 Blue students barged in. They wanted to know, if I would like one of the white chocolate rock cakes they had made that morning. 'Yes. I would like that very much.' I replied. It is sitting on my desk right now, wafting sweetness around my office.

I'm already excited about starting back next term, I hope you have a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

*Adam Brewster.*



## End of Term

School is closing at 1.00 p.m. on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July and transport will be bringing your child back at this earlier time.

## Summer Diary Dates

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Lower School Sports Day at school (1.30 - 2.45 p.m)

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Hassan Kousar Inter-house Cricket Competition

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

**End of Term at 1.00 pm.**

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2017

Closes Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Autumn Term 2017

Opens Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Half Term 23 – 27 October

Ends Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2018

Opens Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term 12-16 February

Ends Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### Summer Term 2018

Opens Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Monday 7 May

Half Term 28 May – 1 June

Ends Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

## New Bigger Better Heltwate

By now I'm sure you are aware that the Local Authority has taken the decision to build us a new larger Heltwate School. I am very excited by the opportunities that this will provide for our staff and students. It will be a purpose built provision on a new larger site in the city with extra pupil places and modern facilities which will include early years provision, specialist classrooms, independent living facilities and a community hydrotherapy pool. The new Heltwate School will be based at the former Perkins Sports Ground on Newark Road and we expect it will open by September 2019.

Over the holiday the first meetings will be held to discuss what we might like. I will update you regularly about the progress and planning which will take place and I expect there will be public consultations and opportunities in school for you to input to the planning and organisation of our new school. We will keep all of our young people up to date in assemblies and through the student council. I will report progress to you regularly through the news letter and at school events. Please feel free to talk to me about it, although presently I don't have much further to add.

## Heltwate Charity Week

We held in June our second Charity Week to raise funds for Heltwate School, following on from last year.

Once again staff and classes rose to the challenge with many different events including sponsored walks, raffles, car washes, a charity day in Stamford, car boot sale and the week ended with a Charity Fun Coffee morning with lots of stalls and games.

To date we have raised almost £2000 – thank you so much for your support.

## Goodbye and Hello!

We will be saying goodbye to 2 members of staff at the end of term, Mrs Hannah Keeley, teacher of Ruby class and Miss Ondine Addison teaching assistant. Both will be missed and we wish them well for the future.

We welcomed Mrs Stella Shannon, teacher of Coral class at Easter and Miss Sarah Deans, teacher of Olympic College in June. They are being joined in September by Miss Shannen Campbell who will be teaching Pink Class and two new teaching assistants Mrs Donna Lever and Miss Sophie Edge.

## Tapestry

Please log on to your tapestry account to see all the photos and videos which have been taken this year of your child at school. The website is [www.eylj.org](http://www.eylj.org)

## Sainsburys Vouchers

Thank you for sending in the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. We had a total of over 5300. We have used them this year to purchase sports equipment which will be used for the after school club.

## End and Start of Term

Term ends for all pupils on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00 p.m.

Term starts for all pupils on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40 a.m.

We wish you all an enjoyable summer break!

## Attendance



Class attendance from September 2016 up to 7 July 2017 is:

Amber	87.5%	Purple	93.3%
Blue	91.4%	Rainbow 1	89.2%
Coral	92%	Rainbow 2	93.3%
Green	94.9%	Rainbow 3	96.5%
Jade	94.3%	Rainbow 4	93.4%
Olympic College 1	92.3%	Ruby	89.5%
Olympic College 2	91.5%	Violet	96.7%
Orange	92.4%	Yellow	89.7%
Pink	92%		

Our attendance target is 94% and this year 4 classes have reached and exceeded this. Well done to Green, Jade, Rainbow 3 and Violet classes!

We would also like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child's high attendance. 92 pupils have reached and exceeded the 94% level – again a great achievement.

Our overall school attendance is 92.3%. This is a drop from previous years and whilst we have had some fully acceptable and unavoidable medical absences there has been an increase in unjustified absences which has been disappointing and will be targeted in the next school year.

## Uniform

As we only hold a small amount of uniform in school please contact the school office to place an order.

Sweatshirts, all sizes	£10.00
Cardigans, all sizes	£11.50
Junior Reversible Fleeces	£14.00
Adult Reversible Fleeces	£16.00
Book bags	£ 5.00

## 'A night at the Musicals'

Some students were asked to represent Heltwate and join other Primary Schools from around Peterborough in an exciting showcase, "A Night at the Musicals."

Over the last 8 weeks rehearsals were taking place on a weekly basis. Our school took 3 dance routines to perform on stage at the show, 2 musical tracks were taken from the film "South Pacific" and 1 track from "Mamma Mia."

The three groups were taken down to the Cresset Theatre to have a technical run though on stage. This was over 2 days. The students were able to watch other schools perform their routines.

The night of the performance the students were asked to stay at school to prepare themselves for the show. Make-up and hair was given to the girls. The costumes were provided by the school and some staff. After tea, they made their way down to the Cresset. The Students were able to watch half of the show to experience the atmosphere.

When it came to their turn, the performances were amazing and they took the stage by storm and the audience erupted. For the finale, a very special guest was announced on stage. Jarmaine Baker from our school sang Robbie Williams "I love my Life" and got a standing ovation.

The whole school was so very proud of all students that were involved.



## Teenage Cancer Trust

On 3rd June 2017, many Heltwate employees took part in the annual fundraiser for the Teenage Cancer Trust, organised by Kim. The event takes part every year, in memory of Paul Granger, and this year's event was a team event which saw all participants tied together with climbing rope for 20 mile walk. Nobody was allowed to unclip from the rope, even to use the toilet! It was a lovely warm day, lots and fun and the event raised a fabulous £2,223. If you would like to add to the total, then please feel free: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rafham20mile>





# Class News

## Violet

Violet Class have had a very busy time recently. We have welcomed lots of new students into our class who will be joining the school in September so we have made lots of new friends!

Our current topic is based on the seaside. We have a role play ice-cream shop in our class and serve a variety of different flavours. We have sand outside to build sandcastles and have worked on a story about a bear who gets lost at the beach. As part of our topic we have a trip to Sunny Hunny planned where we will walk on the beach, eat fish and chips and then have a ride at the fair.

The children have coped well over the year with changes in staff due to my maternity leave and I would like to personally thank Louise, Meena, Tracey, Maz and Emma who have supported the class so brilliantly over the year. They have been fabulous!

## Purple

Purple Group enjoyed a wonderful day trip to Woburn Safari Park on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

We saw many different animals. We all laughed when the monkeys climbed on our minibus and stroking an elephant was a real highlight.



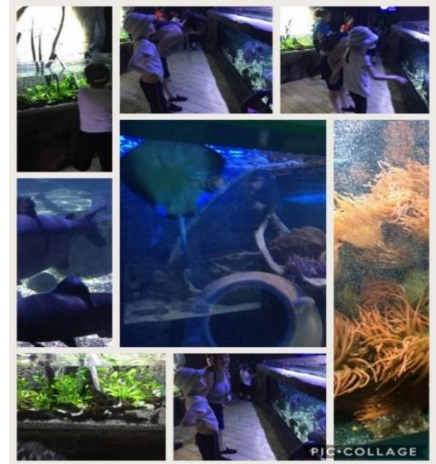
## Rainbow 1

Rainbow 1's topic for this term has been 'How many pebbles are on the beach?' We decided that Hunstanton was the perfect place to investigate this and what a fantastic day we had with beautiful weather! Although the sea was out the children were able to paddle in the very interesting rock pool that we found. They carefully picked up pebbles to search for creatures and were lucky enough to find some crabs. They investigated seaweed and quickly discovered that they could make it pop.

After this, we were ready for lunch and of course, this meant 'fish and chips'.

In the afternoon, we visited the Sea Life Centre. We all enjoyed looking at the different sea creatures and especially liked Ernie the giant turtle.

We finished the day with a delicious ice cream before starting our journey back to school. We had a wonderful day and the children all behaved so well.







22nd June  
Today was our charity event to raise money for school. Rainbow 3 and 4 raised nearly £1000 from selling items, cakes and holding an awesome raffle. It was a great day out.

