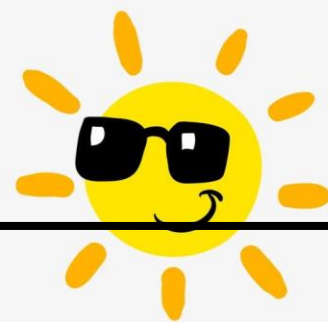


# Heltwate Round up

July 2023

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## A note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another school year; all our children are a year older, they have 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.

Thank you for playing your part. We have been overwhelmed by your support. It has been brilliant to meet you and welcome you in school at charity events, parent meetings and other school events. You have supported and trusted us in what we do, and this makes it all possible. THANK YOU!

Secondly, our young people are simply brilliant. So warm, welcoming and fair minded, classes have fun – they are simply a pleasure to work with.

I am thrilled to report that following our National Autism Society reaccreditation (NAS) we were awarded the highest level of commendation, Advanced Status. This is a real achievement. But also a reflection of the high quality of experience young people are getting.

I am already getting excited about opening again for the Autumn term. I know that our teaching team are busy planning and organising and have met many of our new parents and transition sessions are taking place. The Jubilee Building looks awesome and really sets a new standard. St George's are planning to move into the old hydrotherapy site, and we have been meeting architects to look at improving facilities on the main site.

Please have a very lovely holiday and in particular stay safe – I want to welcome every one back in the Autumn - safely! Thank you again for everything that you are doing to support us.



Adam Brewster

## Split Return Date in September due to opening of Jubilee Site

Due to class moves the following classes will return to school on **THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Coral, Lavender, Purple, Violet, Lilac, Orchid, Blue, Navy, Pink, Magenta

All other classes will return on **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Rainbow, Emerald, Lime, Green, Yellow, Amber, Orange, Copper, Scarlet, Ruby, Crimson, Olympic College, Olympic Rainbow, Sapphire, Aqua, Turquoise, Indigo

## Duke of Edinburgh

Both the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups have taken part in their overnight expeditions. The Bronze expedition was for 1 night and 2 nights for the Silver. All students did extremely well as it was very cold on the Bronze expedition and very hot on the Silver expedition!



## Wells-Next-the-Sea Residential

This residential was a tremendous success. All the students had a fantastic week. We were very busy crabbing, baking bread, feeding the deer at Snettisham Park and having fun at BeWILDerwood! A big thank you to the staff who gave up their time to support our young people on this trip.







**Charity Week 2023!**  
 Thank you to everyone for your support of our  
 various events. We raised over £1,300!



**School breaks up for the summer on TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY at 3.00 p.m.**



# Year 11 and 14 Leavers

We said goodbye to Year 11 and Year 14 Leavers last week. We are very pleased and proud to say that thanks to support from the staff team and parents, all students had continuous transition work with all three local colleges during the year, as well as some Career's Guidance. We are proud to say that all students are leaving Heltwate School with a confirmed college placement. We wish them well for the next stage of their journey.



# Leavers Prom 2023





## Para athlete visit to St George's

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Sam Ruddock to St George's. Sam is a World Champion Paraathlete in track cycling! He spent time visiting classes to talk about his experiences and the challenges he has faced along the way. This culminated in an assembly where he showed us his winning jersey AND his gold medal! This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to meet an elite athlete.



## Navy class trip to Rutland Water



## Coral Class

Coral Class have had cricket man Dave in from Cricket East for lessons this term and don't they look good in their team T shirts!



## Parent Governor Vote

At 2.23pm on Friday 14 July the Headteacher, Adam Brewster, closed the ballot for the Parent Governor of Heltwate School, in the presence of two witnesses: Mike Nelson, School Business Manager and Leigh Bowes, former Clerk to Governors. We had 40 returns, 7 of which were void as they were not in envelopes.

The result was:

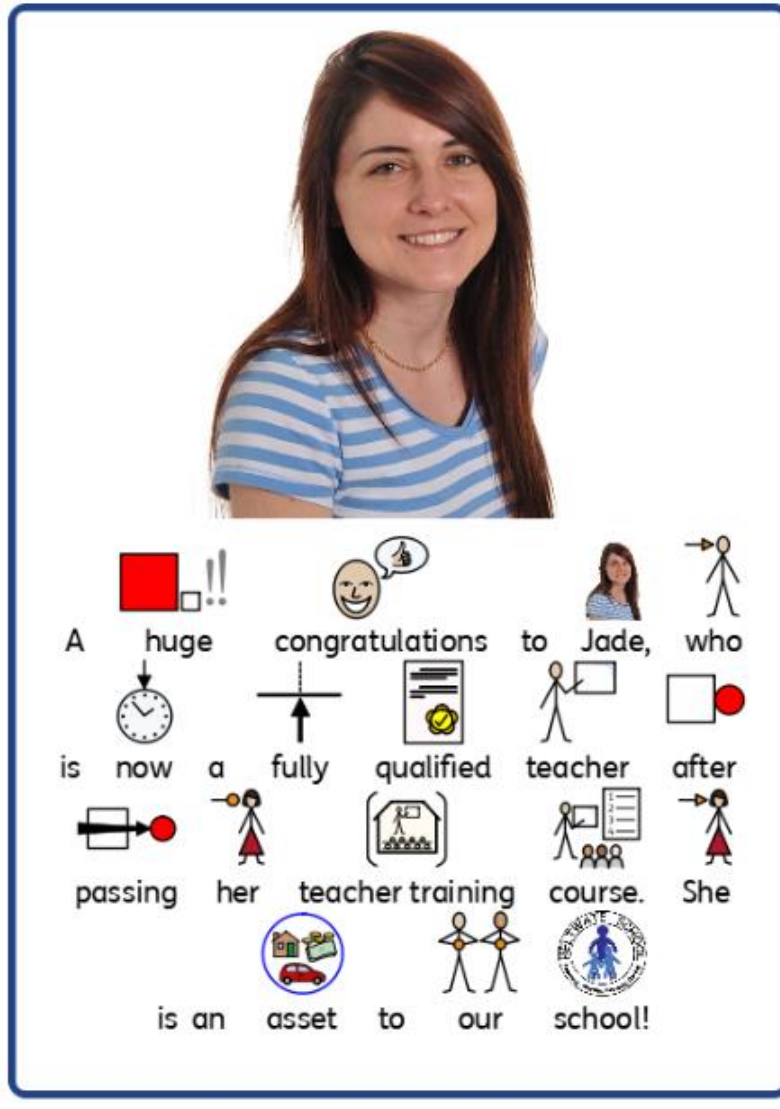
Adam Brown :	20 votes + 4 invalid votes
Amrina Hussain:	13 votes + 3 invalid votes

Adam Brown has accepted the role of Parent Governor with immediate effect.

Our thanks go to both candidates and the parents/carers who voted for them.



# Congratulations!



## Attendance

The whole school attendance percentage for this half term is 90 %  
and for the school year is 90.7%

We remain above the national average for Special School attendance which is 87%.

To report a school absence please either send a class dojo message or telephone the school office on 01733 262878 by 9.15 a.m.



If you feel there are issues other than illness that are affecting your child's attendance please do contact school. We want to work with you and your child to ensure that your child is able to attend and help in any way we can.



# Class Dojo

Please make sure you are signed up to class dojo and regularly check it – we use it for all communication between school and home.

## Dates

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

End of term at 3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Start of Autumn Term for: Rainbow, Emerald, Lime, Green, Yellow, Amber, Orange, Copper, Scarlet, Ruby, Crimson, Olympic College, Olympic Rainbow, Sapphire, Aqua, Turquoise, Indigo

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Start of Autumn Term for Coral, Lavender, Purple, Violet, Lilac, Orchid, Blue, Navy, Pink, Magenta

## School Transport

All transport is managed by Peterborough City Council. If you need to speak to the transport team about your child's transport please ring 01733 317455 and NOT the school office.

## Moving house

Please be aware that when you move house you need to contact the transport office on 01733 317455 so they can re-arrange your transport as your move could mean your child being on a different transport route. Transport may not be able to organise the change immediately and so you would need to bring your child to school yourself whilst it is being done.

Please make sure that you let the school office know your new address.



## Parent / Carers vehicles onsite

Please can we remind those who bring and collect their child into school that **the school site cannot be accessed between 8.40 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. by parent / carer vehicles.** If you do come onto site during these times you will be asked to move your vehicle.

# **School Dinners**

## **PRICE INCREASE**

**Dinners from September will be £3.00 a day for Years 3-6 and £3.20 a day for Year 7 upwards. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 do not need to pay.**

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

The application is an online form which can be accessed from our website or from the link below:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals>

If your child is going to be late please be aware that school dinners have to be ordered by 9.30 a.m. so if you have not contacted us before then and bring your child into school late then they will need to provide them with a packed lunch.