



Heathland School

# NEWSLETTER

December 2020



## 'Goodbye' from Miss Caswell!

A huge thank you to all of the children and parents who have wished me well in my new job in West Yorkshire. I am so excited about my big move but also so very sad and sorry to be leaving – Heathland and Whitefriars are the best schools in the world if you ask me!

I have been here for 11 years and will miss Heathland forever for lots and lots of reasons – I have been so lucky to work with such brilliant, inspirational, professional, compassionate and dedicated people who truly do nurture and care for the children here so well. And the last few months have also shown me how completely heroic my colleagues are!

I will also miss the community of parents and families – your positivity, kindness and support has been amazing!

Of course I will really, *really* miss the children in our wonderful school; at Heathland, thanks to the team, they truly do thrive and have fun while doing really well in their learning. It has been really inspiring to see them embody our school's Values as they rise to every challenge. I am so proud of them!

I will stay in touch with my Heathland family - with Miss Hopkins in charge I know that the school will go from strength to strength; she is completely brilliant!

*Miss Caswell*

Value of the month



## Responsibility

- Being reliable
- Being dependable
- Putting things right if there is a problem



## Goodbye to Miss Gatfield



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to our fantastic nursery teacher Miss Gatfield.

Miss Gatfield is leaving Heathland and will be missed by all the children in nursery. We hope you will join us in wishing her the very best of luck for the future!



Article 13: Your right to have information



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## Value of the Month!



The children in Palm class created an assembly on the value of Responsibility. They thought about how our rights are linked to the term responsibility. They also performed poems that they created independently off by heart and plays showing how responsibility means owning up to mistakes and speaking the truth to generate a better outcome. The assembly ended with a fantastic Palm class music video where the children performed their dance routines while singing in groups.



## Reception Nativity

Children in Reception have been working really hard this year for their Christmas Nativity performance. We have had to do things a little differently this year, but as always the children were positive, enthusiastic and very eager to learn their parts and all the festive songs. Well done Reception on a fantastic performance!



## Supporting Your Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have received information for a free Open University course for parents. Follow the link below for further information.

[Supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing](https://tinyurl.com/y8hks9oe) (https://tinyurl.com/y8hks9oe Opens in a new window)



- Parents don't need to sign-in
- It takes altogether around 24 hours to complete
- All sessions have a personal reflection
- All sessions have a summary of the session
- There is a simple quiz at the end of each session
- Parents get a certificate/batch at the end for their study
- They have the option to do it online on their computer or download the course in a different format (e.g. pdf) to work offline
- Parents are introduced to topics like what happens in CBT and Play therapies, to ACE and protective factors, developmental theories, medication, attachment, and the role they play in their child's wellbeing.



## School Reading Books



If you have any school reading books or library books that were sent home with your child's home learning prior to lockdown, can these please be returned to school as soon as possible. They can be given to the class teachers. Thank you

## Job Vacancies



From time to time we have job opportunities which are advertised on our schools' websites. Please click the 'Staff Vacancies' button on our website for further information on any of our current vacancies or follow this link <http://heathlandwhitefriarsfederation.net/>



Article 6: Your right to life and to be healthy

## DFE Coronavirus Helpline

### Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline – holiday hours

The DfE coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline and the PHE Advice Service (option 1) will be available over the holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education settings and children's social care. These helplines will, however, close on the bank holidays, and have shortened opening hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

**Phone:** 0800 046 8687

#### Opening hours:

- 24 December – 8am to 4pm
- 25 to 28 December – Closed
- 29 to 30 December – 8am to 6pm
- 31 December – 9am to 4pm
- 1 January – Closed
- 2 to 3 January – 10am to 6pm

**Until 24 December, the helpline opening hours are:**

- Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm
- Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm

## Diary Dates

**17<sup>th</sup> End of Term – Early Finish**

*5<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

*Children Return to School*

**We wish you all  
a happy and  
healthy festive  
break**

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