



DARE Endeavour

You will have received an email detailing our DARE Endeavour strategy. By putting your child at the centre of all that we do, we support them to endeavour to understand their world, themselves and others. Our DARE values are well embedded and across the school we speak in a common language with all that we do. We hope that you will be able to attend the Parent Forum, via Zoom meeting on **Monday 22nd November at 6pm**, when we will present our approach to the curriculum and DARE Endeavour.

Year 5 make a difference to their community by raising money for charity

As part of our intent that each year group has the opportunity to make a difference to their community, last term, Year 5 planned a cake sale to raise money for charity. This year the charity that Year 5 supported is Macmillan Cancer Support. The children enthusiastically researched the charity, designed posters to advertise the cake sale and sold cakes at break time and after school. The children raised £300 that has been donated to the charity. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported this event.



Safeguarding children is our priority. If you have a concern about the welfare of a child please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) [03001267000](tel:03001267000). In school the lead designated person for safeguarding is Mrs Smith. Other designated safeguarding leads are Mr Smith and Mrs Fadal. It is everyone's business to keep children safe.

Christmas celebrations - back with a bang!

We look forward to the children celebrating Christmas in school this year. **Years 1 and 2 will be performing a Nativity on 7th and 8th December, Nursery and Reception will be having a Christmas Carol Concert on 10th December.** We are looking forward to parents attending this event. Some KS2 **will be singing at the Cathedral** in town on **15th December.** Choir will be singing at other venues, including Sheraton Court. Our **Christmas party day will be on 17th December**- the last day of term. On this day children are invited to attend school in their Christmas jumpers. We will also be having Christmas dinner together and we hope that you will book a school Christmas dinner on this day. Regrettably, we have taken the difficult decision to not invite parents to Deck the Halls this year due to the Covid situation. Unlike with audiences in school to watch performances, we cannot safely manage a great number of adults in school and in classrooms. The children will participate in Deck the Halls on Friday 3rd December as a school. This year our theme will be 'From our place to yours'.

Christmas musical celebration- Wednesday 8th December at 6.30pm

We are excited to announce the return of our prestigious Christmas music celebration. Music is strong at Headlands. We have choirs, a school band and a range of musical ensembles all rehearsing to make this event return with a bang.



Supporting BBC Children in Need

The children are invited to attend school in mufti **on Friday 19th November.** We suggest a donation of 50p. All money will go to Children in Need.

Parents and Tots

It is great to open the school up once again to parents and tots in the local community. The group meet every **Wednesday in the lower hall at 9.00am to 11:00am.** The group would very much like to welcome new members. Please feel free to pop along and join in if you have the time to do so. It would be lovely to see you.

Homework

The children work extremely hard throughout the school day. Led by research, we only set homework that will impact on the children's learning and will allow family time with you for them to actively engage in wide and varied activities outside school. Therefore, we request that you read at least five times a week and write in your children's reading diary in Years R-2 and encourage the older children (Years 3-6) to complete their reading bookmark. From January in Year 2 and beyond we encourage you to support your child with their Times Tables Rockstars. Also, please refer to the knowledge organisers for Year 1-6 that will inspire conversation about what is being learnt in school.



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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have settled in well to the new term. As with all schools, Covid is impacting on children and staff absences. Where members of staff are absent, we are attempting to cover staff internally to minimise disruption. If your child's class teacher is absent, please be reassured that we are making every effort for life in class to be as consistent as possible.

You will have received a curriculum newsletter detailing what will be happening in class this term. Also, I have written to you describing our DARE Endeavour strategy and inviting you to a Zoom meeting about this on **Monday 22nd November at 6pm**. We look forward to an exciting term.

Darren

Mrs Green- Deputy Head Teacher



Due to the increase in size of our Woodlands special needs setting, more of Mrs Smith's time is now committed to the leadership of this provision. To support the school moving forward, Mrs Green, formally the assistant Head Teacher, is now also a Deputy Head Teacher alongside Mrs Smith. The senior team is now made up of Mr Smith (HT), Mrs Smith – DHT with oversight of Woodlands, inclusion and pastoral support, Mrs Green - DHT with oversight of teaching and learning and teacher development. Miss Harvey (Senior Teacher) with oversight of Early Years and Year 1. Mrs Booth (School Business Manager). The senior team are supported by Mrs Evans and Miss Wilson who are both phase leaders. We have a strong and established leadership team, moving the school positively forward.



BBC Political Editor, Laura Kuenssberg visits Year 6

We were delighted to welcome Laura Kuenssberg to Headlands last term. Following an email exchange in the summer, Laura agreed to meet Year 6 (virtually- via Zoom) to prepare the children with how to interview a politician in preparation for the annual visit of Michael Ellis MP. Laura was great with the children; she talked about her job, what inspired her to do it and was inspirational in all that she said.



Michael Ellis MP visits Year 6

Each year, the school invites our local MP, Michael Ellis, to Headlands to discuss his role and life in Parliament. This is a non-partisan visit and at our request to support the children's understanding of 'their world' and the democracy that we live in. The children asked insightful questions, ranging from climate change and COP 26, to plans for Northampton town centre. Michael also discussed his role in parliament and in the local community, and inspired the children to believe that they could become an MP one day if they chose to be. Michael has also invited Year 6 to the Houses of Parliament in the summer term, Covid permitting!



Key events this term

3 rd Dec	Deck the Halls (children only)
7 th / 8 th Dec	Years 1 and 2 Nativity in the afternoons
8 th Dec	Christmas music festival at 6.30pm
10 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Carol Concert at 9:10am
17 th Dec	Christmas party day (including Christmas jumper and dinner)

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