

From the Head Teacher...

Please note the following key dates:

Music assembly -14 July 1.30pm

Final awards and birthday assembly - 15 July 2.20pm

Y6 Awards assembly – 18 July – 9.15am

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

We are really pleased to announce that our new website is now live. The site is more user friendly and easy to navigate. It will be the first port of call for parents for information about school news and events. Whilst live, we are constantly uploading information to the site and we will continue to do this over the summer. Timely communication is extremely important. In September, we will publish the events for the year. Such events will include sports days, TLCs, information sessions for parents, class assemblies and when your child will be going on their school trip. To view the new website please visit www.headlands.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS TO CEDAR WHO TRIUMPHED AT SPORTS DAY

The total number of points achieved throughout the day were added to get a grand total. The children all participated incredibly well demonstrating their determination and ability to work as part of a team. It was also great to see so many parents at school throughout the day. My only regret is coming 4th in the dad's race, my lowest ever place! More training required. Well done also to Year 6 who achieved brilliantly with their young enterprise event, raising £360 for Autism Concern.

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

At the end of term, not only will we be saying goodbye to our amazing Year 6s, but also to Miss Giddings who is relocating to Manchester and also Mrs Lynes and Mrs Heasman. Emma Lynes has been with the school for 15 years and has been an amazing and inspirational teacher for all of that time. We wish her luck in her new role at Caroline Chisholm School as a phase leader. Also, to Sue Heasman, who has been at the school in a number of capacities for 23 years, latterly as the family support worker. Sue is moving on to pastures new. All will be incredibly missed at Headlands by everyone. I would like to say a big thank you for their support since I arrived at the school and on behalf of the entire school community we wish them well for the future.

WELCOME MRS EVANS

Mrs Evans has been appointed as our upper key stage 2 phase leader. Mrs Evans will be teaching in Year 6 and in her role will lead Years 5&6. Mrs Evans is a very experienced Year 6 teacher and we look forward to her joining the Headlands team from September. Mrs Evans has been working closely with the school to ensure that she is up to speed with all that has been started for September.

A NEW ROLE FOR MRS MARRIOTT

Congratulations to Sue Marriott who has been appointed as our new family support worker, following the departure of Mrs Heasman. Mrs Marriott has extensive experience having worked in a Children's Centre working with families. Mrs Marriott will be working closely with Mrs Heasman over the next few weeks to get up to speed to ensure a smooth transition.

STRIKE ACTION CAUSING THE SCHOOL TO CLOSE

I regret that I had to close the school last Tuesday as a result of strike action being taken by the vast number of our teachers. With so many teachers choosing to support the industrial action, I had no alternative to close on the grounds of health and safety. I wish to assure parents that I will only close the school when there is no alternative to doing so. Also, some parents have commented about the notice given. Again, I wish to assure parents that once I was informed of the numbers supporting the national campaign, I communicated my decision to parents. This was at the same time as other schools. I regret the inconvenience that this has inevitably caused.



ARTIST AT WORK IN RECEPTION

We were really pleased to welcome Anne-Marie Cadman, a textile artist, to Headlands recently. She has been working with Reception year supporting the artwork that is accompanying their theme on castles. The children have visited Warwick Castle to draw inspiration and their classroom has been converted into a castle itself with trebuchet. The children's work will proudly be displayed at the front of the school in September.



HEADLANDS AT THE DERNGATE

A big **WELL DONE** to each and every one of the children who represented Headlands in the Junior Strictly Grand Final at the Derngate on Saturday. They all looked amazing in their ballroom outfits and performed their American Smooth Foxtrot and Salsa brilliantly in front of a packed audience. Thank you also to all the family and friends who came and supported us. Our congratulations go to Simon de Senlis, Caroline Chisholm and Lings Primary who secured the top three places which was a great result for NPAT.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We would like to gather an army of parent/ carer helpers to support us in school next year. Support can be for one session or more depending on how much time you are able to give us. We would like support with hearing children read and practicing basic maths such as their times tables. We would also like help with preparing books and resources as we have upped the expectations in regard to presentation. Full training and support will of course be given. If you are interested please email Annie Booth bursar@headlands.northants-ecl.gov.uk for an information pack or just pop into the school office. You will be required to agree to a DBS check to be done and a satisfactory reference. This is free of charge and we would organise. Knowing if you are able to support and to organise this now would allow us to get off to a cracking start in September.



UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

In preparation for September, please see below the uniform expectations. It is essential that we maintain the standard of uniform as wearing it ensures that children feel fully part of the school, its vision and values. As always, we will support parents who require support with purchasing uniform. The expectation is that all parents will support the school in sending their child into school in the correct clothing and footwear. We thank you in advance for this support.

- All children are expected to wear the royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo.
- Children are expected to wear a gold polo shirt (preferably with the school logo).
- Children may wear **grey** trousers/ shorts/ skirt with grey tights or socks. Girls may wear a blue and white gingham summer dress.
- All shoes and sandals must be black. Sandals must be secured with a strap and must be worn with socks. Trainers are not expected to be worn other than for PE.
- Hair accessories should be minimal and preferably in school colours. Hair should be kept out of children's eyes using headbands, clips and slides; again preferably using school colours.
- If you wish your child to wear a headscarf for religious reasons, then this item must be royal or navy blue. Headscarves must not have any embellishments, such as diamante decoration.
- If your child has shoulder length hair, for health and safety reasons, we request that it is tied back in a ponytail.

PE Kit

Blue shorts and a coloured t-shirt to represent the house your child is in:-

- Green – Cedar
- Red – Cherry
- Blue – Birch
- Yellow – Oak

Plimsolls or trainers (for outdoor games). In winter, plain black or grey tracksuit trousers and sweatshirt are also recommended.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not expected to be worn although watches are permitted. If your child has pierced ears, then one pair of studs is acceptable. We expect that if children have their ears pierced, then this should be done at the start of the summer holidays so that they can be removed independently by the child when they return to school. All jewellery must be removed before any PE lessons.

Makeup

Children are not permitted to wear any type of makeup including nail varnish.

Pencil Cases

Please note that *only children in Year 6* are permitted to bring pencil cases in to school.

Book Bags

On admission to the school your child will be issued with a school book bag. This is for carrying your child's reading book and any communication between school and home. Should you misplace the book bag then replacements can be purchased from:-

The School Wear Shop
40-42 Abington Square
Northampton NN1 4AA

Telephone: 01604 635828 (Please visit their website for current prices)

Second Hand Uniform

The school operates a second hand uniform shop every Thursday morning between 8.30am and 8.55am. It is located in the music room which can be accessed from the top playground. Any donations of second hand uniform in good/clean condition would be much appreciated and can be handed in to the school office.

WHAT THE CHILDREN THINK

During May we asked the children to complete a questionnaire about their perception of the school. This is their overall response. As with all feedback, we will reflect on it and use it to plan the school development strategy for the future.

	Key Stage One				Key Stage Two				Whole School			
	Yes		No		Yes		No		Yes		No	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Do you like being at this school?	25	81	6	19	183	96	6	3	208	94	12	5
Do you find out new things in lessons?	28	90	3	10	187	98	4	2	215	97	7	3
Are your lessons interesting and fun?	30	97	1	3	181	94	8	4	211	95	9	4
Does your teacher's marking tell you what you need to do to improve your work?	31	100	0	0	187	98	4	2	218	98	4	2
Do you have to work hard?	30	97	1	3	188	98	3	2	218	98	4	2
Do teachers show you how to make your work better?	31	100	0	0	187	98	4	2	218	98	4	2
Do other children behave well in school?	23	74	8	26	108	57	83	43	131	59	91	41
Do children behave well at lunchtime?	29	94	2	6	110	58	81	42	139	63	83	38
Is homework set regularly?	30	97	0	0	185	97	6	3	215	97	6	3
Is there an adult you would go to if you were worried at school?	31	100	0	0	172	90	19	10	203	91	19	9
Do teachers listen to your ideas?	31	100	0	0	186	97	5	3	217	98	5	2
Are you trusted to do things on your own?	28	90	4	13	176	92	14	7	204	92	18	8
Are you bullied?	4	13	28	90	21	11	170	89	25	11	198	89
Do you feel safe at school?	31	100	0	0	178	93	13	7	209	94	13	6
Do you know what to do and who to tell if you are bullied?	31	100	0	0	183	96	8	4	214	97	8	4
Do the adults encourage you to live in a healthy way?	31	100	0	0	182	95	9	5	213	96	9	4

THANK YOU

As we are fast approaching the end of a very busy Summer Term I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their hard work this year and all the parents/carers for the ongoing support I have received. Good luck to all of the children who are leaving us this year – I am sure you will go on to do great things.

Have a great summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Darren