

## Shouting about what we do

We are taking part in a multitude of different events and experiences inside and beyond the school gates that enhance everything that we are doing in school each day. This term, we have not been very good at shouting about what we do through our Facebook/Twitter account or through our new blogs. We are working on the glitches and we will be back in business soon.

## Goodbye and thank you Mr Brown

After 8 years, Richard Brown, our site supervisor is retiring. Throughout his time at the school, Richard has demonstrated huge commitment to ensuring that our site is safe and very well maintained. Richard has overseen huge projects that have happened in school and in all aspects of his work, he has done an incredible job. Richard leaves us this week and hands over the reins to Ian Wafer (pictured) who he has been liaising with for a couple of weeks. On behalf of the school I would like to say thank you to Richard and I wish him and his wife every happiness in retirement.



## We are seeking another Parent Governor- YOUR school needs You!

Led by Adam Eakins, the governing body are seeking to appoint a further parent governor. The role would be to support and challenge the school to ensure the best outcomes for pupils. Experience in education or governance is not required. The governing body is looking for someone passionate about Headlands school to play a part in shaping its future. The Governing Body meets in the afternoon once a term. If you are interested in the role or would like to speak to Adam about being a governor, please let Diane Atkinson our clerk to governors know by seeing her in the front office or emailing [diane.atkinson@headlands.org.uk](mailto:diane.atkinson@headlands.org.uk)



## Year 1's BIG day out in London

Earlier in the term, Year 1 went to visit the National Portrait Gallery in London as the end of their project on 'My Super Self'. During the visit, the children had the opportunity to work with a curator from the gallery, exploring portraiture. When the children were not in the gallery they went strolling through the streets of London. They crossed Jubilee Bridge to see the London Eye and the Houses of Parliament. They visited Horse Guards Parade before glimpsing at Buckingham Palace and being entertained by street performers in Trafalgar Square.

## Attendance

We have previously informed parents that over the past two years our attendance percentage had fallen below the national requirement and the number of children persistently absent (absence 90% or below) had risen above national. We monitor attendance closely and it has risen this academic year to 97% so far. **This is good news!** Children can only learn if they are at school. We are still averaging about 32 late comers a week. We are working with parents to help and support punctuality and attendance.

## Please help us

Earlier in the term, I wrote to parents requesting that they helped the school by returning letters and permission slips on time. I want to make sure that EVERY child has the opportunity to take part in all that the school has to offer. Chasing parents for permissions and payment is consuming precious time and resources that could otherwise be directed to your children. Please help us with this as we move forward.

## Upcoming dates

- 26 November** – School Nurse to give Flu vaccinations – Reception to Year 5
- 3 December** - Woodlands Christmas event 9-11am
- 3 December** – Deck the Halls 1.30-3.15pm
- 5 December** – Christmas Concert 6.30-8.30pm
- 10 December** - Woodlands Unit Christmas trip
- 12 December** – Choir to sing at Avon – 10.30am-12.00
- 12 December** – KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
- 13 December** - KS1 Nativity 9.30am
- 13 December** – KS2 Celebration Assembly 2.40pm
- 14 December** – Christmas Party Day with whole school panto and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. *Christmas lunch available to order via the office if you haven't already booked or requested a main meal (incorrectly listed as Chicken burger or bean burger on the app) for this day. A home packed lunch will be required if a Christmas lunch is not requested.*
- 17 December** – Foundation stage Nativity event 3-5pm
- 19 December** – Last day of term – school uniform to be worn.