



LITTLE HEATON NEWS

Learning Together We Grow In Faith

Friday 06th September 2024

WELCOME BACK!

Headteachers Message

On behalf of the Little Heaton school community, I would like to extend a heartfelt 'welcome back' to you all. We hope you all had a great summer and that the children were able to 'recharge' ready to take on a busy term. I would also like to welcome our new pupils and their families - we hope your child is very happy and successful during their time at Little Heaton.

Everyone has been incredibly busy getting everything ready for the children's return and we are very fortunate that extensive decorating work and improvements have taken place over the summer. We hope the children enjoy their 'new' classrooms that have been carefully designed to fully support their learning and development.

We are very sad that Ms Chambers has been unable to return with the staff team, due to illness. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very speedy recovery and we hope to see her back with us in the not-too-distant future! We are delighted that Miss Matthews, who spent a lot of time with Y2 last year, has been able to join us and will be with the class until at least October half term.

We have enjoyed an excellent start to the new academic year and this week has been calm, happy and very focused, with pupils demonstrating their excellent attitudes to learning. We have planned a number of exciting and engaging learning opportunities to ensure that this continues and that pupils are highly motivated about coming to school, resulting in improved attendance. I have attached updated information with regards to national changes to penalty notices and we will continue to work with our families on this to ensure that everyone receives the necessary support to ensure our pupils are punctual and attend school regularly.

Mrs McNeill - Interim Headteacher

School Uniform

We will be thinking a lot about 'taking pride' this year and we're off to a good start, with the children all looking very smart in their correct uniforms. We know, from experience, that there are often subtle changes that creep in with regards to school shoes and jewellery and I would therefore like to remind parents that correct school shoes must be worn at all times (trainers will only be worn for PE days) and that no jewellery is permitted, other than stud earrings - this is for health and safety reasons and we would therefore appreciate your support with this.

A new approach to Fridays!

We are trialling 'Feel Good Fridays' as days when we will be focusing on our PSHE and well-being curriculum as well as our PE. As such, all pupils will have their PE day on Friday during this trial period. We will review this in October and inform parents if we plan to change or keep the arrangement. We would like all pupils to **come to school in their correct PE uniform (black/navy shorts, plain white t-shirt) every Friday.**

Please note, that the weather (unless extreme) will not prevent us from being outside for our PE lessons, so pupils will need navy/or black jogging bottoms and a hoodie for this term. We would like to request that those pupils who have a Little Heaton Hoodie wear this on Fridays. It is likely that we will be making these available once again, to ensure that our pupils look just as smart on PE days as they do during the rest of the week.

If you have any difficulties or concerns about your child being in correct PE or school uniform, please don't hesitate to come and see us and we'll do what we can to support you.



Autumn Term Events

I am delighted to share with you our Autumn term 'calendar of events'. We have a number of exciting events planned and following your feedback, have included a number of parental events where we are looking forward to welcoming you into school, this includes our Monday collective worship which will take place in church at 2:45.

Our first parental event is our McMillan coffee morning on Thursday 26th September (9:15-10:15). We ask that our Y5/6 pupils provide cakes and goodies for this (as we will accept donations for these) with the remainder being 'sold' at the end of the day on 26th. We hope you are able to join us!

The 'calendar of events' is attached as a separate document.

School Photos

On Wednesday 11th September we have a photographer in school to take the children's schools photos.

We are very much hoping to be able to invite younger siblings who do not yet attend Little Heaton in for photographs however we are awaiting confirmation from the photographer.

If this is something they can accommodate we will let you know as soon as possible, and we apologise for the late notice on this.



Coats

Despite today being quite summery, we know the weather is due to turn cooler next week and we would therefore like to request that pupils now bring their coats to school so they can have their much-needed fresh air during the day.

Absence from School

Please can we remind you of the importance of attendance at school.

If your child is due to be absent from school, you must inform the school office by calling 0161-672-0555 and leaving a message on the absence line. You can also submit an absence on School Spider.

If we are not informed of your child's absence and are unable to contact you, a home visit may be carried out.

If we are not provided with a reason for your child's absence, this will be marked as unauthorised.



Dates for your Diary

11th September – School Photos

18th September – New Starters (Rec 2025) Open Morning

26th September – McMillan Coffee Morning

30th September – Harvest Service in Church

