



Heath Primary School



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Dear parents/carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year I thought it might be nice to share a few thoughts. As a school we have a great deal to celebrate. There have been events aplenty during the year, a step change from the COVID years, with many children being welcomed to school for the first time, some from as far away as Ukraine. We have, amongst other things:

- Facilitated 6 year groups to enjoy the pantomime sleeping beauty.
- Invited pupils from years 3 and 4 to a sleep over in school.
- Encouraged year 6 pupils on a residential to Mount Cook with activities including a zip wire, rafting building and archery.
- Amazed audiences at the Winding Wheel with our dance show Cruella.
- Learnt about the Holocaust through a year 6 trip to the Holocaust Centre.
- Celebrated our children's talents with an outdoor Carol Concert and a musical showcase.
- Embraced the stage with the musical 'Oliver' and delivered a truly wonderful production.
- Held a massively successful summer fayre and Arts exhibition.
- Appointed new members of staff. We have also passed our heartfelt thanks to staff who are moving on to new challenges, our school family will miss you and will not forget your passion.
- Made (and this is only an estimate) some 101,764 trips to and from the School, with many people striding, scooting, running and cycling to help do our bit for the environment. We can still do more.
- Practiced 160,000 or more spellings, calculated innumerable timetables and completed near on 68,000 reading record entries.
- Enjoyed sports days for all year groups where team and individual events have given the children the opportunity to participate and compete. It was great to see parents involved too!
- Visited stately homes, butterfly houses, the beach at Cleethorpes and Pleasley Vale activity centre.
- Celebrated the Jubilee, been visited by Olympians and benefitted from the ongoing support from the friends of the school who work tirelessly to top up our funds. Nursery have 'searched for a hero' and found plenty who volunteered to talk to and enthral the young people.

Heath Primary School is structurally 'better' now that building works are nearing completion. We are part of a trust that is growing, with more schools joining from neighbouring areas within Chesterfield.

We are above national average for attendance, and continue to work hard to achieve government expectations, recognising the links between school attendance, achievement and childhood wellbeing.

Our staff team, having worked tirelessly educating the children and safeguarding them, are ready for the summer holidays, as are our children and parents, carers and guardians. Some children will be moving on and new children will be embraced into our family in September.

We really have had a spectacular year and we should all be proud of our achievements supporting Heath Primary School. Should you have a moment to visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/209171/12> and click 'give your views now', your input will record the value that we have added to our community and guide us all as we move forward.

I sincerely hope that you all have a wonderful summer break and that the 2022-23 year will bring even more incredible achievements.

Best wishes and thankyou to everyone who has done their bit and made this year such a success,

James Swain

On behalf of all the governors at Heath Primary School.

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