



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the half term break, and had a great start to the new half term with our screen-free day. I received some brilliant photographs from children in all classes, and it was lovely to see the range of activities completed and how much enjoyment the children got from this different structure to the day! Thanks to everyone who shared photographs with me.

Thanks also to everyone who has been taking part in our competitions during lockdown. The response to the Valentine's Day baking contest was phenomenal! Congratulations to our latest winners, listed below. Also below, you will find details of our next competition – this time, it's your chance to learn some poetry off by heart! The deadline is 19th March. There is also an opportunity to name our new mascot, the cute fox below, so please do email your suggestions to me by 9th March.

We have so many exciting things coming up. Next Thursday is World Book Day, and on Class Dojo you will find details of lots of activities to take part in, including a virtual assembly with Miss Williams, as well as information about how to order your free book! And you only have one more week of home-learning, and then we can welcome all children back to school! We can't wait to see you all, and to introduce you to the newest members of the Lower Heath family. We have two new guinea pigs, and very soon a giant African snail will be joining us, and children will have the opportunity to choose their names. On a different note, Comic Relief is coming up, and we are holding a fancy-dress competition (details below). Some of you might have those spring term launch day costumes which you never had chance to wear! We have so much to look forward to!

Mrs Deborah Sadler
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES



Name our school mascot!

We are very excited to announce that we have a new school mascot! Our fabulous fox (designed by our very own Mr Davies!) is above. We would love the children to choose his/her name. Please email your child's suggested mascot name to head@heath.shropshire.sch.uk by **Tuesday 9th March**. The suggestions will then be shared with all children, and they can vote for their favourite!

Competition time!

Well done to Arthur and Otilee, the winners of our Shrove Tuesday competition, and to Niall, Nieve, Emilia and Billy, the winners of the Valentine's Day baking contest. Amazon vouchers are on the way to you. All of the entries were so good, that everyone who entered will receive a small prize! Our next competition is slightly different. At the end of this bulletin, you will see a poster advertising Poetry By Heart, a competition where children learn to recite a poem off by heart! **The deadline to submit your video entry is Friday 19th March.** More details about the competition can be found on the website, detailed below, as can details of how to submit your video entries.

World Book Day

Did you know that **Thursday 4th March 2021** is World Book Day?!

We want to make this day as enjoyable as possible for the children, whether they're at home or at school, so please look on the 'school story' section of Class Dojo to view our timetable for the day, information about our live launch assembly (with an opportunity to dress up), two exciting competitions (with prizes) and a link for pupils to select their choice of free book!

Children in school can attend in fancy dress or non-uniform if they wish to do so.

WORSHIP



We have started to focus on the 'miracles of Jesus' in worship this week. We looked at the story 'Jesus Calms the Storm'. If you have completed any activities linked to this story, or have created any prayers, please do share them on your Class Dojo portfolio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 4th March: World Book Day**
- Monday 8th March: All children return to school!**
- Tuesday 9th March: Mascot-naming deadline**
- Friday 19th March: Poetry By Heart entry deadline**
- Friday 19th March: Comic Relief – Fancy dress competition!**



AWARD WINNERS

- Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:
- Hummingbirds:** Martha, Emily and Harper
 - Robin Class:** Eliza K, Jacob L, Reggie L and Noah
 - Skylark Class:** Alys, Ava S and Lexi-Mai
 - Kingfisher Class:** Poppy H, Jessie, Nathan, Amelia K and Mia S
 - Owl Class:** Isaac, Daisy, Olivia B and Lacey



News:

[Click here](#) to view what our children have been up to recently.



[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.



POETRY BY HEART

Competition 2021

Types of Entry:

There are three main types of national entry available this year, all possible by video performances made by young people at home.

- The **Classic Competition** - reciting two poems which have been chosen from the Poetry By Heart website, one poem published before 1914 and one published in or after 1914.
- The **Celebration Competition** - an individual, a small group (2-5 young people) or a large group (6+ young people) perform any one poem chosen from the website.
- The new **Freestyle Showcase** option - an individual, a small group or a large group perform any poem at all, including those written by the contestant/s.

Further information is provided through this link:

www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poetry-by-heart-2021/poetry-by-heart-2021-joining-the-competition/

Video Uploads and Rules:

- Due to the circumstances this year, video recordings will happen at home.
- Children can rehearse as much as they like and they can do as many takes as you allow until they're happy with their entry.
- All we want is a simple point-and-shoot video - no cuts, edits, music, subtitles or special effects.
- We would like pupils to recite their poem, not to just read it aloud.
- At the start of the recording, it would be helpful if the child could say: "I am reciting by heart <Poem Title> by <Poet Name>".
- It helps if children get someone else to record their performance so they can stand up and away from a screen.
- Please film against a plain background.
- Devices such as phones and tablets need to be held horizontally when filming, not vertically.
- Once you are happy with the video, send it in to Miss Williams (through Class Dojo -portfolio or messaging- or via email on williams.c@low.mmat.co.uk) **by Friday 19th March 2021.**

Please note: by participating in this competition and submitting a video entry, you are allowing us to share the content on social media/our school website and submit this to Poetry By Heart.

Judgements and Responses:

- The Poetry By Heart team will watch and respond to all entries received by 31st March 2021.
- The expert panel of poet judges and educators will then judge the best performances in the Classic and Celebration Competition categories.
- They will invite those competitors and their chaperones to attend the national event at Shakespeare's Globe on the SouthBank in London (date tbc), at which the national winners will be announced. They will also invite some of the very best Freestyle Showcase performers.
- It is all free to invited participants, including travel costs.
- With appropriate parental permissions in place, they will also add a selection of video performances to Poetry By Heart's website.

Good luck! We can't wait to see your entries 😊

Comic Relief 2021

**FRIDAY 19TH
MARCH IS
DRESS UP FOR...**

**COMIC
RELIEF**

To support Comic Relief, we are dressing up across our primaries.

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed in each school. These will be put forward for a chance of being our overall Trust Winner!

Who will you be?

Marches Academy Trust

