



Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen on Dojo our wonderful Mrs Jenkins was presented with the Trust 'Colleague's Choice' Award this week. Mrs Jenkins touches everyone with her dedication and kindness; she always goes the extra mile to give our children the very best. She is also a supportive friend to all her colleagues and brims with enthusiasm and positivity. A very well-deserved award!

Our staff at Lower Heath are a brilliant team! But do you know who we are? What makes us tick? Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing some deep secrets about our staff and why they love Lower Heath! Mr Holt-Williams is up first – see below!

The Village Athletics competition last week was a great success. Lower Heath children had great fun competing in shotput, javelin, long jump, chest press and sprinting. The event was brilliantly organised by Mr Hounsell and Mr Holt-Williams was kept very busy with the scoring! It was lovely to welcome parents and local village schools to take part - a real community event. Lower Heath were not able to keep the shield from 94 years ago; on this occasion the trophy was taken home by Longlands school. Congratulations to them! Our thanks go to Mrs Clark-Hudson, the official photographer; I will be delighted to share some photos with you once I have them.

Thank you so much for your kind donations for the summer fair Tombola. Next Friday, it's another non-uniform day. This time, if you are able, we are looking for 'bottle donations'. If you are also able to help on the day, grab me for a chat on the car park or drop me a line.

Next week, we are preparing our children for their 'move up' for next year. For some, this means visiting a new school, others are moving to a new class with a new teacher whilst some are welcoming new children into their existing class. This can be a worry for some children; it is also an exciting time for new beginnings. Our new teacher in Skylark, Mrs Jill Leighton, is not able to be with us as she currently lives in Cyprus. However, she has sent the children a video introducing herself, a box of goodies and activities for the day and some postcards which will be sent home, telling you a bit about her. We can't wait for her to join Lower Heath!

And our youngest children are incredibly excited for their seaside trip to Rhyll! Watch out on Dojo to see what they have been up to!

National Strikes are planned for 5th and 7th July. We are not anticipating any staff absences so Lower Heath will be open as normal.

Helen Reynolds
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Year 6 Transition Days:** 3rd-5th July
- **Lower Heath transition Day:** 7th July
- **School Sports Day:** 10th July
- **Owl Class Assembly:** 11th July
- **Owl Class Bikeability:** 12th – 14th July
- **Kingfisher Class Assembly:** 12th July
- **New Starters Afternoon Tea:** 12th July
- **Summer Fair:** 14th July
- **Annual Reports to Parents:** 14th July
- **Reserve Sports Day:** 17th July
- **Skylark Class Assembly:** 18th July
- **Drama Club Performances:** 18th and 19th July
- **Robin Class Assembly:** 19th July
- **Year 6 Leavers Assembly:** 25th July
- **Break up:** 26th July

AWARD WINNERS



Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are:

- Hummingbird Class:** Jack
- Robin Class:** Robyn
- Skylark Class:** Kimi and Alfie
- Kingfisher Class:** Matthew and Poppy
- Owl Class:** Ava TB Ava L



Mr Jonathan Holt-Williams

Since I qualified as a teacher in the dim and distant past (27 years ago), I have had the pleasure of teaching in a number of primary schools. I started my career in Sheringham, North Norfolk, where I met my wife, and then moved westward to be nearer to family. After a spell at St Mary's, Shawbury, I was appointed at Lower Heath in September 2007. In this time I have taught every year group apart from Reception and Nursery (I don't think I'm quite ready for that challenge yet!) Having taught here for 16 years, I have seen many changes – the school has grown significantly and our facilities continue to develop (I'm especially looking forward to seeing our brand new classrooms). One thing, however, has absolutely stayed the same – Lower Heath remains an incredibly special place and is somewhere I love to come to work every day. I am so lucky to be able to teach in such a lovely environment with amazing children, families and supportive colleagues.



My main job is to teach Owl Class – a fantastic group of year 5 and 6 children – but I also hold several other roles including leading mathematics throughout the school. As well as teaching, I have been involved with running the drama club at Lower Heath for several years and love giving the children the opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

Outside of school, I love spending time with my wife, Miami and my 2 boys, Sam (20) and Eliot (18). I also love to go for long walks in our beautiful countryside and enjoy cycle touring too.

It has been my privilege to have worked with so many Lower Heath children and families over the years and I look forward to continuing to do so in the future.



Breaking the myth...

Transition & Changes cont..

Returning to tips and support strategies for your children's transitions.

Below are some hints and tips you could input to support any concerns or fears that your child may have:

- Normalise the anxiety or apprehension about going back.
- Get their sleep on track early.
- Re-establish a routine.
- Encourage ownership.
- Discuss and plan out healthy habits in advance.
- Limit screen time.
- Visiting the school. Safe adults (Find a key adult in their school/year group).

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What can I do?

Links for support & advice

- (2) **Primary Transition – YouTube**
- [yf-f-teacher-resource-year-6.pdf](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/yf-f-teacher-resource-year-6.pdf) ([youngminds.org.uk](https://www.youngminds.org.uk))

- [ICP_Back to School Printable](https://www.instituteofchildpsychology.com/ICP_Back_to_School_Printable) ([instituteofchildpsychology.com](https://www.instituteofchildpsychology.com))



WORSHIP



This half term's Christian Value is Fellowship.

This week we will be thinking about how we can Demonstrate Fellowship in our school and community.

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