



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to our new academic year! We've had a super start with children buzzing about their new classrooms and their Allwood World sessions.

We 'officially' opened our new classrooms today. The ribbon was cut by Helen Morgan MP and Freda Ridgeway, who will be known to many of you as a local resident who has committed many years to supporting our Lower Heath pupils. Five generations of her family have been with us. We were delighted to welcome them both. Thanks also go to Jane Hughes who has diligently photographed the new build from the demolition of the old sheds to the final ribbon cutting ceremony! Another family who have had five generations at Lower Heath! I'll share some photos of the event next week.

We are starting to put lots of dates into the calendar for the autumn term. They are listed below and also on the 'events' section of Dojo.

**Communication**

It is important to us to make sure you have as much information about Lower Heath and the education of our children as possible. As you may know, our main method of communication is through Class Dojo. If you are not linked in with Class Dojo, please do get in touch, otherwise you may miss some information. You can have the app on your phone or use this link: <https://www.classdojo.com/>. We also communicate via email so if you are not receiving regular communication from us, please do let us know.

We continue with our Staff Shout Outs – thanks to Mrs Leighton, our new Skylark teacher, for hers below.

We are really excited about our fantastic 'new' school! Please join us for one of our open days – see the poster below.

*Helen Reynolds*  
**Headteacher**



**CELEBRATION**

**Happy Birthday to:**

Isla-Rae, Mia G and Mrs Langer who had birthdays this week



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Topic Launch Day:** 15<sup>th</sup> September
- **Nasal Flu vaccinations:** 20<sup>th</sup> September
- **Kingfisher Park Hill Trip:** 21<sup>st</sup> September
- **EYFS/KS1 Harvest Service:** 21<sup>st</sup> September
- **KS2 Harvest Service:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September
- **EYFS Reading Workshop:** 26<sup>th</sup> September
- **Lower Heath Open Afternoon:** 29<sup>th</sup> September
- **Parents' Evening 1:** 19<sup>th</sup> October
- **PD Day:** 6<sup>th</sup> November
- **Parents' Evening 2:** 9<sup>th</sup> November
- **Lower Heath Open Afternoon:** 14<sup>th</sup> November
- **Year 6 SATs workshop:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- **Owl Class Assembly:** 5<sup>th</sup> December
- **Kingfisher Class Assembly:** 6<sup>th</sup> December
- **Skylark Class Assembly:** 12<sup>th</sup> December
- **Robin Class Assembly:** 13<sup>th</sup> December
- **Christmas Fair:** 15<sup>th</sup> December
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity:** 19<sup>th</sup> December
- **KS2 Carol Service:** 21<sup>st</sup> December
- **Break up:** 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Mrs Jill Leighton**

From a very young age, I wanted to become a primary school teacher and here I am. I qualified in 2010 from the University of Cumbria with a Primary Education degree and from then have worked in various schools and have covered all age groups from reception-year 6.

I started my teaching career in Durham, in the North East of England (where I am from) but when my husband, Carl, joined the RAF, we were posted to Lincolnshire. Luckily, due to the flexible nature of teaching, I was able to move with him and managed to secure a job in a local school.

For the last 4 years, I have been extremely lucky to have lived in mostly sunny Cyprus where I took a career gap and I was a full time Mammy to our two children: William (6) and Hannah (4). We relocated back to the UK at the end of July this year. Although I do miss it terribly, we have such special memories to cherish forever and it doesn't take long to settle back into UK life!

Outside of teaching, I enjoy adventures with my children – we are looking forward to making a list of things to do here in Shropshire – any recommendations welcomed. We LOVE the beach and I enjoyed paddleboarding in Cyprus but I am not sure I am quite so keen in the cold waters here! I am quite creative and enjoy making things, I started a little business creating wreaths in Cyprus but will have to see what spare time I have now.

I knew our next posting was going to be Shawbury and when I saw the job come up at Lower Heath, I knew this was the kind of school I wanted to work in and to reignite my love for teaching after my career gap. I can already see that it is such a special school with a lovely family-feel and I cannot wait to get started in Skylark class and to get to know you all better.

**WORSHIP**



Next week, we will begin investigating HOPE by thinking about Jesus being the hope of the world.

**LOWER HEATH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

**OPEN DAYS**

Come and see our 'brand new' school!



**FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**  
 1:30-2pm    2:15-2:45pm

**TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**  
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