



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children had a lovely afternoon on Monday, using their creativity to draw designs for our Spiritual Garden, which we are going to create in our old allotment area. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we have secured a grant of £1000 from Tesco for this purpose. Our next step is to pull all the children's ideas together into a final design. I wondered if anyone had any landscape gardening skills or contacts who would be able to do this for us. If I don't hear from anyone, I will endeavour to find an external company who may be able to help us.

Our Little Wrens Stay and Play started last week. We were delighted to welcome some new families to join our Robin and Hummingbird children. They shared a story and did a craft activity relating to the story before exploring the indoor and outdoor areas. If you know of anyone who has 0-5 year old children who would like to come along, please share our posters with them.

As you know, our children take part in the Daily 15 every day, which involves them building up to running for 15 minutes without stopping. Research has shown that this has a huge positive impact on both physical and mental wellbeing. To encourage the children to challenge themselves to run, rather than walk, Mr Holt-Williams launched our new 'Laps to Lapland' this week. Together, as a whole school community, we are going to try to run 2000 miles to reach Lapland, before we break up on the 22nd December. Do you think we can do it? Oh yes we can!

Christmas Bingo is nearly upon us! Please could we ask for donations of all things Christmassy and chocolatey e.g. selection boxes, Christmas Sweets, Chocolate Santas / Reindeer etc. These will be given as prizes for 'lines' and 'houses'. We will also have a non-uniform day on the 8th December for further donations for the Christmas Fair. Thank you!

We're excited for our children, who are getting out and about next week! Skylark are venturing to Shrewsbury Castle then KS1 and KS2 are all going to Festival Drayton to see the pantomime of Rumpelstiltskin! It should be a wonderful experience and will definitely get the festive season well and truly underway!

We have our next parent coffee morning drop in Tuesday 28th. Hope to see you then!

Helen Reynolds
Headteacher



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:
 Ralph and Poppy H who had a birthday this week!



AWARD WINNERS

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

	Star Reader	Maths Rockstar	Headteacher Award
Robin Class	Harper	Mary	Anna
Skylark Class	Reggie C	Amira	Astrid
Kingfisher Class	Arthur	Lauren	Cleo
Owl Class	Philippa	Charlie	Seth

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Parent Coffee Morning:** 28th November
- **Skylark Castle Trip:** 28th November
- **Pantomime:** 30th November
- **Owl Class Assembly:** 5th December
- **Christmas Bingo:** 5th December
- **Kingfisher Class Assembly:** 6th December
- **Skylark Class Assembly:** 12th December
- **Robin Class Assembly:** 13th December
- **Christmas Fair:** 15th December
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity:** 19th December
- **Christmas Parties:** 20th December
- **KS2 Carol Service:** 21st December
- **Christmas Jumper Day:** 22nd December
- **Break up:** 22nd December



This week we have our EYFS leader and Robin Class teacher, our amazing Mrs Hipkins!

I have been involved with schools for many years; you could say that teaching is in my blood. My father was a primary school headteacher in Liverpool and I watched him spend many hours planning and preparing for fun and exciting days in school. Even as a child, I would go and help in his school whenever I had the opportunity and always thought, 'This is what I want to do when I grow up!' I started volunteering in schools in 2007, listening to children read in my children's primary school; they are now 25, 23 and 20 years old! I then worked in Whitchurch Infants school initially as a teaching assistant, firstly, supporting a child with autism, then as a general classroom teaching assistant. I had always wanted to become a teacher but decided to wait until my own children had started in secondary school. I finally became a qualified teacher 8 years ago and have never looked back!



Lower Heath is where I was fortunate to begin my full time teaching career and I have always been incredibly happy working here. I am so lucky to work alongside such an amazing team of talented, fun and supportive colleagues who always strive to do their best for our fantastic children. I have worked as SENDCo across various schools within the Trust and am now really enjoying my new role as head of EYFS at Lower Heath.

In my spare time, I enjoy going for walks with my crazy black Labrador 'Doris', going to the beach and spending time with my friends and family. I also love a good holiday, lazing in the sunshine, listening to music and losing myself in a good book!

It is such a privilege to be part of the Lower Heath family and I look forward to working alongside colleagues, friends, children and parents for many more years to come.



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WORSHIP



Next week in our worship, our School Council will be leading a discussion on 'Binning the Banter' and how words said 'as a joke' aren't always taken that way.

