



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we settle into the new academic year, I'm delighted to share some updates about our school community at Lower Heath. The start of the year has been excellent, with our pupils adapting well to their new routines and classes. It's wonderful to see them so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. I'd like to express my gratitude for your punctuality in the mornings. The 8:45am start time is working well, and opening the gates at 8:35am seems to provide sufficient time for everyone to arrive comfortably. Your cooperation in this matter helps us start each day smoothly and efficiently.

Our school community continues to show its generous spirit. We raised a generous £86 for the Marches 4 All foundation. This money will directly support local families in need. I encourage you to visit their website to learn more about the fantastic work they do in our community. [4 All Foundation](#)

Unfortunately, we already seem to have a sickness bug going around. This serves as a timely reminder for us all to revisit and reinforce good hygiene practises. Please help us maintain a healthy environment by encouraging regular handwashing and following our illness policies.

I'm pleased to announce that Mrs Leighton is now working closely with me, with a view to taking over as our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) in due course. Supporting our pupils with SEND is of utmost importance to us; this collaboration will effectively double our expertise in this crucial area.

We're also in the process of reviewing and potentially changing our worship practises. Keep an eye out for a letter and an online form where you can share your views on this matter. Your input is valuable as we strive to create meaningful experiences for our pupils.

As we progress through the term, please remember that open communication between home and school is vital. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support in making Lower Heath a vibrant and nurturing learning environment. Together, we're creating a positive educational experience for all our pupils.

*Helen Reynolds*  
**Headteacher**



**CELEBRATION**

**Happy Birthday to:**  
 Mrs Langer and Isla-Rae who celebrated birthdays this week.



**AWARD WINNERS**



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

Naira, Hunter, Bella-May, Anura, Benjamin, Owen



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **23<sup>rd</sup> September:** Skylark Bickley Farm trip
- **25<sup>th</sup> September:** European Day of Languages
- **1<sup>st</sup> October:** Early reading workshop
- **3<sup>rd</sup> October:** UKS2 swimming gala
- **4<sup>th</sup> October:** Lower Heath Open Afternoon
- **5<sup>th</sup> October:** Blackberry Fair
- **18<sup>th</sup> October:** PD Day
- **7<sup>th</sup> November:** Parents' evening
- **21<sup>st</sup> November:** Parents' evening
- **26<sup>th</sup> November:** SATs parents' workshop
- **11<sup>th</sup> December:** EYFS / KS1 Nativity tbc
- **13<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Fair
- **18<sup>th</sup> December:** Carol Service tbc
- **20<sup>th</sup> December:** Break up



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**WORSHIP**



This half term, we will be focussing on our Christian Vision – Let your light shine – learning about the links to the bible and how we, as individuals, can follow the Christian example.

