



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, this will be my final bulletin for this half term. This week, we were thrilled to welcome Dan from DCP drums for an amazing drumming workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed this hands-on musical experience. To ensure our children continue to benefit from such opportunities, I encourage you to consider signing up for drum lessons. These sessions not only foster musical skills but also promote discipline and creativity.

Our children have now identified the trees on our school grounds as the inspiration for our new house names. We're inviting everyone to participate in this important decision. Please vote for your favourite three trees by following this link: [house names survey](#). The three with the most votes will become our official house names. This is a wonderful chance for our community to shape a lasting aspect of our school's identity. The chosen three will be announced next Thursday.

Looking ahead to after the half-term break, we're excited to launch a new project called 'Speak and Shine'. This is an initiative designed to enhance our children's communication skills and confidence. Keep an eye out for more information coming your way soon.

Today, we had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs Moseley back to Lower Heath for our celebration worship. It was lovely to see her, and we certainly miss her presence in our school. As a token of our appreciation for her dedicated service, we presented her with a special gift. We're grateful for the positive impact she's had on so many of our children.

An important reminder that **Friday, 18th October is a Professional Development day**, which means no children will be in school on that day.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term. Whether you're planning exciting adventures or quiet time at home, I hope it's a positive experience for every family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 4th November, refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

Helen Reynolds
Headteacher



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:
 Cloe, Jacob L and Ben who celebrate their birthdays over half term.



AWARD WINNERS



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

Ben W, Kimi and Chloe.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- **18th October:** PD Day
- **6th November:** Kingfisher Blist Hill trip
- **7th November:** Parents' evening
- **21st November:** Parents' evening
- **26th November:** SATs parents' workshops
- **5th December:** Christingle with Rev Sue
- **11th December:** EYFS / KS1 Nativity tbc
- **13th December:** Christmas Fair
- **18th December:** Carol Service tbc
- **20th December:** Break up



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Governor Shout Out!

Did you know our school's governors play a vital role in the success of Lower Heath CE Primary? Their responsibilities include setting the school's strategic vision, monitoring performance and ensuring financial stability. We're grateful for their dedication to our pupils' education!

Over the coming weeks, I will share some information about our talented and supportive Governing Board. This week, we start with Sarah Allwood, our recently appointed Chair of Governors.

I have had the pleasure of being a parent at Lower Heath for 6 years now, with our two children currently attending the school in Skylark and Kingfisher. My knowledge of school governance was zero, but seeing how both our children enjoy attending Lower Heath, motivated me to give something back to the school; I bravely volunteered to be a parent governor early in 2023. Fast forward 18 months and I have now taken on the role of Chair, the link governor for safeguarding, health and safety, leadership and management, as well as subject link for history and geography.

Having lived on a farm all my life, first in Cheshire and then for the last 9 years in Shropshire, I love nothing better than being outdoors. This passion meant I jumped at the chance to help develop Allwood World and the fabulous Spiritual Garden; I love a good project! I believe that children benefit from being outside as much as possible, for the benefit of their learning, health and wellbeing.

When I am not outside, on the school run or being taxi for everything our children do outside school, I also juggle being a full time Environmental Health Officer. This job allows me to make a difference and improve public health. The job is very varied, from air quality and land contamination, to sampling private water supplies and inspecting industrial processes.

I feel quite privileged to be able to wear two hats at Lower Heath: parent and governor, and I am committed to being actively involved with the continued development of the school, forging stronger community links, and ensuring staff and children continue to flourish in a happy, positive environment.



WORSHIP



Next half term, we will be focussing on our Christian Value of thankfulness. Our Bible story linked to this value is 'The man who came back'. Follow this link to hear the story read beautifully by Arthur [The man who came back](#)

Our value of thankfulness reminds us to appreciate the blessings in our lives. It fosters positivity and gratitude, enriching our school community and personal growth.

