



Dear Parents and Carers,

We began our week by holding our annual Remembrance Service, where our children participated in a two-minute silence to honour those who have served and sacrificed. It was heartening to see the respect shown by our children during this solemn occasion. They also engaged in creating poppies as part of the remembrance activities. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Mrs Leighton for organising these meaningful activities. Our outdoor display will serve as a further reminder for this important event.

We were delighted to welcome Reverend Chris this week to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. Using a candle and cross as visual aids, he helped our children understand that God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to ask your children if they can remember and explain this concept to you. It's a wonderful opportunity to reinforce their learning and engage in thoughtful discussions at home.

I'm excited to announce that we have planned a special event called 'Children in Charge' for 25th November. On this day, our children will have the opportunity to 'lead' the school. We believe this experience will be both educational and empowering for our children. More detailed information about this event will be shared with you soon.

On a practical note, we've noticed an increase in common illnesses circulating. To maintain a healthy school environment and ensure consistent attendance, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of good hygiene practises. Here are some simple videos you may like to share with your children about proper coughing and sneezing etiquette, as well as correct handwashing techniques. I encourage you to reinforce these practises at home to help keep our school community healthy.

[How to wash your hands NHS song](#)
[Coughing and sneezing etiquette](#)

As always, our focus remains on providing a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment for our children to learn and grow. Your continued support in these efforts is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's education. We look forward to sharing your child's progress at our second parents' evening next week. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.



Helen Reynolds
Headteacher



CELEBRATION

Happy Birthday to:
 Mrs Hipkins and Mrs Ward who celebrate their birthdays this week.



AWARD WINNERS



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

Owen, Aubrey, Astrid, Dorothy



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **21st November:** Parents' evening
- **26th November:** SATs parents' workshops
- **2nd December:** Skylark Class Worship
- **3rd December:** Robin Class Worship
- **5th December:** Christingle with Rev Sue
- **9th December:** Kingfisher Class Worship
- **10th December:** Owl Class Worship
- **11th December:** EYFS / KS1 Nativity
- **13th December:** Christmas Fair
- **18th December:** Carol Service
- **20th December:** Break up



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THANK YOU!



Reminder of the Speak and Shine dates for this half term. Should you require any support, do get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Date	Skylark	Kingfisher	Owl
29 th November	Nancy	Arthur, Kimi	Kyle
6 th December	Finley G	Ben, Hattie	Dorothy
13 th December	Max	Elliot, Eli	Evie-May



Hi! I'm Gemma Kirk and I am one of the new Teaching Assistants in Skylark class. I have only recently joined Lower Heath in October, but I am already feeling right at home and getting to know all of the children! Alongside my role in Skylark class, my other role is Pastoral Support. This means I will be getting to know children and their families across the school – this is something I am very excited about! I absolutely love working with children, but it wasn't my first venture! I initially left college wanting to be an equine veterinarian -due to my love of horses and horse riding- and worked for many years at a local equestrian facility!



In 2016, after working as a teaching assistant for a few years, I qualified as a teacher. I was lucky in securing a job in a lovely, small rural primary school, which only had three classes and a nursery. I started my teaching career in a mixed class of Years 2,3, and 4 for two years. I then moved into a mixed class of Years 4,5, and 6 where I stayed for a further 4 years. I also had many other responsibilities across the school and I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge!

In 2022, I had my amazing little boy Archie and from then, I decided to take a step back from teaching and went to work within a local nursery for a year. However, I knew in my heart that I missed being in a school and when the job at Lower Heath came up, I applied! When I came to look around Lower Heath, the warm and welcoming, friendly atmosphere was evident, and I knew it would be somewhere I would really enjoy working.

Outside of teaching, I love spending time with my husband Joe, my little boy Archie and our two crazy dogs: Coco the Springer and Shadow the Collie! We like walking together and exploring new and different places, but you'll more than likely find me climbing around the soft play after Archie!

WORSHIP



This 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.

