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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to write to you to share some of our Headlands highlights...

### **Rainbow Baby Bank - Pre-Loved Clothing**

Thank you for your generous donations for the Rainbow Baby Bank - Headlands families and staff donated a 'van full' of pre-loved clothes, toiletries and baby products to the Heckmondwike Rainbow Baby Bank.



Your kindness will help to improve the lives of families in our neighbourhood.

### **Our School Vision**

As you are aware, we are currently consulting with parents, pupils, staff and governors to review and reshape of our school vision. Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey. We are keen to hear EVERYONES views. Therefore, we have reopened the survey until the end of this week. Please follow [this link](#) to make sure your views are represented. There are only seven questions (and you don't need to answer all of them)!

### **Class Assemblies**

Class assemblies are back! 6 Cedar started our calendar of class assemblies with their informative, dramatic and entertaining assembly based upon the history of crime and punishment. This was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to the pupils and staff of 6 Cedar.

Tomorrow at 2:30pm, parents of 5 Sycamore pupils are invited into school for their class assembly. We are really looking forward to this event.

### **SEND Coffee Morning**

This morning Mrs Cowling welcomed a number of parents into school to find out more about our provision for pupils and families who need some additional support. We all need help from time to time, so this was a good opportunity for all families to come and find out more. As well as enjoying a cuppa and a biscuit

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it allowed families to find out more about the support we can offer in school. Representatives from PCAN (Parents of Children with Additional Needs) and the Family Support Team were also present, and talked about the wide range of services that they can offer.

The coffee morning was very well received. There will be more events like this in the future, but should you require any help or information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cowling via the school office (or in the playground at the start and end of the school day).

### **Pupil Voice**

It is extremely important that our children are able to express an opinion and to be included in decisions that involve and affect them. We are currently reviewing pupil participation in school to enable pupils to have a voice in all aspects of school life such as:

- Fundraising, links with charities and with the wider community
- Improvements to the school environment (e.g. school buildings, playground, toilets)
- Involvement with staff recruitment
- Involvement with planning extra-curricular activities
- Involvement with planning, reviewing and implementing school policies
- Involvement with School Development Plan and School Budget
- Increasing consultation mechanisms such as surveys, suggestion boxes and circle time
- Involving pupils in school self-evaluation and assessment
- Developing groups such as School Council, Cyber Sheriffs, Collective Worship Committee and a Junior Leadership Team.

After a rigorous recruitment process, we are pleased to introduce you to this year's Cyber Sheriffs (eight pupils from across KS2). It is their role to assist pupils and adults in the appropriate use of technology throughout school. From setting up laptops, managing the woodland cameras, trialing new technology, assisting with code club and delivering a session using BBC:Microbits in KS1. In addition to supporting the use of technology through school, the Cyber Sheriffs are the pupil voice for online safety, gathering data on how children are keeping safe online, providing information on the latest apps and games played by children and sharing online safety information with pupils, parents and staff.

We are also pleased to introduce you to our School Councilors. Pupils wishing to be school councilors were asked to write a manifesto and promote themselves to the rest of their year group, by creating a poster to convey why they would be a good representative. A polling station was then set up in school to allow pupils to vote for their preferred candidate. Following a successful campaign, we now have ten school councilors in place from Year 2 to Year 6. These pupils will represent the views of their peers and will be consulted on aspects of school development. School Council also provides a means by which children can make suggestions about how to improve our school.

### **Friends of Headlands (FOH)**

The first Friends of Headlands meeting of this academic year was held last week. Thank you to those parents, carers and staff who attended; it was a positive and friendly meeting focusing on how we can bring our community together following 18 months of separation and fragmentation. We are lucky to have lots of support, and volunteers who are eager to get things up and running again. Initially, we have scheduled the following events:

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Tuck Shop
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Tuck Shop

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- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Tuck Shop
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Movie Night (EYFS and KS1)
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Disco (bring a bottle/chocolate)
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Christmas Fair (also Christmas Jumper Day)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Gift Room

More information about these events will be shared closer to the time. However, **we still need lots of help to make the events happen**. Please follow the Friends of Headlands Facebook page to find out more information about the events (including how you can help).

### Parents' Consultations Reminder

Parents' consultations will be held in school next week on either

- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30pm to 6.00pm; or**
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm to 7.00pm.**

You should have received a slip detailing your meeting day and time. We look forward to welcoming you into school to meet your child's teacher and to discuss how they have settled into the new academic year. Your child's workbooks will also be available for you to look at. Refreshments will be served and there will also be an opportunity for you to complete our online Parent View Survey, in the school hall. Your views are important to us; we encourage all parents to provide feedback about your child's experience of Headlands.

Please note, 10-minutes have been allocated for each parent-teacher consultation. To allow the evening to run smoothly for everyone, teachers must stick to these timings. Should you have any significant concerns or questions please contact the class teacher in advance of your scheduled consultation meeting.

### Training Days and School Closure

For information, school will be closed to pupils on the following days this term:

- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Training Day**
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term Holiday**
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November - Additional Day of Holiday due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Christmas Holiday**

Best wishes,



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