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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday. As we begin a new half term, I have some school news and notices to share with you.

School Vision

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the survey about our new school vision. We have now consulted with pupils, staff and parents and I have begun to collate this information. The next steps will be to meet with our governors, look at this information and begin to write the first draft of our new school vision. I look forward to updating you on this very soon.

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and Forest Schools

We are lucky to have amazing school grounds at Headlands. However, whilst the importance and positive impact of outdoor play and learning is well documented, our outside space is significantly under-used. Therefore, I am delighted to inform you that we are about to embark upon a programme called OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). This means that, over the next 18 months, we will be looking at developing our outdoor space and the play opportunities we provide for pupils at lunch time and playtime. Additionally, we have two members of staff who are about to begin Level 3 Forest School training. This training will last approximately 1 year and, following this, outdoor learning will become an integrated part of our curriculum offer. We are really excited about these new initiatives and look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

Remembrance Service at Christ Church

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting Christ Church on **Thursday 11th November to participate in a Service of Remembrance, led by Karen Young, our vicar.** The service will begin at 10:30am; family and friends of Headlands are all invited to attend.

Poppy Appeal

Hopefully you have received a letter about the Poppy Appeal. From today, we are supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling poppies and poppy related items. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, or other related item, they can bring the money into school but please could you ensure they have the correct money. Poppies are available for a donation of your choice and the following items are available:



- Zip pull - 50p
- Reflector - 50p
- Silicon wristband - £1
- Snap Band - £1.50

Class Assemblies

This half term 6 Oak and 5 Maple will be inviting parents and carers into school for their class assemblies:

- 6 oak - Friday 12th November at 2:30pm
- 5 Maple - Friday 19th November at 2:30pm

If your child is in 6 Oak or 5 Maple it would be lovely to see you at this event.

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Children in Need

On Friday 19th November we will be supporting the Children in Need charity event. Pupils and staff are invited to come to school in non-uniform - if your child has any Children in Need merchandise (e.g. t-shirts, onesies, headbands) we would love to see them wearing it! We will be collecting silver coins to support this charity.



Friends of Headlands (FOH)

The second Friends of Headlands meeting of this academic year was held last night. Thank you to the parents, carers, staff and friends who attended and to Amani Claughton for expertly chairing the meeting. It was another extremely positive meeting. We discussed and planned some exciting events to be held this half term:

- Friday 19th November - Tuck Shop
- Friday 10th December - Tuck Shop
- Friday 12th November - Movie Night (EYFS and KS1)
- Thursday 25th November - Christmas Disco (bring a bottle/chocolate)
- Friday 3rd December - Christmas Fair (also Christmas Jumper Day)
- Monday 6th December - Christmas Gift Room

More information about these events have been shared in the Friends of Headlands Newsletter, which was emailed to all parents and carers earlier this week. Paper copies of reply slips will be also come home via pupil post today. Please follow the [Friends of Headlands Facebook](#) page to keep up to date with FOH events.

Training Days and School Closure

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on the following days this term:

- Friday 26th November - Additional Day of Holiday due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January - Christmas Holiday

I hope you have a wonderful weekend - and stay safe!

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs ✓

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts ✗

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

Best wishes,

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