

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a calm and restful Christmas break and managed to spend some quality time with friends and family.

On Monday, all of the federation staff took part in a training day with Belinda Hunt, our therapist. The day was mainly focused on dealing with trauma and ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences). It is very important to me that we always remain focused on supporting our children and families with everything that life throws at them. It is only when children feel safe and happy that they can learn. Unless we do that, all the planning and teaching in the world will have no impact. If you ever need any advice or support for you or your children, please do email office@heelands.org or office@summerfieldschool.org and Emily Withington (Heelands), Kate Addison (Summerfield) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be more than happy to help you.

Our recovery from the flood at both schools is now progressing, if slower than I would hope! The roof at Heelands should be rebuilt in full and doors and carpets at both schools will be replaced. If the work affects access around the school site, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Communication is very important across the federation. Please check our website and our text message, noticeboard and emailing services on a regular basis. On occasions, we do need to send urgent information out and we can see that this is not always read. If you are having any problems with communication systems, please speak to the school offices.

Happy New Year and very best wishes for 2025,

Ian Fraser Executive Headteacher

PARENTS EVENINGS:

TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY 3:30pm-7:30pm

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 3:30pm-5:30pm

Parents Evenings are a really important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how your child is progressing.

We strongly advise booking a time slot for parents evening as this is a chance for you to ask any questions and further be informed about your child and the school.

Further information about how to book a time slot for parents evening will be sent out soon.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

	OPEN	CLOSE
SPRING TERM (I)	Tuesday 7th January	Friday 14th February
February Half-Term Break (Monday 17th—Friday 21st February)		
SPRING TERM (2)	Monday 24th February	Friday 4th April
End of Term Easter Break (Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April)		
SUMMER TERM (I)	Tuesday 22nd April	Friday 23rd May
May Half-Term Break (Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May)		
SUMMER TERM (2)	Monday 2nd June	Tuesday 22nd July
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- * Friday 13th June is an INSET day and school is closed to Pupils
- * Wednesday 23rd July is an INSET day and school is closed to Pupils