

# Heymann News



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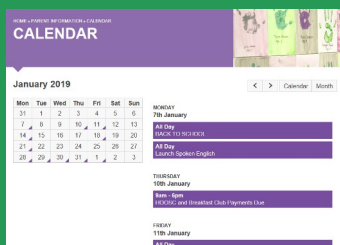
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## Parking

Please can we remind you that parking on double yellow lines or on the pavement in the streets around school is dangerous for our children walking to and from school. Also, could we ask that engines are switched off while waiting— none of us want our children breathing in more toxic fumes than they have to.

## Dates for your diary

Please remember that all school dates for the rest of the school year can be found on the parent calendar section of the Heymann School website - this can be found via [School Calendar](#). Choosing the 'month' view will allow you to see all of the events scheduled in school for the coming month.



## A Note from the Head

Welcome to our end of term newsletter,

It has been great to have the children back in school this term and seeing them being able to start doing some of the things they used to do -attending some clubs, taking part in sporting events, going on trips, having a theatre company visit school and having the Christmas Fair. These things have all had to operate under Covid guidelines but at least things are starting to happen for them again, which is great. We are hoping all of these types of things continue over the Spring term.



We say goodbye to some staff at the end of term. Mrs Portass has worked in our Key Stage 2 kitchen for 31 years and Mrs Mills has been a midday supervisor at Key Stage 2 for 30 years. They have both been amazingly committed to Heymann and have made a positive impact on so many children's lives. We wish them a long, healthy and happy retirement. Miss Ingliss is going on a secondment to Keyworth Nursery for a year. Mrs Robson is taking early retirement but will still be in 1T on a Friday until the summer. I am sure you join me in wishing them both the very best. All of these staff will be missed by children and staff alike.

I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support especially with the challenges Coronavirus seems to constantly throw at us all. The staff have worked tirelessly to try and ensure the continuity of education for all of the pupils whether they are isolating at home or in school. Hopefully, there will be fewer cases in the community in the Spring and we will be able to have all children in school consistently.

I hope everyone stays well over the Christmas holidays. I hope those people celebrating Christmas have a lovely family time and a happy Christmas. I hope everyone is able to have a good break and a rest and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2022!



## Governor Update:

The governors would just like to say a huge thank you to all the school staff for all they have done this term to try to keep things as normal as possible for the children. It can't be underestimated how challenging working at the school has been over recent months with the disruption of Covid testing and self-isolation continuously affecting staffing and children in class.

Governors would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support during the term adapting to the new school processes in place and coping with children self-isolating at home. We wish everyone a safe restful holiday period in whatever form it takes and a very Happy Christmas.

The Governors

## Green Group Update

In November, the Green Group have been busy organising Switch off Fortnight. During the two weeks, we made sure to switch all the lights and devices off in every classroom when they were not in use in order to save energy.

Every day at lunch breaks, we take turns to look after our chickens! We clean their run, give them food and water, stamp and sell eggs and give our chickens lots and lots of cuddles 😊

We also help Luke picking litter!



## Snowy Ice/ Weather

In the case of wintry weather arriving, while we always try to remain open as usual. Please check our website for information about any changes to school opening during any periods of snowy/icy weather. Information will also be given out on local radio stations.

Beautiful sunshine swept across Rushcliffe Country Park for the afternoon as teams of 4 boys and 4 girls from schools all over Nottinghamshire ran around a challenging 2k course. The rain from Storm Barra had left the ground heavy and slippery giving the children an extra factor to contend with.



All ran amazingly well and were very proud of their efforts - some strong performances and importantly all finished with big smiles on their faces.

Well done to Ryan, Andrei, Harrison, Charlie, Jess and Loren. Special mention to Lottie and Eleni who finished in a top 12 position which means they have now been invited to a regional final!

Fab afternoon all round!





# Goodbye and happy retirement!



Mrs Robson has been teaching at Heymann for 7 years and will be taking early retirement at Christmas. She will still be teaching in 1T on Friday until the summer so it not goodbye just yet!

Miss Inglis is going on secondment to Keyworth Nursery in January. She has been working as part of our nursery team here at Heymann for 5 years. We wish her all the best!



## Lunchtime Staff leaving after 63 years at Heymann Primary and Nursery School

Children and staff bid a fond farewell to two members of staff who have been at Heymann Primary School for 63 years between them.

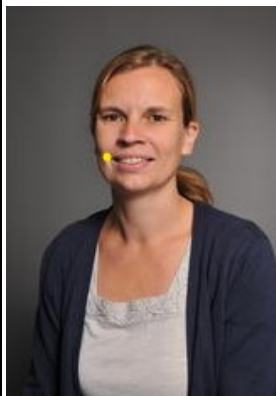
Pauline Portass has worked at the school for 31 years in the kitchen and Christine Mills for



30 years as a midday supervisor and then as senior midday supervisor.

Head Teacher, Lynda Noble said, 'They will be really missed by the children and staff. They have been so reliable and dedicated to the school and made a positive difference to so many children's lives. Their warmth and smiles were there every day for the children. They both have such a caring nature with rubbed off on everyone they worked with.'

They are both looking forward to having long, healthy and happy retirements. Chris has said, 'the best thing about working at Heymann has been the children, the staff and the amazing support you have from everyone.' Pauline is looking forward to spending more time with her family.



This term we have also said goodbye to 2 Middays at KS2—Sue Chapman and Tanya Johnson who had worked here for 9 and 10 years respectively. We wish them all the best! Lunch times now look very different but the newest members of the lunchtime team are settling well.





## Fund raising events for Christmas

December saw the first HSA supported event for over 18 months. The Christmas Fair returned in a new format - split across sites, led by the Year 6 and with reduced stalls. The chocolate tombola remained as popular as ever and the games were a great hit. With the amazing support of parents, carers and teacher donations we managed to raise £400. Special thanks to all the year 6 who were brilliant this year and in charge of both the stalls and looking after the younger children - we simply couldn't have done it without them



We are exploring different events we may be able to do next year and ways we can raise money for the school and will share more when we can. If you have any ideas on events we could or just want to come along to a meeting (currently virtual) please let us know at [hsa@heymann.notts.sch.uk](mailto:hsa@heymann.notts.sch.uk).



The HSA are always looking for new volunteers or even potential committee members as we have long standing committee members whose children leave the school at the end of year, so if you want to know more please get in touch



B and Q very generously donated some real Christmas trees to school, we have put one up at each site and we held a raffle which helped raise £150! Thank you to B and Q and to all who bought



### Bauble competitions

The H.S.A. asked the children to get creative and design some baubles which helped raise a further £200. Congratulations to our winners!







Thank you for all of the donations for children in need and all of the wrist bands purchased, they helped us to raise a fantastic **£547.43!**

The Children looked brilliant in their bright coloured clothes, it was smiles all day...we even had a visit from Spiderman!



We are opening a coffee shop!

St. Paul's 'Cafe on the Corner' on Boundary road aims to provide the local community with a place to take a moment.

This maybe a place to stop; to rest; to have a coffee; to reflect; to nibble on cake or to chat but ultimately we have a vision for a welcoming space that will open doors to a wide ranging network of people across our local community.

Our plan is for the local community to support the *local community* with a welcoming space and a warm offer of delicious, locally sourced produce in hope that in return we reap the benefits of a happy, thriving community.

And how can you get involved?

We need volunteers! We know that everyone is very busy, especially at this time of year but if you or anyone you know might be willing to help us-whether that is your time, donations or other resources please do get in touch with Layla at: [st.paulschurchcommunity@outlook.com](mailto:st.paulschurchcommunity@outlook.com)



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# J.R.S.O.

## What does JRSO mean?

It means Junior Road Safety Officer. We help children and adults to be safe on or near roads.

## Who are the JRSOs?

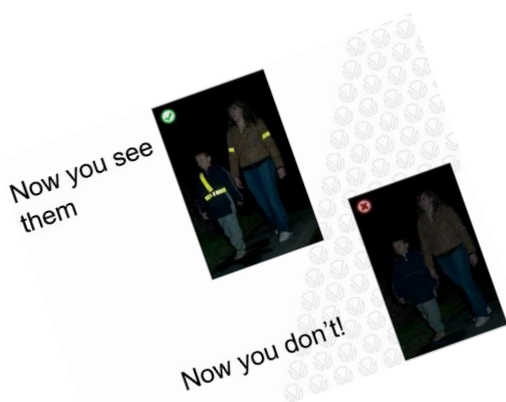
Bethany, Haneen, George, Malachi, Charlie, Rufus and Mia.

## What have we done so far?

We have delivered an assembly about Be Safe Be Seen. Some of us made a video for KS1. When it starts getting darker in the evenings, we encourage people to wear

hi-vis so that walkers and cyclists can be seen bus drivers.

By Haneen and Bethany



Now you see him...



Now you don't!



## School Council Update

### Our New School Council

Welcome to our new school council: This year our school council is—Nancy, Hamza, Elsie, Joshua, Finley, Ranya, Chu Chu, Lucas, Zairah, Charlie, Flo, Neve and Gracie.

We have already been working hard this term – taking an assembly for the whole school, organising our first themed dinner (Harry Potter themed) and deciding on our supported charity: which is the air ambulance.

We have some very exciting events happening in the new year – In January we are taking

part in an online parliamentary workshop and then in March our MP (Ruth Edwards) will be visiting the school! We can't wait to tell you all about it!





# Beaumanor WW2 experience

Year 5 enjoyed a very real and thought-provoking WW2 visit that helped bring to life our learning about the war and the ways that people lived their lives to help the war effort. From the outset the children were treated as a group of evacuees that were awaiting their new families to arrive and choose which children they would be taking to their homes. As part of the day, we took part in three main activities that explored different aspects of the war effort. The children had to make identity cards, think about rationing and explore what recipes we could make using our home-grown food and ration books. We were given the opportunity to visit the building



that was used as part of the code breaking operation and linked with Bletchley Park. The children had to listen to radio transmissions and then try and crack the code using a code wheel. The other activity was to go down into the basements of the main building that would have served as an air raid shelter. As well as learning about different shelters, it gave a first-hand insight into what being in a shelter would have been like using a recording that made the experience feel very real! The children were quite relieved by the end of the day that they were in fact not off to new families but instead could board the coach back to Heymann!







The children and staff have really enjoyed learning songs, dances and lines for this year's Nativity. We are so proud of the children for what they have produced and want to thank everyone for the support. We hope you enjoy it and have a merry Christmas from the Reception Team.



# Nativity!





## Sewa Day collection

Our Year 6 students have been organising a collection of items so that the charity Sewa Day can create some gifts in shoe boxes to give to vulnerable members of the community. Thank you to everyone who donated items. This year, Sewa day were able to create and distribute 1300 shoebox gifts! A special thank you and well done to Mrs Johnson and her team of year 6's who organised the collections for Heymann.



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# Sci-Tech Finals



We had an amazing Sci-Tech competition this year. We would first of all like to thank all the parents, carers, grandparents and others who helped the children create their vehicles. The challenge this year was to design a car that had to travel as straight as possible over a certain distance. There was a real variety of designs this year, from computer controlled vehicles, balloon powered, elastic band powered and even water powered!

Well done to all those that made it into the final. Our judges were very impressed with the quality of the models and how close the final was.

UKS2 Winner - Alex

LKS2 Winner - Hamza

UKS2 Most ingenious - Henry

LKS2 Most Ingenious - Noah

Most aesthetic was Emily, Yuxi, India and Sophie

