



**Heatherlands**  
Primary School

## 'Churchill Chats'

Easter has always remained my personal favourite holiday where the weather generally improves, the days become noticeable lighter and the consuming of chocolate seems to be an acceptable pastime over this period.

Easter seems to signal the survival of what has become our harsh UK winters, as we get out more and do more, this is no different in school where we see the return of 'Wake Up Heatherlands', a chance to move and get ready for the day all accompanied by the musical choices of the staff. Who knew Mr Arrowsmith loved Steps and Rick Astley! Easter also sees the return of the field in use at breaktimes, a doubling in space to run and play, where the children enter school for the afternoon learning adorned with grass stains and daisy chains and generally big happy smiles on their faces.

Easter also signals that the school year is entering its final phase as we approach the summer term. This is amazing because it only feels like yesterday that we were welcoming the children back after the summer holidays. It may be my age, but this year seems to have flown by so far.

### **Some interesting things that you may not be aware of about Easter:**

- Easter is a Christian festival and signifies new life. That is why you see many eggs (because chicks hatch out of them) and loads of Easter bunnies!
- The first ever Easter egg was invented in the UK! Fry's, the chocolate company, made it in Bristol in 1873. Now, around 80 million Easter eggs are sold in the UK each year!
- The most expensive chocolate egg was sold for £7,000 in London on 20th March 2012.
- In medieval times, it was believed that wearing new clothes on Easter would bring good luck! Luckily, we do not really think that anymore, so we can stick to our favourite 'Easter jumper'.
- The largest Easter egg hunt was in Florida on April 1st 2017. There were 9,753 children who took part and had to find 501,000 eggs!



As we close out the spring term and look forward to an exciting summer term, I do hope that all our Heatherlands families will enjoy some quality time together and find time to rest and recover, all done with at least some chocolate to hand!

*'Keep your face to the sunshine and you will never see the shadows'.*

*Helen Keller*

***Mr Churchill***

## Dates for your diary – April 2025

*These dates and times are a guide for parents to ensure that you have all the information you will need this month. There may of course be amendments or additions nearer the date/time due to unforeseen circumstances, but we aim to inform you of any changes as soon as we possibly can. Some of the dates will not be relevant to you as they are specific to different year groups/groups of children.*

*We will send a communications email on/around the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month and hope that it is of use to you all. This information will also be published on the school*

*website: <https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/emails-letters-reminders-from-school/>*

### **SPRING TERM**

#### **WEEK 12**

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025</b>
Heatherlands Voice Easter Egg Hunt 3.15pm <b>THE VALLEY</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>
Year 5 art gallery 2.45pm <b>STUDIO</b>
Heatherlands Voice Easter Egg Hunt 3.15pm <b>THE VALLEY</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025</b>
School reports for KS1 and KS2 children sent out via email
<b>Break up for Easter at 1.15pm</b>

### **SUMMER TERM**

#### **WEEK 1**

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>
<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>
Parents evening bookings open KS1 and KS2
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025</b>
Friends of Heatherlands coffee morning 8.45 – 10 - <b>STUDIO</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
‘Wake up Heatherlands’ 8.30am top playground
Red, white and blue dress up day
Friends of Heatherlands Quiz 6.30pm. Food at 8pm.

#### **WEEK 2**

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
SEND parents evenings – <b>BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH TEACHER</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
Brownsea Island visit – Swanage class
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
Home learning – quiz questions - <b>SEE HOME LEARNING SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025</b>
London Marathon day – Children all in sports kits for running!
Parent evening booking <b>CLOSE</b>

#### **WEEK 3**

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Brownsea Island visit – Lulworth class
Parents evening 1 – <b>BOOKED APPOINTMENTS</b>

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Home learning – quiz questions - <b>SEE HOME LEARNING SCHEDULE</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>
Parents evening 2 – <b>BOOKED APPOINTMENTS</b>
<b>WEEK 4</b>
<b>Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025</b>
Year 6 SATS week



## **Year group inquiry questions – April 2025**

As a new year's resolution, the year teams are publishing weekly on their year group web pages. This is to keep you informed of the learning and activities taking place and will replace the monthly mini blogs.



<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/early-years/>

**Questions to ask:** What are the three primary colours and what colours do they make when mixed?  
How do Hindus celebrate Holi?  
What job would you like to do when you are older and why?

### **Year 1**

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-1/>

**Questions to ask:** Can you explore the capacity of different containers then compare them using the mathematical vocabulary empty, nearly empty, half full/empty, nearly full, full?  
Can you make a simple map and key of your local area including some physical and human features? E.g. Park, trees, school, houses.  
Can you make a poster of the mammals and birds that we have in our local area and write about their features? E.g. Fur, live young, beak, lays eggs

### **Year 2**

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-2/>

**Questions to ask:** Can you replicate Piet Mondrian's art?  
What is a cell on 2 calculate?  
Can you measure the length of your bed?

## Year 3

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-3/>

**Questions to ask:** Why did Caesar and Claudius want to invade Britain?  
What is the difference between Celtic hill forts and Roman villas?  
Why was the Roman army such a strong force?

## Year 4

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-4/>

**Questions to ask:** Why do you think Alexander Calder used metal for his sculptures?  
What is precipitation?  
How are Normandy and Poole similar?

## Year 5

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-5/>

**Questions to ask:** What do the words tone, colour and hue mean?  
Can you tell me about hot and cold colours?  
What is apartheid?

## Year 6

<https://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk/year-6/>

**Questions to ask:** Can you give a summary of what has happened so far in 'When the Sky Falls'?  
What is the most efficient method to work out 20% of a number?  
Can you give examples of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions?



## Year group notices & requests– April 2025

### Year 4

Just a reminder to all parents to make sure that you return the form for your child to go to Brownsea Island after the Easter holidays. If you can help on the trip, make sure you identify this on the form and your child's class teacher will get in contact with you closer to the time. If you have any questions about the trip, please speak to your child's teacher.

### Year 5

Art gallery Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. All Year 5 parents are invited to come and view the art work in the studio from 2.45pm.

### Year 6

Reminder: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April is our World War 2 day. Children are invited to dress up for the morning (school finishes at 1.15pm that day).



## **Whole school notices & reminders – April 2025**

### **Parents evenings**

Parents' evenings will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May between 3.30 and 6pm. Bookings open on Arbor 22.4.25.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure you have labelled all your child's uniform, PE kit, hat, coat etc. We always seem to have an enormous amount of lost property with no names and nowhere to store this. We frequently clear this and have to throw a lot away! The lost property bins are stored outside the school office near the bike shed. Summer uniform can be worn for the Summer term – weather dependant!



**Every week** we are setting up a 'multiplication battle' for the children to compete in year groups against each other on Emile. <https://emile-education.com/app-downloads/student-log-in-access-app-or-online/>

Every child from Year 1 up has a log in and are used to using the programme to learn, practice and test their times tables.

Battles will start on a Tuesday and last until the following Monday, giving plenty of time for everyone to take part. Please support your child by reminding and enabling them to take part. Every child who enters the battle receives a certificate and the 'multiplication masters' in each year group for the battle get a badge and certificate.

Thank you for your support.

<https://emile-education.com/log-in-to-emile-resources/>

### **Easyfundraising**

Just letting you know that Heatherlands Primary School is registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heatherlands-primary-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heatherlands-primary-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/heatherlands-primary-school>



### **Space net**

The space net which is situated on the lower playground is **not for use before or after school**. The children have timetabled slots during the school day which is monitored by specific staff for health and safety reasons.

### **Breakfast Lounge & Explorers**

The school provides wrap around care from 7.45am - 8.45 am and from 3.15 to 5.15pm. This needs to be booked and paid for at least a week in advance. Please book via Arbor or contact the office for further information.

The side gates into school will now be closed after the 8am pick up from the front gates. If you are late for a Breakfast Lounge pick up, please drop your child off at the office. Thank you.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office via phone 01202 743918 or email: [heatherlands.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:heatherlands.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk) if you have any questions.

The office opening hours are **8am - 4.15pm**.

The school website also contains a lot of relevant and useful information:

[www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk](http://www.heatherlands.poole.sch.uk)



## **Friends of Heatherlands – April 2025**

If you would like to get involved, please follow our Facebook page or you can contact us at [FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk)

We are looking forward to our Quiz night on Friday 25th April. Tickets are now on sale. Book the babysitter and gather your friends to make your team! And don't forget to order your Chinese for half time.



Friends of  
**Heatherlands**  
charity number 1114209

# QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY  
25TH APRIL**

6.30pm for 7pm start

in the school hall

Hosted by Glen's Charity Events

Tickets are £5  
not including optional food order.

No under 18s

BYO drink or buy from our bar

To book please email

[FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:FOH@coastalpartnership.co.uk)

Planning is well underway for our Summer Fair on Friday 11th July. Please do get in touch if you can help in any way. We will be holding regular meetings to plan so please do try and come along.

Please join us for a coffee morning on **Wednesday 23rd April 8.45-10am** to discuss the upcoming Summer Fair.



### **Staffing news**

After 18 years as Site Manager of Heatherlands, David Coleman has decided to hang up his keys and retire at the end of the spring term. His last working day with us will be April 3rd.

Dave, as he is known to us, has been responsible for helping to maintaining the large site and ensuring it is a safe place for children to learn. Dave has worked with leaders over the years to really improve the school site with key developments such as the early years outside area, the Valley and Space Net to name but a few.

We wish Dave well, as he winds down just a bit because he has assured us he has plenty of jobs he has to complete at home and return to his love of music and playing the guitar. Small known fact, Dave was once in a pop group and played on Top Of The Pops!

As we say goodbye to Dave, I am delighted to share that we have appointed Mr Sam Flint as our new Site Manager. Sam who currently works for BCP will be joining Heatherlands around Easter time. Please feel free to engage with Sam and say hello, I know he would welcome that as he settles into a new role and community.



### **Coastal Learning Partnership (CLP)**

Heatherlands has continued this month to work closely with our multi-academic trust and partner schools to develop teaching and learning and organise events and activities to improve children's learning.