



**Heathfield**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

10th January 2023

**Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind**

## TERM DATES 2022- 23

### SPRING

**Tuesday 3rd January**—teacher training day

**Weds 4th January**—first day of Spring 1 for pupils

**Friday 17th February**—break up for half term

**Monday 27th February**—first day of Spring 2 for pupils

**Friday 31st March**—break up for Easter holiday (no Friday club)

### SUMMER

**Monday 17th April**—first day of Summer 1

**Monday 1st May**—Bank Holiday

**Thursday 4th May**—teacher training day

**Friday 26th May**—break up for half term

**Monday 5th June**—first day of Summer 2

**Friday 21st July** - Break up for Summer holiday ( no Friday club)

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful festive period and I wish you all the very best for the Year ahead.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the very warm welcome that I have received since starting my position. I look forward to continuing to work with the Heathfield community. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office and book an appointment with myself or my Deputy, Mrs Smith.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about some important dates for this half term. We are proposing to hold another informal parent/carers coffee morning, for you to have an opportunity to hear about the latest developments in the school and speak to members of the leadership team. This will be held on **Thursday 26th January at 9:00am**, to enable you to attend after drop off. Please pencil in this date and we will send out a Microsoft Form to gauge attendance nearer the time.

Finally, during the last coffee morning parents raised queries about homework. We took note of the suggestions and would like to inform you that homework will be given out weekly. This will include Reading as well as Maths work that is directly linked to the work being carried out in class. KS1 will be issuing hard copies where appropriate or your child will receive a slip that informs you about any online homework. KS2 pupils will receive Reading and Maths homework via Atom Prime. This again will be linked to the work that is being carried out in class. You should have received login details for this but if you have any problems, get in touch.

### UKHSA – Back to school advice

As students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. Flu and Covid 19 are currently circulating at high levels and are likely to continue to increase in coming weeks. High numbers of scarlet fever, which is caused by group A streptococcus, also continue to be reported. UKHSA has issued a press notice here. [Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever)

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM



**MISS Y. MALIK**  
Head of School



**MRS V. SMITH**  
Deputy Head  
*Point of contact for Year 2/ Year 6*



**MS K. MCINERNEY**  
Assistant Head  
*Point of contact Year 1 & 3*



**MR B. JACKSON**  
Assistant Head  
*Point of contact for Year 4, 5. & Nurture*



**MRS H. TOTH**  
Pastoral Leader  
/Attendance



**MRS A. SHOTTON**  
Lead Practitioner  
for Inclusion  
*Point of contact for*

# RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

The start of a new year is often a time for looking at our lives and making promises to ourselves. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is a list of promises from world leaders to all the children and young people of the world.

Why do you think education is an important part of a child's right? Why does it matter so much?

The following articles link to a child's education:

## Article 28 — Every child has the right to an education.

Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.

## Exploring Article 29 – Goals of education

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.



**Activity:** It's a new year. What are you hoping for in 2023? Imagine you were asked to make a **new year's resolution about your learning and education** – think of a few ideas, then decide on your top three and share them. You might like to write them down somewhere and try to stick to them.

Miss Elahi

## PARENT WORKSHOPS THIS TERM

**Year 6:** Wednesday 18th January

**Year 5:** Wednesday 25 th January

**Year 4:** Wednesday 1st February

**Year 3:** Wednesday 8th February

**Year 2:** Wednesday 15th February

**Reception:** Wednesday 8th March

**Nursery:** Wednesday 15th March

**Year 1:** Wednesday 22nd March

## OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 19th January:** Non -Uniform Day

**Thursday 26th January:** Coffee morning—9.00 am

**Tuesday 7th February:** Safer Internet Day

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

We will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, which is a national event. On this day we will be doing lots of work with the children on how to be safe when using the internet. We will share information on how to ensure the devices, apps and websites that your children use are safe and controlled.

## READING AT SCHOOL



Children who enjoy reading perform better academically according to studies.

Therefore, it is so important that you are reading with your child every day. Your child will have a levelled book sent home from school weekly. There are also books you can read online on Oxford Owl (please see you child's teacher if you have lost the login). Please do record what you have read and anything you would like to celebrate or bring to our attention in their school journal.

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Weekly Attendance		
Class	Att %	Lates
RP	89.17%	0
RE	91.67%	0
1T	90.32%	1
1C	90.32%	1
2N	86.67%	2
2H	95.83%	1
3G	97.94%	4
3B	91.67%	1
4R	86.32%	1
4W	96.81%	1
5C	84.31%	0
5B	92.31%	2
6M	90.82%	4
6W	87.88%	1

97% attendance = aim

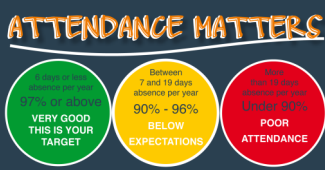
94-97% = risk zone

Below 94% = cause for concern and significantly impacting on children's learning and progress.

**We are very concerned about our attendance last term.**

**Children will miss valuable curriculum time if not in school and this has dramatic effects on their learning and progress.**

Well done to 3G for taking the attendance top spot last week!



## School timings

### Morning

Gates open at 8:35 am

Gates close at 8:50 am as well as the doors into school



If your child arrives after these times then they are late and must go to the main office where they will be signed in on the register.

This is so we know that they are present in the building and accounted for in the event of an emergency.

### Afternoon

Gates open at

3:19 pm

All children finish school at

3:20 pm

If you have any queries or would like to speak to someone regarding attendance or pastoral then please contact the school on 0121 464 6474 and speak to one of our members of the pastoral team.

We have started this term off with a good level of attendance across school, please continue to send your children to school regularly and on time. **Having said this, there is still a concerning level of children currently below 90% attendance across school.** We hope to see this improvement in attendance continue throughout this term.

Medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours when possible and children should attend school before and after appointments, avoiding having a whole day off

### How sick is too sick ?

It can be difficult to decide whether your child is too unwell to attend school, however we do not want children missing school for minor illnesses. It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. Please keep your child at home if they have a high temperature, they can return once the temperature has gone down. Children must stay at home for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea so that this is not passed on to any other children. If you would like any further information on when to keep your child off school, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Mrs Toth

## NURTURE GROUP

Our Nurture group have moved into a new space in the main school building which means we are able to support the children even better with a more appropriate environment.



Their new room is looking lovely and the children have settled in well and enjoyed their first few days in their new environment. We are proud to be able to offer this provision at Heathfield Primary School and look forward to seeing the progress of the children over the next few weeks. We would like to thank the Nurture group team, the Trust site team, the Inclusion team and our specialist Autism advisor Marie Smith for all of their hard work in setting up the new Nurture group space in a very short space of time.

We would also like to thank the parents of our Nurture group children for their support with the move to the new room.



## **SPORTING FIXTURES**

We have upcoming fixtures for both girls and boys in football and dodgeball this half term.

**23.01.2023** – Shooting stars football event – Year 5 Girls

**09.02.2023** – APSFA Boys 5-a-side tournament – Year 5/6

**16.02.2023** – APSFA Girls 5-a-side tournament – Year 5/6

**27.02.2023** – Birmingham schools dodgeball championships



## **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL** – Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

Year 6 pupils will be offered a place on the end of year residential trip. This is to the coast of Norfolk, where we will stay at a Kingswood Centre and enjoy many different activities as well as some evenings on the beach.

There was a meeting for all Year 6 parents on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 where you could find out more information and ask any questions you may have. If you could not attend this meeting, please arrange to see Mr Jackson to answer any questions.



## **ATOM LEARNING**

We will be launching our ATOM learning (online Homework) for pupils in years 3 to 6 this half term. Your child should have a login and password given out already from their class teacher.

This online platform delivers homework targeted at the age-related expectations for the pupil's year group.

Questions can become more difficult or made more simple according to how the pupil answers them.

There is also a very useful section where information for parents is available to support their child's learning,

## **YEAR 4 MTC CHECKS**

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Schools administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 5 June and Friday 16 June 2023.

Please make sure you support your child in learning and recalling fluently all times tables up to 12 x 12, ensure they are using TT Rockstars regularly to practice or simply test them at home by asking them times table questions at breakfast, evening meal or randomly during a walk.

## **SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Please can we all take great care when dropping off or picking up children from school, especially at the back gate, Finch road entrance. Many parents have voiced concerns about the safety of themselves and their children. 'No parking' signs are up and markings are on the road to keep the road and pavement clear for safer crossing. As this has a huge impact on the safety of all connected to school, the council (through the help of councillor Zaffer) have now kindly agreed to support us by installing some railings outside the back gates to deter people from parking on the pavement.