



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2022

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

TERM DATES 2022- 23

AUTUMN

Friday 21st October—break up for half term

Monday 31st October—teacher training day

Tuesday 1st November—first day of Autumn 2 for pupils

Friday 16th December—break up for Christmas holiday (no Friday club)

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

Tuesday 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

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! And a huge welcome if you are just joining the Heathfield community. We are so glad to have you. We have got off to a great start this year and the children have settled in well to their new classes. The children should now all have their reading books and planners and the expectation is that you read with them (or listen to them read) five times a week. Our parent workshops are starting up next week and all of the dates for the autumn term are on the back page of the newsletter so that you don't miss them. Curriculum newsletters with the information about this half term's learning will follow early next week.

HM Queen Elizabeth II—Rest in Peace



Mrs Atherton

As well as reflecting on her recent passing, this week the children have been learning more about some of the work that the late Queen Elizabeth did during her 70 years of service and relating some of her finest qualities such as hard work, dedication and perseverance to what we do at school. On Monday 19th September, school is closed so that the nation can be part of her funeral service, if they so wish.

“ THE BEST TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS IS NOW ”

PE Uniform

We have had some queries around PE uniform and jewellery this week, so to clarify, the health and safety regulations for PE lessons at school, in line with the Physical Education and School Sports Policy (which can be found on our website) <http://www.heathfld.bham.sch.uk/index.php/keyinfo/our-school/policies> states:

Jewellery is not to be worn under any circumstance; any jewellery such as necklaces and watches should be left within the classroom and stored safely until the end of the lesson. Ear piercings that cannot be removed must be covered with appropriate tape or plasters safely. We understand that when your child has newly pierced ears, they cannot be removed for a period of time. In these circumstances, please ensure that you tape your child's earrings securely, before sending them into school on days when they are doing PE.

Ms Wagenfuhrer

LEADERSHIP TEAM



MRS F. ATHERTON

Head of School



MRS V. SMITH

Deputy Head

Point of contact for EYFS/ Year 6



MS K. MGINERNEY

Assistant Head

Point of contact Year 1,2 & 3



MR R. JACKSON

Assistant Head

Point of contact for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.



MRS H. TOTTH

Pastoral Leader /Attendance



MRS A. SHOTTER

Lead Practitioner for Inclusion

HEATHFIELD WAYS AWARD WINNERS



Who has been demonstrating the 'Heathfield Ways' consistently in school this week?

CLASS Shout Out! Well done 3B for settling into the new school year so well and showing that you are always ready to learn.

STAFF Shout Out! Congratulations to Mr Aziz for making a tremendous start to working at Heathfield. He is always ready to help everyone.

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Welcome back to our lovely Heathfield children and a warm welcome to our new starters.

We are very pleased to announce that this year we received the Silver Award in the last academic year and are now very excited to continue our journey to the Gold Award! I will be explaining more articles in our fortnightly newsletters this year and keeping you updated on how we are implementing them in our school. If you are new to school, you will find more information for new families about what a Rights Respecting School is below.

What is a Rights Respecting School?

Together young people and the school community learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day. The award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In Rights Respecting Schools children's rights are promoted and realised; adults and children work towards this goal together. The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community. If you would like further information please visit <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

I'm excited to continue this journey with you all!

Miss Elahi



AWARDS FOR THE 1ST 2 WEEKS

EYFS: for settling in so beautifully and being kind to other children

Years 1-6: for demonstrating the Heathfield Ways consistently & having a great first few weeks at school

Nurture: Ayesha Gone

Nursery Fatiha Mozumder & Mohammed Amaan

RE Mantasha Khan & Isaac Mohammed Majahid

RP Mohammed Ayaan Islam & Hafzah Khan

1T Maryam Sufi & Isah Rahman

1C Ameera Shiraz & Jafreen Akter

2H Ayesha Alauddin & Alicia Bryan

2N Riddhi Patwary & Kebba Sonko

3B Aamina Karim & Ibrahim Sufi

3G Daniyal Hamid & Zaynab Ismail

4R Mohammed Abdul Qadir & Samira Hassan

4W Nayaab Khan & Ishaq Mohammed

5C Mohammed Yunus Ali & Mohammed Adyan Islam

5B Mohammed Naeem Uddin & Fahiba Ahmed

6M Taslima Begum & Ismail Ali

6W Ayesha Toseef & Sanjoth Nota

WELL DONE

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We'd like to remind you that we are a nut free school. We have children with serious nut allergies who require emergency medication (EpiPen) upon reaction.

This can be extremely dangerous and therefore, we do not allow any nut products in school. If children bring items containing nuts (INCLUDING NUTELLA/CHOCOLATE SPREAD) in their lunchbox, unfortunately, they will not be permitted to eat it. This is for safety reasons.

CLASSES STARTING SOON !

BEEAS are recruiting for English classes at Heathfield School- Pre entry level.

If you are interested, please drop in on Friday 16th September from 9.00-10.00am or on Friday 23rd September from 9.00am-10.am.

Classes are free if you are on benefits and have been a resident in the UK for 3 years. You are also eligible if you come from a EEU/EEA country.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance for first 1.5 weeks		
Class	Att %	Lates
RP	94.01 %	0
RE	85.89 %	0
1T	97.62%	1
1C	90.89 %	3
2N	92.14%	2
2H	94.33%	2
3G	92.25 %	2
3B	92.25 %	0
4R	92.38 %	2
4W	98.57%	1
5C	97.10%	1
5W	93.71%	5
6W	95.24 %	0
6M	96.38 %	2

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

Well done to 4W for taking the attendance top spot this week!



As a school we continue to work hard at improving school attendance. We hope that with the support of our parents we can reach our whole school goal of 96%+ at the end of this academic year.

Many of our children have missed several months of learning over the last two years, so it is more important than ever to ensure your child is in school every day. Please can I remind you that Friday is a **compulsory school day** and should not be missed unless your child is unwell or there are exceptional circumstances.

Remember - Every day counts!

Mrs Toth

AND FINALLY... A MESSAGE FROM MRS SMITH

I would like to say a huge welcome to everyone at Heathfield - it is a pleasure to be working at this lovely school as the new deputy head. I have worked in the local area for many years (most of these being in PACT primary schools) and worked in the majority of year groups across the primary phase. It has indeed been heart warming to see many familiar faces in the playground.



I believe that every child deserves to reach their full potential and will strive relentlessly to achieve this. My greatest passion is to support our children to develop their literacy skills and to that aim I really enjoy spending time supporting other teachers and developing their knowledge.

Last year, I worked at Prince Albert High School where I had the privilege to see the journey our children make from KS2 into secondary school education. Please do come and see me if you have any questions about our secondary provision.

I am really looking forward to working with the Heathfield children and their families.

Mrs Smith , Deputy Head



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.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

AUTUMN TERM 2022

We are delighted to be running a series of parent workshops again this year. Please check your child's year group below.

Year 1: Wed 21st September 9am

Year 2: Wed 28th September 9am

Year 6: Wed 5th October 9am

Year 5: Wed 12th October 9am

Year 4: Wed 19th October 9am

Nurture: Wed 2nd November 9am

Year 3: Wed 9th November 9am

Year 2: Wed 16th November 9am

Nursery: Wed 23rd November 9am

Please make a note of these dates and book in the time. If work prevents you from attending, please try to enlist another member of the family to come and support your child.