



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

30th March 2023

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

TERM DATES

Summer 1 dates

17th April: School starts for Summer Term

W/C 17th April: SEN review phone calls

1st May: Bank holiday- school closed

4th May: School closed

8th May: Bank holiday - school closed

9th - 12th May: KS2 SATS

18th May: Non uniform day

26th May: School finishes for half term

5th June: School starts after half term

Summer 2 dates

21st July 1pm: School finishes for the summer. No Friday club

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that another term has gone by. It has been super busy as we have been working hard to develop our non-core curriculum and sustain our improvements with reading and writing. We have been monitoring our provision and it is lovely to see our children writing more and really thinking about the purpose for writing.

In the afternoons, many children have benefited from a reading intervention called CODE. Staff and children really enjoy these sessions and we can see real improvements in their word reading and comprehension. Well done all !

As we approach the end of term, I am sad to say that two members of our current staff team will be leaving on Friday. Mrs Pilbin has an exciting opportunity in another school in Birmingham. She has worked at Heathfield for several years and has made a real difference to the lives of many children. We thank her for her commitment to Heathfield. Mr White has worked at school for a couple of years and I know he will be greatly missed by the children in 4W. We thank him for his contribution and wish him well at his new school.

Thank you to all parents who attended our parents' workshops and parents' afternoons. It was lovely to see so many parents engaged in learning activities and keen to learn about how to help their child. Teachers really enjoyed talking to you about your child's learning. Unfortunately we had a few staff absent on these days so I will be offering an alternate date for those parents at the beginning of next term.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our Muslim Community 'Ramadan Kareem', Happy Easter to our Christian families and a restful and restorative holiday to all.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 17th April.

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SPORTING FIXTURES

Our sports teams have been busy this half term !

Well done to all our pupils who have represented the school in many different sporting activities.



In Term 3, we will be offering a wide range of clubs and after school activities for different ages.

Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families currently observing Ramadan.



Staff are enjoying discussions with children and love hearing all about their experiences during this important time.

As a school, we are supporting our Year 5 and 6 children (who are fasting) both practically and emotionally.

May you have four weeks of blessings, and we hope this Ramadan will Infuse you with courage that will help you be triumphant over the adversities of life.

Y6 EASTER SCHOOL

Our Y6 pupils are getting ready to sit their SATS between 9-12th May. To support them, we will be running Easter School for 4 morning sessions. These will be from **Monday 3rd April—Thursday 6th April and will be for Y6 pupils only.**

The children can wear their own clothes and can bring in a snack if required. Water is permitted but no juice or fizzy drinks. Please remember that we are a nut free school.

The sessions will start at 9.00am so children will need to be at the **front entrance (Heathfield Road)** from **8.50 onwards. The sessions will finish at 12.00pm so please be prompt in picking your child up.**

The Y6 team look forward to revising key topics in a fun way !

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.

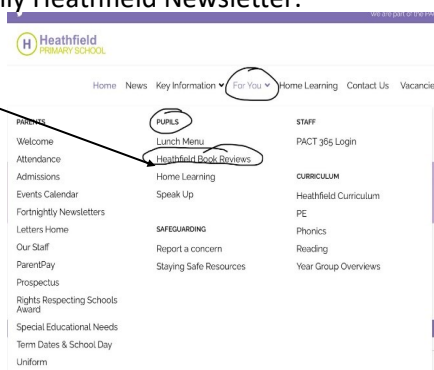


REMEMBER BOOK REVIEWS ARE BACK !

At Heathfield, we love reading so we are pleased to announce that we will be relaunching our [Book Review Padlet](#). We want the children to be able to recommend books to each other. The best review every week will receive a certificate in awards ceremony as well as featuring on the monthly Heathfield Newsletter. The link is above or can be found on the school website.

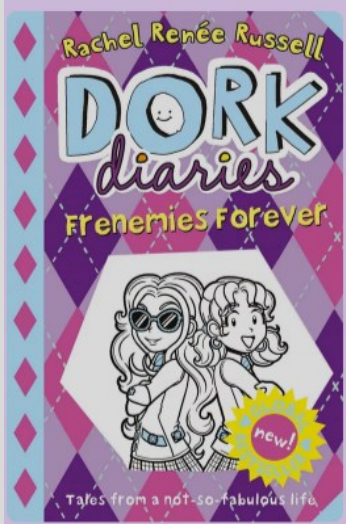
Children need to include:

- 1) The title of the book and author.
- 2) A picture of the book.
- 3) What did they like about the book.
- 4) Who do you think would like the book.
- 5) Their name and class.



The winner this week isSamira

Dork Diaries Frenemies Forever



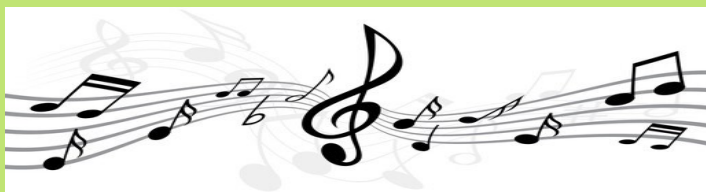
This story is about the life of Nikki! Sadly, Nikki ends up having to go to her arch nemesis's school for a student exchange program! Her good friend Brandon suggests to swap schools with her, just to make Nikki happy, but Nikki refused as she didn't want him to go through everything with MACKENZIE! But then, her tour guide was a girl who was nice at the start, but on Nikki's last days as an exchange program, she started to show the true DIVA in herself. She only takes care of her selfie status (which is when you take a selfie every day), and her beautiful face! So, Mackenzie and Nikki team up to push her into the water fountain in the centre of the humongous garden. She then ends up dropping her phone into the fountain! Then Mackenzie and Nikki end up becoming frenemies forever! I love how this book is really cool and how, whatever happens in life, it happens for a reason. Even if you are 7, I think you would never regret reading it! I think that this book should start being read from ages 7, 8, 9 and much much older! In my opinion, books should never EVER have an age limit! Especially if it is amazing!

PARENT WORKSHOPS FOR TERM 3

Wednesday 3rd May: Y5 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 17th May: Y4 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 24th May: Y3 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 14th June: Y2 Parent Workshop
Thursday 15th June: Nurture Parent Workshop
Wednesday 21st June: Y1 Parent Workshop
Wednesday 28th June: Nurs Parent Workshop
Wednesday 5th July: Recep Parent Workshop

All start at 9.00 am in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

MUSIC AND SINGING TRIP



Last Wednesday, 6 children from each year group from 1 to 4 attended a special event. A musical group, called Ex-Cathedra, trained our pupils how to sing and teach others a range of singing games. All the children had a fantastic time and were truly full of music when they came back to school -so excited to teach their peers. After Easter, these children will be teaching others the singing games at lunch times. We are hoping that the playground will be full of laughter, games and singing !

Hopefully, you will get to hear some of the singing games at home too !

Current Attendance & Lates		
Class	Att %	Lates
RE	87.77%	62
RP	89.29%	63
1C	91.10%	62
1T	90.78%	44
2H	93.81%	81
2N	91.28%	103
3B	91.68%	47
3G	92.47%	86
4R	89.53%	49
4W	91.90%	57
5B	92.69%	89
5C	94.27%	63
6M	94.18%	47
6W	91.19%	96

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

97% attendance = aim

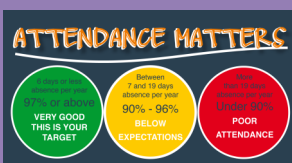
94-97% = risk zone

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 class 5C 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.

It has been great to see attendance improve over the last few weeks; we hope this continues after the school holidays.

5C have consistently had good attendance across this half term and will be awarded with an attendance party on Friday. Well done 5C, you have shown great commitment to attending school every day this term.

In other news, there are 68 children who have achieved 100% this term. What a fantastic achievement! You should have all received your child's attendance printout at the recent parent evening. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please see Mrs Toth

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

SEND AT HEATHFIELD

This half term our Nurture group parents took part in a fantastic parent workshop on sensory circuits and what's in the bag activities led by Marie Smith from MarieSmithSEND who supports our Nurture group team every week

SEND AT REVIEWS

Our SEN review meetings for term 2 will take place over the phone in week 1 of the new term. Teachers are looking forward to talking to parents of children with Special Educational Needs after the Easter holiday. You will be informed of the date and time of your meeting via email. The SEN review paperwork will be sent in the post after the meetings have happened

