



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November 2021

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

15th—School Christmas dinner
16th—Christmas parties
17th—Christmas jumper day
17th—Break up for the Christmas holiday
(2 weeks)

JANUARY

3rd - Bank holiday (no school)
4th - Teacher training day (no school for children)
5th—Back to school (Spring 1)
20th - Non-uniform day
31st - Teacher training day (no school for children)

FEBRUARY

8th - Safer Internet Day
18th - Break up for half term (1 week)
28th - Back to school (Spring 2)

MARCH

3rd - World Book Day - dress up as a book character
25th - Mothers' Day celebration

Head of School: Mrs F Atherton

Deputy Head: Mrs S Richards

Assistant Headteachers:

Miss E Dicken, Mr R Jackson

Inclusion Lead: Mrs S Syner

Pastoral Manager: Mrs H Toth

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, parent workshops, events and meetings have not been held in school during the course of the pandemic. This has helped us to minimise the risk of Covid19 and its impact upon our school, staff and families. It is our intention that we will begin some parent workshops and events again in the spring term. This will of course be dependant on the local and national picture regarding Covid19 as well as any government guidance that schools receive. Any event we hold in school will be carefully risk assessed with risk management measures in place. We will prioritise what is most beneficial and essential for parents and pupils learning and wellbeing.

Overleaf we have put some specific measures in place to enable us to put on some performances for you before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

National test for Y4 children 2022

The government has created a leaflet for parents about the Y4 multiplication tables check, which is statutory for schools in 2022. You can find it here <https://is.gd/rfSGxa> Mr Jackson and the Y4 teachers have already started to use additional materials in school to support the children in learning their times tables, but you can help by encouraging your Y4 child to practise their times tables regularly. They need to know all of their times tables from the 2s to the 12s by the end of Y4.

New books!

Don't forget that our new Scholastic Book Club is now online at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/heathfield-primary-b19/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by December 3rd, 2021 to receive your books before Christmas.

Nasal flu immunisation

I know lots of you have been waiting and we now have a date. The nasal flu immunisations will take place in school on the 14th December.

Unsafe parking on Heathfield Road

We know that the traffic situation at the moment is challenging, but we would really appreciate your support when parking outside the front of the school and by the shops. Some of our parents are struggling to get down the road with pushchairs, wheelchairs and small children and we have had to contact our local police for support. Please do try to be considerate of pedestrians when parking to drop off and pick up your children. Thanks for your support.

Mrs. Atherton

Be kind
whenever possible.
It is always possible.

—THE 14TH DALAI LAMA

ESOL CLASSES

We are excited to announce that we will be able to offer free English classes for parents at Heathfield very soon. This is an great opportunity to enable you to support your children with their learning.

- Classes will be once a week in the HF bungalow (building in our carpark). The day is to be confirmed.

- The start time of the class would be 9am, after you have dropped children off.

- Classes will last 1-2 hours.

- Classes will begin in January and run through to July.

- You will need to attend an assessment session in the next few weeks.

- Regardless of home language, anyone wanting to learn English is welcome.

- Childcare for any younger children would need to be arranged.

Please speak to Mrs Toth for more information.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

We are aiming for 97%+ attendance for all of our pupils as this is what we, and the local authority consider is necessary for all pupils to reach their full potential. We understand that children do become unwell, however it is essential that you inform the school of any illness. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school on **each day of your child's absence by 9am**. Please call 0121 464 6474 and leave a message on the absence line. Include the child's full name, class and reason for their absence. Please tell us, where possible the nature of the illness. "Sick" or "unwell" does not provide us with enough information to be able to authorise an absence therefore the absence could remain unauthorised on your child's record.

There has also been a significant increase in the number of the children arriving late to school. Poor punctuality can result in missing a significant portion of the lesson as well as causing disruption to the teaching and learning of the class. It is essential that your child arrives in school on time. The gates open at 8.35am and close again at 8.50am, please arrive between these times.

Mrs Toth

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS

**Every Minute
in School Counts**



HEATHFIELD WAYS AWARD WINNERS



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

CLASS **Shout Out!** = 5C

5C have been trying especially hard to demonstrate the Heathfield Ways through the entire school day this fortnight. Great improvements seen.

STAFF **Shout Out!** Tonn Adcock

Mr Tonn Adcock has returned to our pastoral team for 2 days a week (from Birchfield) and it is like he was never away! He is always putting our children's needs first.



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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

This week is Anti-Bullying Week which takes place across the UK from 15 to 19 November 2021. The children across school have been learning all about anti-bullying and the importance of being kind to everyone.



There are three articles that provide a particularly strong link this week. Please discuss these with your child;

Article 2 – Non-discrimination: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child: Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Article 19 – Protection from violence, abuse and neglect: Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

For more resources on anti-bullying visit the website respectme.com. The website provides free campaign resources for anyone involved in influencing the life of a young person to help kick-start meaningful conversations about bullying and the importance of kindness.

Miss Elahi



AWARDS THIS FORTNIGHT

Nursery: for great enthusiasm with show and tell
Reception—Year 6: for always going the extra mile with home learning

Nursery Mhd Samuel Hussain & Mantasha Khan

RE Hamza Shahin Ahmed & Amayah Ayub

RT Myiesha Akhtar & Sumaiyah Bibi

IB Ayaan Ahmed & Anaya Akthar

IP Ayesha Hibah Ali & Umar Patel

2N Siyana Faruk & Haashim Imran

2R Daniyal Hamid & Zaynab Ismail

3H Mhd Adyan Hussain & Minaal Khan

3PM Ali Abdul Naffay & Mhd Yusuf Sami

4C Umar Ameji & Amelia Hamid

4T Abdul Rahman & Khadijah Nadeem

5C Farhana Aspi Bahar & Amara Ahmed

5W Ehsaan Miah & Hannah Hudah

6A Samiah Rahman & Abdulrahman Ismail

6M Jasmine Khan & Jannatul Karim

Rainbow Lodge star of the week

Friday 12th November: Salahden Mussa

Friday 19th November: Joel Godwin



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

We are very excited to announce that this year, we will return to putting on an EYFS nativity performance for parents at Christmas. However, to ensure maximum covid safety for our families and children, we will perform our nativity over a number of days to reduce the number of parents in school at any one time.

Thurs 9th December 9am - Nursery am parents

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Fri 10th December 2021 - 9am - Nativity - RE parents

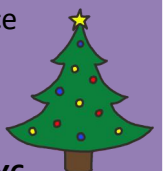
Mon 13th December 2021 - 9am - Nativity - RT parents

And for parents of older children, we will be doing some short Christmas carol concerts that will take place outdoors.

Monday 13th December 2:50pm - Y1 and Y4

Tuesday 14th December - 2:50pm - Y5 and Y3

Wednesday 15th December - 2:50pm - Y2 and Y6



ANTI- BULLYING WEEK

Kindness



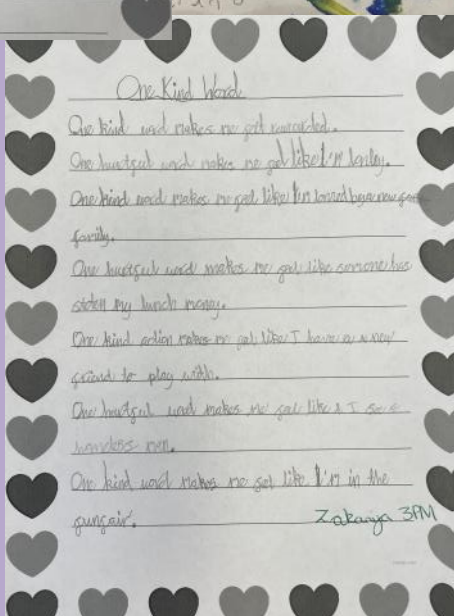
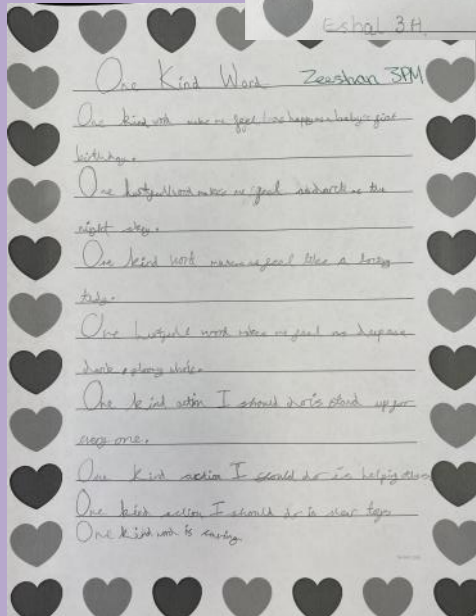
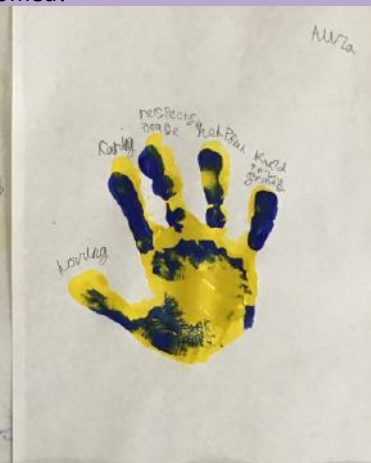
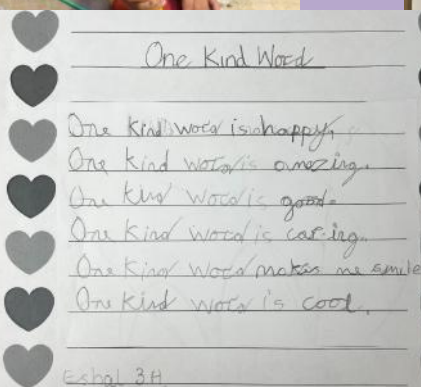
Nursery and Y1 have been learning about kind hands and the importance of having kind hands.



Reception made friendship bands and paired up with a friend from the other class. They chose their learning together in the environment. There were some lovely new friendships that blossomed!



Year 3 have written poetry about kindness—specifically this year's anti-bullying theme of *One Kind Word*.



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ONE KIND WORD

Why do you always pick on that you're so small?

Just stop

The person being bullied finds out the bully bullies him because of his own injuries

Why?

Oh my god!

FRIENDS?

ONE KIND WORD

