



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2020

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

2nd - Grandparents day

9th - Mental Health Awareness Day

13th - Parent consultations
EYFS & KS1

15th - Parent consultation KS2

19th - Non-uniform day (school fund)

23rd - Break up for half term

November

2nd - Back to school

11th - Remembrance Day

13th - Non uniform day
(Children in Need)

December

17th - Christmas parties

18th - Break up for Christmas holiday

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term is now in full swing and the children are getting stuck into their new topics. You can find out all about what they are up to on the autumn term curriculum newsletter that will be with you next week. There is some very exciting learning happening. Don't forget to ask your child what new thing they have learnt each day - it can be the stimulus for some lovely conversation (and help them to remember it!)

Year 6 secondary school applications need to be completed by the 31st October. This is during the half term holiday; some parents did get caught out last year and ended up putting in late applications so please do make sure you have this date in your diaries. As always, we are available to provide you with some support with this process if needed, but this will look different to previous years. We will send a letter out to Year 6 with this information. And don't forget, this year is very exciting for us as we have our very own secondary school for you to apply to! As it is a new school for September 2021, it will not appear on the Birmingham online system. You will need to complete a separate form for PA High, either online or a paper form.

Mr Jackson and I paid a visit to the site last week and had a tour with the site manager and some other leaders across the trust. I would highly recommend you have a look on the website <http://www.pahigh.co.uk/> and fill in an application. We would love to see our Heathfield children taking their places as part of the first ever cohort! It's a fantastic opportunity for them to be taught a really world class curriculum in a brand new, well resourced secondary school.



Finally, thank you to all of those families who are supporting us by adhering to the safety measures we have in place. This includes conversations with teachers. I know it's tempting to just try and have a word with them as you can see the staff on the playground, but it's really important that they are able to maintain social distancing too. Please call the office with any messages and they will get back to you.

Mrs. Atherton

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EXCITING NEWS—BIKES FOR CHILDREN!

We have some really exciting news from The Active Wellbeing Society who have worked in partnership with HSBC on this project. We have been selected to receive 30 bikes (on a long term loan scheme) for those children that have passed their Bikeability Level 1 who do not have one. To be in with a chance, they need to apply for an Active Wellbeing Card and let us know the membership number. That's it! Mr Reynolds will let your child know if they are eligible and then you need to help them apply for the card here <https://www.kineticinsightpro.com/birmingham/>. What an amazing opportunity! Thanks to Mr Lough and Ms Spence for organising this.



FACE MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS ON THE SCHOOL SITE

The Covid threat level has now moved to Level 4 and we are now requesting all adults wear a face mask or face covering when on the school site.

This is to protect yourselves and our staff during the times of day where social distancing is more difficult. This does not apply to children.

If you have a medical exemption, please ask for a 'face mask exemption' card from a member of the senior team.



STRAP IN AND STAY SAFE!

Although Covid-19 is taking up lots of our mind space in terms of 'keeping safe', let's not forget to ensure children are wearing their seatbelts when travelling in a car. It is **the law** to wear a seatbelt as well as being proven to save lives in the event of an accident.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure children under the age of 14 are wearing a seat-belt.



Awards this fortnight

Focus: settling in and making lots of new friends

N	Azizah and Mhd Yahya
RA	Aiden and Mhd Talha
RT	Afiya and Hawwa

Focus: consistently demonstrating the 'Heathfield Ways'

1B	Ibrahim and Yan
1P	Zakariya and Eliza
2E	Samira and Riyad
2R	Eisa and Fareeah- Nur
3H	Hasan and Hansa-Noor
3M	Sara I and Yad
4C	Zulaikhaa and Rayhan
4Co	Maliha and Sophie
5A	Syed and Anisha
5N	Imaan and Mahfooza
6M	Donell and Khadeeja
6W	Ibrahim and Farhaan

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

We are still encouraging children to bring a new book (that they may have received for their birthday) into school for birthday messages. We will ask staff to write a birthday message into the covers of the book before we then quarantine it for 48 hours before sending it back home.

Unfortunately, children won't be able to walk around school to visit staff members to sign their book, as they previously did.



Please join the pledge and buy a birthday book instead of chocolates!
#readingrocks

NEW NHS COVID APP

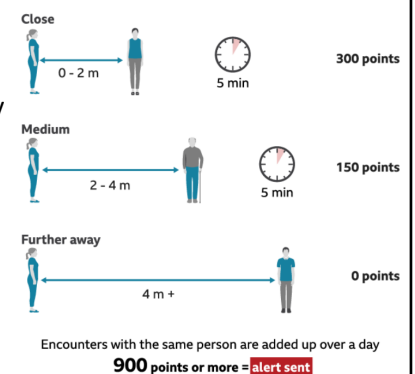
The new NHS Covid App launched yesterday in England and Wales. Apple and Google's contact-tracing technology will be used to tell people to self-isolate if their phone detects they were near someone later determined to have the virus.

The App has the following features:

- a venue check-in barcode scanner
- a symptoms-reporter tool
- a postcode-based risk-level checker
- the means to order a coronavirus test and receive its results
- a countdown timer to keep track of how long to stay in self-isolation
- a guide to the latest advice on local restrictions, financial support and other related information

The App is downloadable on Apple and Android smartphones. Search 'NHS Covid-19'. Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-54250736> for

How the algorithm calculates when to send an alert



ART GALLERY

During the first week or so back at school, all the children across school read a book called 'Here We Are'. Lots of age appropriate cross-curricular learning took place, including writing, reading activities, art and personal, social and health education.

Following the theme of 'portraits', each year group created masterpieces, inspired by different artists. These are now displayed in our Art Gallery and below is a snapshot of some of the magnificent artwork created.

