



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd December 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,

We have had another busy fortnight at school. We seem to be racing towards the Christmas break with lots still to do. Our Year 2 pupils will be completing a statutory phonics screening check before the end of term and the results will be sent to the local authority. This is because the phonics screening check was cancelled for Year 1 pupils last year. Year 2 pupils who meet the expected standard in phonics this term will not be required to complete any further statutory assessments in phonics. Year 2 pupils who do not meet the expected standard will be expected to take the statutory check in June 2022, alongside Year 1 pupils.

As I'm sure you are aware, the government has provided schools with specific funding to help reduce the gaps in attainment caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. We are using this funding to provide support for a number of pupils in school through the form of additional tutoring, 1:1 or small group interventions, and additional learning resources for the children to use. If your child is receiving tutoring this term, you will have received a letter from school with more information. It is our intention that all children in school benefit from this funding in some way as we know that all children have been impacted.

Christmas information

If you would like to order a Christmas dinner for your child/ren on the 15th December, please let us know by the end of next week (Friday 10th December). We will be having class Christmas parties in the last week of school and will welcome your contributions, but I wanted to let you know, if you don't already, about Natasha's Law. This is a new law put in place in October 2021 to protect those with food allergies. This means that any food you send into school should have a label listing all of the ingredients.

There are a number of families making travel arrangements for the two week break and I would just like to take this opportunity to ask you to carefully check the requirements on return so as to minimise any absence for your children. Self isolation may mean that they could miss some school in January if they don't return in time —the return date for the children is Wednesday 5th January.

Mrs. Atherton

P.S. On our non-uniform day for Comic Relief, we managed to raise a fantastic £385.50; thank you so much for your contribution.

"Winter forms our character and brings out our best."

- TOM ALLEN

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES AND COVID SAFETY

Our EYFS nativity performances start next week and there will be a number of measures in place to enable parents to attend. As well as multiple performances for different classes, all parents will be required to wear a mask (unless you are exempt), there will be hand sanitiser to be used on entry and the chairs will be set up accordingly with doors and windows open for ventilation. At the end of the performance, we will be unable to accommodate individual or family photos.

Thurs 9th December 9am - Nursery am parents

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

Thurs 9th December 2:30pm - Nursery pm parents

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

The outdoor Christmas carol performances will take place at the front of school, with the children underneath the shelter. We will be opening the front gates at 2:40pm for parents to enter and wait in a socially distanced manner (staff will be there to direct you). The children are looking forward to performing for you. Please help us to keep everyone as safe as possible by adhering to all arrangements. We'd love for the children to wear a festive hat or accessory whilst they sing if you would like to send them to school with something on their performance day.

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

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

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



HEATHFIELD WAYS AWARD WINNERS



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

CLASS **Shout Out!** = 2R

2R have been our superstar class this fortnight. We can see they have been treating each other well and taking care of their classmates!

STAFF **Shout Out!** = Miss Coles, Mrs Kaur and Ms Cohen-Dunkley

Miss Coles, Mrs Kaur and Ms Cohen-Dunkley have worked fantastically well as a team, especially supporting 4T in Mr Tromans' absence. We all hope he gets better soon.

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ACTIVE ADVENT CALENDAR

You may have heard of a company called imoves. They work with and provide 'active educational' resources to primary schools across the UK and beyond.

Each Christmas, they produce what they call an 'Active Advent' calendar which many teachers will use in school, during the last couple of weeks before the holidays.

This year, in response to the devastating impact of the pandemic, self isolation and lockdowns, they've gone even further.

They've created a completely free 'Active Advent' calendar, designed specifically for kids, their friends and their families to enjoy at home.

Just like the traditional advent calendar, an amazing new activity is revealed each and every morning throughout December - but with no chocolate in sight!

It's incredibly good fun, elf-y AND educational. And most important of all - it's 100% FREE.

You can join in literally 10 seconds at

www.activeadvent.fun



AWARDS THIS FORTNIGHT

EYFS: for superb demonstration and expression of understanding of the world

Year 1—Year 6: for fantastic work in geography

Nursery Zainab Ali & Isaac Mohammad Mahajid

RE Mard Ahmad Ali & Aizah Zahra Zaman

RT Aatif Al Mamun & Rumaysa Karim

IB Mohammad Hussain Islam & Hawwa Uddin

IP Yusuf Hussnain & Safa Abdifatah Mohammed

2N Haris Ali & Mohammed Ibrahim Miah

2R Ammara Hussain & Mohammed Aman

3H Mohammad Abu-Bakr & Kareem Preddie

3PM Ismail Khan & Jamil Hussain Rayyan

4C Mariam Rahman & Hasan Gauhar

4T Muhammad Ali & Maryam Khan

5C Adil Ali & Mohammed Musa Yahiah

5W Farhaan Hussain & Muhammad Nayiab

6A Mhd Hamza Khan & Tasnim Uddin

6M Alishba Aqzar & Anisha Bhuiyan

Rainbow Lodge star of the week

Friday 26th November: Aayan Ahmed

Friday 3rd December: Mohammad Rayyan Mahdi



THIS WEEK IN ATTENDANCE. . .

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.

Our whole school attendance is currently **93.5%** which is **much lower** than we would like. We appreciate that this time of year often sees a drop in attendance due to an increase in bugs circulating in school.

However, there are still children taking days off school without a valid reason. We urge parents to only keep their child at home when it is absolutely necessary or when they are experiencing any covid-19 symptoms or awaiting PCR test results.

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**
every school day counts.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

Article 1, Universal Declaration of Human Rights

On December 10th 2021, people across the world will be celebrating 'Human Rights Day'.

This year, Human Rights Day is focusing on how rights are the beginning of peace within societies, and a way to create a fairer society for future generations.

What is Human Rights Day?

It celebrates the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

Thirty declarations were written to protect the rights of all people, everywhere.

Human Rights Day inspires everyone to speak up and take action to end discrimination in all of its forms whenever and wherever it happens. It is a day to reflect on what still needs to be done to make society fairer for everyone.

How does this link to the Convention on the Rights of the child?

The United Nations has since adopted many legally binding international human rights treaties and agreements, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child. These treaties are used as a framework for discussing and applying human rights.

Activity: Discuss the Human Rights that are displayed on the poster. Which rights are similar or different to children's rights?

Miss Elahi

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Our Christmas post box is almost ready and out prefects have been working hard to plan for the full organisation of Christmas card delivery duties!

If children would like to send Christmas regards, festive well wishes or happy holidays cards to their peers, they may bring in cards from Thursday 9th December until Thursday 16th December. They will need to post their cards into the post box and the prefects will ensure all of them are handed out over the festive period.

Please make sure any cards clearly state children's full names if possible AND the class they are in!

Thank you



As many of you have not been able to come into our school building further than the entrance foyer for a long while, we'd like to share some of the display work we've been completing recently. All the children are proud of their class work and these PSHE displays are in the school halls. We are also working on displaying our fantastic writing in the corridors and preparing some Christmas bunting for the children to enjoy over the coming weeks.



