



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th October 2022

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

TERM DATES 2022- 23

AUTUMN

Friday 21st October—break up for half term

Monday 31st October—deadline for Y7 secondary school applications

Monday 31st October—teacher training day

Tuesday 1st November— **teacher training day**

Wednesday 2nd 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

Wednesday 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,

Only one more week to go until half term!

The first half term of this academic year has

flown by and this week we have held the first parent consultation evening of the year. It was such a pleasure to see lots of you here and for the teachers to be able to share with you how the children have settled in. On the whole, most children have had a good start, but I did hear some teachers asking for parents to be checking children's planners and listening to them read regularly. If that was you, please do support us in this way as reading is the key to success!

Lost or damaged books

Just a reminder that if the books that we send home with your child are lost or damaged, we will need to replace them. There will be a new line set up on ParentPay called 'Lost books contribution' and that is where the funds will need to go rather than sending in cash.

Baby news

More blessings and a new member of the Heathfield family has arrived. Mrs Patel has safely delivered her baby this week and I know you will want to join me in sending her lots of love.

My final thought

As you will no doubt have heard, next week will be my last week at Heathfield. Whilst I am excited to be moving on to a new professional challenge, I am very sad indeed to be leaving the Heathfield community. Heathfield School has been a wonderful place to work and I will miss seeing your beautiful children every day. It has been an absolute honour and privilege for me to have been able to support them and you over the last six years.

This school is a very special place indeed and I am so, so pleased to be leaving you in the very capable hands of Miss Malik, Mrs Smith and the rest of the team here. I know that Heathfield will continue to go from strength to strength.

Mrs Atherton

“ There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart. ”

— Mahatma Gandhi

PAKISTAN APPEAL

Huge thanks to you all, as our final total, for the flood appeal is £764.



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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!**

This fortnight we have been particularly impressed with class 5C who have been demonstrating the Heathfield Ways.

STAFF **Shout Out!**

Thanks to all of our staff for the successful parent consultations this week. It was lovely to hear some of the conversations taking place. If you didn't attend, please approach your child's teacher to book a meeting.



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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

A focus on children's rights throughout school policy and practice ensures the wellbeing of children and young people is at the heart of everything our school does.

This week included Mental Health Day which is happened on the 10th of October. The official theme is 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'. The children across school have been learning all about mental health day and the importance of it. Please discuss the following article and day with your child/children at home.

One article provides a particularly strong link this week:

Article 24 – Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Think about how this article links with Mental Health Day.

Activity: Helping others and being kind can make us feel happier. Make a 'thank you' card for someone you know to surprise them with an unexpected thank-you or make a 'thank you' chart or 'tree' for your class and ask everyone to put messages onto it.

If you are interested in joining our steering group, please email rrsa@heathfld.bham.sch.uk

Miss Elahi

AWARDS FOR THE LAST 2 WEEKS

Y1—6 Having a 'look smart, be smart' attitude and always making sure they are physically and mentally ready to learn.

EYFS For being independent and trying tasks without waiting for adult support.

Nurture: Aayan Ahmed

Nursery: Zaynab Ala-Uddin & Jubayra Anam

RP: Aiyla Hussain & Fathima Noor-Al-Haya

RE: Elijah Dorsett & Eshal Jalil

1T: Aizah Zahra Zaman & Ariyaan Islam

1C Muhammed Hashim & Myiesha Akhtar

2H: Rukia Ali & Adnan Khan

2N: Nawaz Mohammed Haaris & Amirah Miah

3B: Unaysah Choudhury & Muzzammil Ali

3G: Ammara Hussain & Izaan Ayaz Khan

4R: Rio Jordan & Ismail Khan

4W: Rebekah Begum & Subhan Ramzan

5C: Havarnn-Dawnell James-Wint & Abdul Azim

5B: Jinan Mohammed & Zahra Bibi

6M: Zulaikhaa Kauser & Esa Wahid Khan

6W: Hannah Karim & Mahid Ali



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION

Our school is still part of the Letterjoin handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website www.letterjoin.co.uk on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers at home.

There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school. IPAD AND TABLET LOG IN:

User name:

Swipe code
(starting at top left):



DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOGIN:

User name: **vt7018**

Password: **home**

Once logged-in, choose your child's classroom and you can use Letter-join's resources and fun activities to reinforce the handwriting we teach at school.

The Guardians of the Rights



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance for the last 2 weeks

Class	Att %	Lates
RP	91.90%	3
RE	88.89%	5
1T	95.49%	3
1C	96.93%	2
2N	97.30%	7
2H	93.03%	3
3G	95.39%	4
3B	93.46%	2
4R	86.51%	4
4W	96.55%	3
5C	98.51%	3
5B	91.20%	10
6M	94.21%	2
6W	93.71%	6

Well done to 2N for taking the attendance top spot this week!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



'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/>

YEAR 1 SCIENCE

This week, Year 1 have been using their sense of touch to identify objects and describe them using key vocabulary.



TEACHER DAYS

Please remember that there will be two teacher days after half term.

Monday 31st October & Tuesday 1st November

School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

We welcome children back on Wednesday 2nd November.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

2022- 2023

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

Reception: 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.

Remember that babies and toddlers are able to attend and that your child really gets a lot from working with you. Parents who attended recent workshops really got a lot from them. A parent who recently attended the Y6 workshop said: "Really amazing workshop. The interesting part was how so many of the kids participate in the brain work. I am happy to be part of today's lesson. The websites are also helpful. I wish that Heathfield will continue with their amazing programme. Well done teachers."

Applications for secondary school places close on October 31st

If you require support for filling in the application form please ring / email the school office as soon as possible and ask for an appointment.

BIKEABILITY

New courses to start again in November.



SPORTS UPDATE FIXTURES:

The children have been participating in lots of sporting events this year. Both boys and girls football teams have attended the Aston Primary football leagues and we have also sent a team to play in the Panathlon Tenpin Bowling challenge.

