



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th December 2021

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

APRIL

8th—Break up for the Easter holidays
25th—Teacher training day (no school for children)
26th—Children return to school

Head of School: Mrs F Atherton

Deputy Head: Mrs S Richards

Assistant Headteachers:

Miss E Dicken, Mr R Jackson

Inclusion Lead: Mrs S Syner

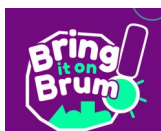
Pastoral Manager: Mrs H Toth



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of our first term of the 2021/22 academic year. I know that the staff and children have all worked incredibly hard and we are definitely looking forward to this two week break.



Next term, our curriculum focuses will change and you will receive the new term's curriculum overview for your child's year group on the first day back. It will also be on the website for you to access.

For those families in receipt of free school meals, Bring it on Brum will be doing a winter holiday programme from Monday 20th December—please do check the website for further information on this and you will have received an email from us about this too with information and voucher codes. <https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/> You will also have received supermarket voucher codes for the two week break so please look out for those.

We are entering another period of uncertainty in terms of Covid 19 and the new variant and we will await further instructions from the government surrounding the situation. Please be aware that if required, we will need to implement changes and we will communicate these to you by Tuesday 4th January.

Thank you to those parents and carers who completed our parent survey and gave feedback to leaders on our quality assurance day. Our Deputy CEO, Mrs Sherlock-Lewis has provided a statement below. To those of you celebrating, have a wonderful Christmas with your families, and to everyone else have a lovely two week break.

Mrs. Atherton



PRINCE ALBERT COMMUNITY TRUST QUALITY ASSURANCE DAY

Recently we took part in a quality assurance day that was carried out by executive leaders from across the Trust. It is a full day where teaching is observed, leaders are interviewed and all areas of school life both teaching and learning and business compliance are audited. The following is a statement from Mrs Sherlock-Lewis who led the visit:

On Monday, executive leaders from within the Trust visited Heathfield School to validate the school's understanding of performance. I am pleased to report that the school continues to be an excellent school for children to flourish in. Staff knowledgeably deliver high quality lessons and parents were profusive in their praise of the school. Children talk highly of their school and how the staff support them. Following any quality assurance day, we agree with the school leadership team developmental points to enable a school to strive forward.



HEATHFIELD WAYS

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



CLASS Shout Out! = WHOLE SCHOOL!

Having had lots of visitors into our school on Monday, we are very proud of how polite the children were. Lots of children also talked to the visitors confidently about their learning.

STAFF Shout Out! = ALL STAFF!

All staff have pulled together these last few weeks to help practise Christmas songs for various performances, prepare for our visit on Monday, organise an exciting last week of term for the children and keep each other going as tiredness has begun to hit! We are very grateful for everything our team does and we'd like to thank each and every one of them.

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RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE APPLICATION DEADLINE

Children in Birmingham can start school (Reception) in the September after their fourth birthday. If your child is due to start Reception in September, you must complete the application form online at

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school/4

If your child is at Heathfield Nursery, they DO NOT automatically get a place in Reception. ALL parents must apply online through Birmingham City Council. It is the council who decide which children are offered a place, depending on siblings in school, SEND, and distance of home address from school.

The deadline for competition of the application is 11:59pm on 15th January 2022.

The National offer day, when parents are informed which school their child has a place at, is on 19th April 2022.

**Primary: Starting
reception class**



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END OF TERM SPECIAL AWARDS

Nursery: Superstar of the term

Reception—Year 6: Autumn term Dojo point winners

Nursery Zakariyah Hussain & Omayya Khan

RE Maryam Sufi & Sudais Mahmood

RT Miral Hashi & Zakariya Hussain

1B Amaya Rahman & Khadijah Hussain

1P Ayesha Hibah Ali & Jameel Nazir

2N Sewan Rasoul & Mohammed Sufyaan

2R Hamzah Zaman & Eliza Khan

3H Ishaq Irfan Mohammed & Minaal Khan

3PM Fataha Akter & Riyad Mohammed

4C Abdul Azim & Jinan Yushua Mohammed

4T Malyca Khan & Fatoumata Jallow

5C Mahid Ali & Sara Elsir

5W Ismail Ali & Mickayah Jarrett

6A Younus Ahmed & Sayidali Hasan

6M Aisha Dhansey & Maryam Hussnain

Rainbow Lodge star of the week

Friday 10th December: Yohan Mbumbai

Friday 17th December: Iqlaas Ali



FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS

Helping Parents with Home Learning: Getting to Grips with Grammar!

Free Online Training

[BOOK NOW ON EVENTBRITE](#)

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/helping-parents-with-home-learning-getting-to-grips-with-grammar/>

This 45 minute session is free to all parents who have children at primary school.

Thursday 17th February 2022 7pm – 7.45pm

Tuesday 21st June 2022 7pm – 7.45pm

Raising a Reader: Top Tips for Parents to Foster a Love of Reading

Free Online Training!

Choice of dates and times

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Choice of dates and times:

Wednesday 30th March 2022 7pm

Thursday 23rd June 2022 7pm



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Learning**

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Every child grows up with their own thoughts and beliefs about the world. November and December are important months for many religions.

Can you think of some festivals and events that take place at this time?

This week's rights respecting school thoughts and activity links with Article 14 – Freedom of thought, belief and religion. Please discuss the following article with your child/children.

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their children as they grow up.

Activity: Researching safely online, you could write a sentence, draw a picture, or write a story about a child celebrating a festival or special day.

Food choices are really important to some people.

Activity: Find out about the food rules of a specific religion. If you have the ingredients at home, why don't you have a go at making a dish with your family over the holiday?



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The United Nations Human Rights Day was on Friday 10th December. The theme for 2021 was EQUALITY: Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights. Miss Elahi delivered an assembly all about Human Rights Day for Years 1-6 last week and lots of children have been learning more about this topic in class. We've also been identifying how human rights are both similar and different to children's rights. Here is 4C's classroom display of human rights.



HANDSWORTH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

Our Community Connector Team will be available to support our Winter Warm Campaign. They connect families to community support and to enable families to get more support locally to help build their resilience and support network.

To access Early Help: Families can also request support & access services via Family Connect Form- Self Identification

Or visit www.haos.org.uk for further information

Birmingham
Children's Partnership

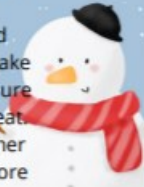
Emergency vouchers may be available for families, get in touch for the most up to date information



WOW FROM HANDSWORTH
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS

Winter of Wonder

FREE Holiday places will be available for over 300 children across Handsworth 20th, 21st and 22nd December 2021. All children will take part in enriching activities and ensure that every child has hot meals to eat. Details will be sent to all our partner schools...so please look out for more information.



www.haos.org.uk Twitter @Handsworthschs



WINTER WARM CAMPAIGN

From Handsworth Association of Schools

DECEMBER 2021 - MARCH 2022

HAOS is now a **referrer for the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme**, delivered by Family Fund Business Services. Schools can contact us directly if they have identified a family who are facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. The programme provides items that meet a child's most basic needs such as a bed to sleep in, a cooker to provide a hot meal and other items or services.



Bedtime Care Packages creatively supporting the health and educational development of children. We want to provide families with things they need to ensure a comprehensive bedtime routine is in place. Each care package will contain a range of different items such as age-appropriate bedtime books donated by Birmingham Literacy Trust; basic hygiene resources and bath toys; a toothbrush and toothpaste; pajamas; warm blankets, a water bottle animal; an alarm clock; and a child-friendly routine log.



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