



**Heathfield**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th September 2022

**Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind**

## TERM DATES 2022- 23

### AUTUMN

**Thursday 6th October**— Non uniform day (school census)

**Monday 10th October**—World Mental Health Day

**Tuesday 11th October**—EYFS and KS1 parent consultations

**Wednesday 12th October**—flu vaccinations

**Thursday 13th October**—KS2 parent consultations

**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**—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

**Weds 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

**Friday 21st July**—break up for the summer

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

The first four weeks of term seem to have flown by and the children are all well settled into their new classes. We have held two parent workshops and the dates for the rest of the term can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. We have updated the term dates in the panel to the left with the dates of this half term's parent consultations and you will shortly receive a forms link to complete with the times you would prefer.

**Free school meals and support for families**— Mrs Toth will be writing to you this week with some information and links about the support available as we move into the colder months. Free school meals are a very important funding stream for schools and we would urge you to contact the office and check if your child is eligible (even if they get free meals as part of the reception and KS1 programme).

**Parents forum**— We have had a number of parents get in touch to ask whether we would consider setting up a forum where a group of parents can get more involved in the life of the school by sharing their opinions and ideas on our plans and help us to really work on the things that will help you. Well I'm pleased to say that this year we will be setting up this group. Mrs Toth will be in touch very soon to ask for volunteers and share further information with you all.

**Black History Month**— October 1st marks the start of Black History Month. At Heathfield, our entire curriculum includes learning about and celebrating the achievements of those of Black heritage through our teaching of literacy, art, history, music, science and other subjects. In addition to this, we will be marking the importance of this month with the children through assembly, collective worship and our Rights Respecting articles of the week.

**Silver artsmark award**—For the last three years, we have been improving our arts provision and the experiences we provide for our children. I'm very pleased to announce that we have been awarded the silver artsmark award.

**Baby news** I am over the moon to announce that Mrs Akhtar has safely delivered her baby and is resting at home. I will share further information when I have permission to do so. And I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Patel the best of luck as she goes off on her maternity leave later this month.

Mrs Atherton



**Artsmark Silver Award**  
Awarded by Arts Council England



**MRS F. ATHERTON**

Head of School



**MRS V. SMITH**

Deputy Head

Point of contact



**MS K. MGINERNEY**

Assistant Head

Point of contact  
Year 1,2 & 3



**MR R. JACKSON**

Assistant Head

Point of contact  
for Year 4, 5. & Nurture



**MRS H. TOTTH**

Pastoral Leader  
/Attendance



**MRS A. SHOTTER**

Lead Practitioner  
for Inclusion

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

## HEATHFIELD WAYS AWARD WINNERS



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

**CLASS** **Shout Out!** Well done 4R for always demonstrating great attitudes to learning.

**STAFF** **Shout Out!** Congratulations to Miss Brookes for working really hard with her class to ensure that they consistently meet high expectations in all that they do !



### CONTACT US

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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.

Last academic year our steering group 'The guardians of the rights' were involved in various different projects to help improve our school and fund-raise for schools abroad who were less fortunate. The children helped to impact lots of children and were able to use their voices to create an impact. This year it would be great to see parents joining this team to support the journey!

This is an exciting opportunity to boost the awareness of children's rights in school and in the wider community.

We will:

- Meet with clear agendas and action points
- Develop and deliver the school's 'Rights Respecting' action plan.
- Ensure that the whole school is aware of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.
- Provide a link between children and young people, teachers, senior management team, academy reps and the whole school community.
- Regularly feedback to the school community about progress including to the SLT, academy reps, staff and parents.

If you are interested in joining, please email [rrsa@heathfld.bham.sch.uk](mailto:rrsa@heathfld.bham.sch.uk)

Miss Elahi



The Guardians of the Rights



## FORTNIGHTLY AWARDS

**Nursery** for showing an interest in reading and enjoying books with friends.

**Years Rec - 6** excellent home reading effort and completing of school planner.

**Nurture star of the fortnight:** Zakariya Saghier

**Nursery:** Sumayyah Fatimah Hashim & Aidan Ehsaan Khan

**RE:** Zakariyah Hussain & Amayah Sohail

**RP:** Irfan Ahmed & Laylah Nadeem

**1T:** Amayah Ayub & Aleesa Khan

**1C** Muhammad Zakariyah Hashim & Rumaysa Karim

**2H:** Abu Sufian Gone & Kaif Mahmood

**2N:** Anaya Akthar & Hajra Aslam

**3B:** Siyana Faruk & Samara Akram

**3G:** Eliza Tanisha Khan & Hamzah Rashid

**4R:** Mohammed Amer Abdul Rahman & Aiman Ali

**4W:** Liyana Khan & Kareem Preddie

**5C:** Amelia Hamid & Laiba Khan

**5B:** Sara Ismail & Maheen Ayub Khan

**6M:** Mickayah Jarrett & Surayya Khan

**6W:** Aisha Abdifatah & Samira Deeqa Ishal



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

We'd like to remind you that we are a nut free school. We have children with serious nut allergies who require emergency medication (EpiPen) upon reaction.

This can be extremely dangerous and therefore, we do not allow any nut products in school. If children bring items containing nuts (INCLUDING NUTELLA/CHOCOLATE SPREAD) in their lunchbox, unfortunately, they will not be permitted to eat it. This is for safety reasons.

## GOLDER WEATHER

The weather is definitely turning colder and wetter. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat that is clearly labelled with their name and class.



We advise you to talk to your child about remembering to bring their coats, lunch bag and water bottle home at the end of every day — otherwise they can go missing !

# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance for last 2 weeks		
Class	Att %	Lates
RP	95.85%	7
RE	85.89 %	5
1T	94.52%	1
1C	91.15 %	4
2N	97.11 %	6
2H	92.31 %	6
3G	96.55%	5
3B	92.72%	2
4R	86.50 %	8
4W	96.23 %	2
5C	96.38 %	6
5B	92.99%	9
6W	93.38	6
6M	94.41	0

97% attendance = aim

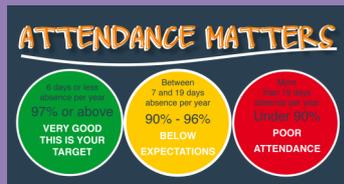
94-97% = risk zone

Below 94% = cause for concern and significantly impacting on children's learning and progress.

**We are very concerned about our attendance in some classes.**

**Children will miss valuable learning time if they are not in school and this has an effect on their learning and progress.**

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



As a school we continue to work hard at improving school attendance. We hope that with the support of our parents we can reach our whole school goal of 96%+ at the end of this academic year.

Friday is a **compulsory school day** and should not be missed unless your child is unwell or there are exceptional circumstances.

Remember - Every day counts!

## PARENT WORKSHOPS

### AUTUMN TERM 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.

## PAKISTAN APPEAL

We are still counting the funds raised for the appeal and will let you know the amount raised as soon as possible.

## RECEPTION AND Y1'S PARENT WORKSHOP

This fortnight parents /carers were invited in to school to learn all about how we teach phonics using the new ELS scheme. Miss Coles and Mrs Tabasum worked with Year 1 parents and Miss Elahi and Mrs Pilbin showed Reception parents how to log onto Oxford Owl so that children can access **lots** of online books at home.



Please see the link below.

[Oxford Owl for School and Home](#)

Parents are telling us that Reception children are really enjoying using 'robot arms and blending hands'. In fact they are practising their new skills in very strange places at home. If your child is in R,Y1 or Y2—get them to show you !!

## Y1—HISTORY

In Year 1, the children have been learning from parents and grand parents about what their childhood was like.

The children listened to the adults talk about what was the same and what was different in their lives.

Thank you to all of those parents and

grandparents who came to help our children with their learning.



### Applications for secondary school places close on October 31st.

You can list up to six different secondary schools as preferences in your application. This can include schools outside of Birmingham. We are welcoming applications from Heathfield families for the third cohort at **PA High**. Please ask if you need help with the online application form.

Mrs Smith.



## RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

**Applications for primary schools open on 1 October 2022 and the closing date is 15 January 2023.**

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, they will be able to start school in September 2023. You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools.

**Having a place at Heathfield nursery does not automatically give you a place in Reception, you still need to apply. We will be setting up a session after half term to provide any support needed.**

