

Heathfield Primary School

School Newsletter – September 2024



A message from Mr Kirby-Bowstead Headteacher

"The start of something new brings the hope of something great... anything is possible!"

What a great start to the new academic year! I am incredibly proud of how well our returning children have settled back into routines, meeting our high expectations and showing that they are ready to learn and achieve; and children who are new to us have also set a really high bar for their continued personal and academic development. Well done everyone!

In addition to many new children joining us - both in Reception and elsewhere in school - we have had new staff join us as well: Miss Moor has thoroughly enjoyed her first week with Class 11 in Year 5, and Mrs Delve and Mrs Pople have been additional warm and welcoming faces in Reception this week. Mrs Delve and Mrs Pople will be leading the learning and development of children in our new Speech, Language & Communication Needs (SLCN) Resource Base which you may have noticed in development – something else we are very excited about!

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who continue to support our efforts to ensure children are safe on our school site during drop off and collection times. As a reminder we ask that:

- parents/carers do not park in the car park in the morning, but use the drop off bays to 'drop and go';
- children do not use the climbing equipment or the MUGA unless supervised by a member of staff;
- children do not ride bikes/scooters on the playground or down the pathways in school to prevent our smaller children being knocked over.

And an extra reminder to *please* put your child's name in their belongings – it's really sad when we have upset children who can't find their things, so thank you for your support with this.

Finally, don't forget to follow our Facebook page – there are always many posts of the learning and celebrations from around school each week, in addition to updates/reminders and information about upcoming events in the local community. Between our Facebook page, our newsletters and Marvellous Me, we aim to keep you fully updated about all things Heathfield!

Important Dates

Friday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day – children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character for the day, or to wear something yellow (Roald Dahl's favourite colour!).

Monday 16th September: Our very first 'Go Well!' day – children in Year 1 and Year 2 will have the opportunity to take part in a range of keep-fit activities, so please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit. Other year groups will have an opportunity later in the year.

Monday 23rd September (2.30pm): Year 1 parents meeting – All About Phonics

Friday 27th September: We will be holding a MacMillan Afternoon Tea for parents/carers from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in order to help raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, with plenty of tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes on offer – we hope to see you there!

wc. Monday 30th September: NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week – a week long celebration of being kind to each other. Watch this space for more details!

Monday 30th September (2.30pm): Reception parents meeting – All About Phonics.

Thursday 3rd October: Year 2 Educational Visit to Hopetown – more details to come.

Thursday 3rd October (4pm – 5.30pm): Early Years Open Evening – an opportunity for families of future Heathfield children to look around our excellent provision.

Monday 7th October: Photo Day – hair done and big smiles!

Thursday 17th October: Our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be visited by 'the History Lady' in school – a very exciting visitor!

Wednesday 23rd October: We will be holding an end of half term disco prior to breaking up for October half term. Children may come to the disco dressed up or in costume if they would like to. More details will be sent about times and costs in due course.

Friday 25th October: Break up for October half term.

Monday 4th November: Return to school for Autumn 2.

The Heathfield Virtues:

kindness courage curiosity fairness resilience respect