

Heathfield Primary School

School Newsletter – October/November 2024



A message from Mr Kirby-Bowstead Headteacher

"The more you read, the more things that you know; the more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"

We have been really focused on Reading here at Heathfield lately – and a huge well done to all of our children who received their weekly raffle ticket for reading *at least* three times each week. Our Heathfield Bookworms were selected at random from the raffle for a very special Waterstones visit, and there is already great excitement to see who will win in the next half term!

We know Reading is important for our children: both now, so they can access all of the other opportunities in school; but also for their future, so they can be successful in whatever profession they choose to pursue. Regularly reading is also linked to good mental health and happiness (in both children and adults – so it is important to be a good reading role model for your child). We thank all of our families who continue to support their child with Reading regularly at home – you are doing a great service for your child!

And we are really excited to share with you your child's success this year so far in Reading, Writing, Maths and our other subjects in the upcoming parent/carer consultations. We have listened carefully to your feedback, and we are going to trial moving away from telephone calls and back to face to face consultations here in school. These will take place on Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 27th November, and will also include an opportunity for you to look through your child's work to see how hard they are trying each and every day. Specific dates and times will be sent out to you when we return after half term. We are so proud of the children at Heathfield, and we cannot wait to celebrate this with you.

And finally, a quick reminder about parking: please can we ask our families to be respectful towards our neighbours along The Broadway and Shearwater Avenue when parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We ask that you do not block anybody's driveway, that you refrain from parking on yellow zigzags and that you do not park on the white lines along the roads as well. This is just common decency and also for the safety of our children – which we know is a top priority for us all. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Dates

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

Monday 11th November: We will hold a two minute silence in school to mark Remembrance Day.

Friday 15th November: Children in Need – Children will be invited to come into school wearing something yellow or something Pudsey themed for a small donation to a very worthwhile charity. We will also be holding another 'Afternoon Tea' for our families at the end of the school day to treat themselves to cakes, biscuits and a hot drink to help further raise funds for this fantastic cause.

Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 27th November: Parent/Carer Consultations and Book Look – more details to come after the half term break for specific days/times for you.

Friday 6th December: We will be holding our Christmas Fair in the KS2 Hall straight after school, full of Christmas crafts, a raffle and tombola. Watch this space for more details!

Tuesday 10th December: Our Key Stage 1 children will be holding a special Christmas performance for friends and family at 9.30am and again at 2.15pm. More details to follow.

Thursday 12th December: Our Early Years children will be holding a special Christmas performance for friends and family at 9.30am and again at 2.00pm. More details to follow.

wc. 16/12/24: Christmas parties will be taking place across the school, including time for KS2 parents to join their children for a Christmas sing-along. More details to follow!

Thursday 19th December: Children will break up for the end of the Autumn term at the end of the school day.

Friday 20th December: PD Day (school closed to children)

Monday 6th January: PD Day (school closed to children). Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

The Heathfield Virtues:

kindness courage curiosity fairness resilience respect