

HEATHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter – November 2023



A message from Mr Kirby-Bowstead Headteacher

“Continuous effort is the key to unlocking our potential” – Winston Churchill

The days are getting shorter, colder and darker - but the hard work and buzz of learning around Heathfield only gets stronger, and we can't wait to share this with you at our parent/carer book looks and consultations this half term! We are so incredibly proud of our children and the progress they make each and every day – both academically and in terms of their confidence, self-esteem and personal development. Our children are the absolute embodiment of the Heathfield Virtues of resilience, respect, kindness, courage, curiosity and fairness.

We are currently maintaining our parent/carer consultations virtually/via phone, as the majority of parents have expressed that this approach is more efficient and accessible: it reduces the need to come to and from school for some families with younger children; it prevents the need for parents/carers to organise childcare; it reduces the number of cars searching for space to park outside of school; and it reduces the amount of time parents/carers may be waiting around for. We understand that this approach may not be favourable for everyone, however our doors are always open all year round should you wish to speak directly to a member of staff.

And our doors will be open for plenty of Christmas activity later on this half term! We are really looking forward to our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas performances, inviting parents of our Key Stage 2 children in for 'carols around the tree' and a return of our annual Christmas Fair – see below for more dates and details!

Monday 13th November – Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Book Look: you are warmly welcomed to your child's classroom to have a look through their exercise books in preparation for parent/carer consultations the following week.

wc. Monday 13th November – Early Years Parent/Carer Consultations

wc. Monday 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November – Children in Need: Children are invited to come into school wearing something yellow, spotty or Pudsey themed to show support for the Children in Need charity, and to bring in any donations of loose change for our 'copper challenge'!

wc. Monday 20th November – KS1 & KS2 Parent/Carer Consultations

Monday 20th November – Our Year 6 children will be working with the 'Show Racism the Red Card' team.

Friday 24th November – Our Year 5 children will be working with the 'Power of Women' team.

Tuesday 6th December – Nursery Stay and Play (time TBC)

wc. Monday 11th December – Families of our Key Stage 2 children will be invited into school for Christmas carols around the tree (days for each year group will be sent out closer to the time)

Tuesday 12th December – Early Years Christmas Performance

Wednesday 13th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day (a letter will be sent out to our children on packed lunches to see if they would like a school meal on this day)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Fair in the KS2 Hall from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, with a range of stalls and goodies available!

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Part Days!