

Heathfield Primary School

School Newsletter – February 2024



A message from Mr Kirby-Bowstead Headteacher

“Spring is the time of plans and projects” – Tolstoy

I am absolutely loving the lighter mornings, and that the sun is setting later and we are beginning to see longer days – it’s such a great way to help us feel energised! It also means that our plans and projects around school further develop too – onwards and upwards!

The ongoing developments at Heathfield Primary School have been commented on by the many visitors we have had into school lately. Positive observations have been made about our children’s behaviour; about the high quality teaching and learning; about the ongoing care and nurture offered to our children; about the wide range of after school clubs across the year; about how much our children love Forest Schools; about how gorgeous our Early Years environments are... I am one incredibly proud headteacher! Thank you so much to all of our families and friends for your ongoing support in making Heathfield the best place to be.

One area we would again like to ask for your help with is the situation regarding parking and traffic around school at drop off and collection times. Please can we ask that you are considerate of our neighbours and you do not block their drives nor park on grass verges. We are incredibly lucky to be able to provide the ‘drop off’ bays in the morning, but these **must not** be used as parking spaces; there must be a driver in the car at all times, so that the flow of traffic continues. If you need to park up in order to bring your child onto the school site, we ask that you find a safe and sensible place to park outside school. Now that this request had been made several times, I will begin to approach parents/carers and ask them to move on rather than park up; or alternatively, our children will begin to deliver leaflets to drivers who do not follow this request. The safety and happiness of our children is of paramount importance to us.

And, on the note of happiness, I would love to share with you the things that our children said make them happy at Heathfield – wonderful things are going on here!

Forest Schools - Charity Days - Recognition Boards - PE
Learning so much every day - Playing with our friends - All of the after school clubs
Learning new graphemes - Roast beef dinners - Kind and fun teachers
Maths lessons - Singing - Playing outside

Important Dates

w/c Monday 4th March: We are very excited to take our KS2 children to Waterstones in the town centre to spend their World Book Day voucher – a separate letter is on its way to you with dates and times.

Thursday 7th March: As was shared with everyone before half term, World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Children will be invited to come in costumes inspired by their favourite books, characters and authors, in addition to bringing their favourite book into school to share with others.

Monday 11th March: Farm trip for Reception (Class 1 & 2)

Friday 15th March: We will be marking Red Nose Day by inviting children into school wearing a red top or Red Nose Day themed t-shirt. Please note school uniform should be worn in terms of trousers/skirts/shoes.

Wednesday 20th March: Nursery trip to the farm (Letter with more information to follow next week)

Wednesday 27th March: We are looking forward to hosting our End of Spring Disco!

Nursery and Reception Disco – 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Disco – 4.15pm to 5.00pm
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Disco – 5.15pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 28th March: School breaks up for Easter. Please note that Friday 29th March is Good Friday and therefore school is closed. Children return to school on **Monday 15th April** for the start of the Summer Term.