

# Heathfield Primary School

School Newsletter – September 2025



## A message from Mr Kirby-Bowstead Headteacher

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

What an absolutely amazing start to the 2025/26 academic year: I am so incredibly proud of how well our returning children have settled back into routines, meeting our high expectations and showing that they are ready, respectful and safe; 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 of course have Lotus and Noodle, our new school dogs, joining us. For most of this half term we need to ensure that Lotus and Noodle just get used to the sights, smells and sounds of school – but please make sure you return your child's consent form so interactions can begin once everyone is ready.

A few reminders to help everyone in being ready, respectful and safe:

- parents/carers must not park in the car park in the morning, but use the drop off bays to 'drop and go';
- children must not use the climbing equipment or the MUGA unless supervised by a member of staff;
- children must not ride bikes/scooters on the playground or down the pathways in school to prevent our smaller children being knocked over;
- PE kit is a plain white top and black/grey bottoms;
- and please remember that we now use Arbor as our family communication platform, so ensure you have the app downloaded and you have given us the correct e-mail address. **All** letters will now be sent to you via e-mail.

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 Arbor, we aim to keep you fully updated about all things Heathfield!

### **Important Dates**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** Roald Dahl Day – As advertised in our summer newsletter, 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!).

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** National Poetry Day – our children will perform and record a brief whole class performance of a poem on the theme of 'play' – watch this space for more details!

**wc. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October:** We will be marking Mental Health Awareness Day through a whole week of thinking about the importance of always being kind to others.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** We will be holding our end of half term disco after school for our Nursery and Reception children, and then for our children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** We will be holding our end of half term disco after school for our children in Years 1, 2 and 3.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** We break up for the end of the first half term, with children returning to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### *The Heathfield Virtues:*

*kindness   courage   curiosity   fairness   resilience   respect*