

HEATHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Newsletter – September 2022



A message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher

Isn't it great to be back at school? It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart and eager to work. We are really looking forward to continuing to provide your children with an excellent curriculum in this new academic year. I would like to welcome all the children who are starting Heathfield this term and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

During the holidays, there has been extensive work carried out on our school roof. In some areas, the flat roof has caused water to leak into school. This has now all been sorted out and we are hoping that our school is leak-free moving forwards.

Staff have worked so hard to make sure that the classrooms and the communal areas of the school were organised, tidy and inviting for the return of the children. I'm sure you noticed the skip in the car park on the first day back – it was full to the brim!



A message from Mr Kirby-Bowstead, Head of School

What a warm welcome I have had by everyone – children, parents and families alike! I have really enjoyed greeting our children at the gates each morning, waving goodbye at home time and visiting classes throughout the day; I overheard one little boy pointing me out to his mum and saying, "That's the man who comes into our classroom all the time!" In the few days I have been here so far, it has been clearly evident that Heathfield provides such a high level of care and a great quality education to our children - and I couldn't be prouder to be part of the team.

Through discussions with staff across the school, I know there are lots of exciting things planned for this term – and indeed this year! From various topics and key questions across the curriculum, and of course our ongoing OPAL work to make the most of our outdoor areas, every day is jam-packed with opportunity; make sure you read your child's curriculum newsletter to gain a full overview of everything they will be learning about this half term.

I have an absolute 'open door' approach, so if you ever need to see or speak to me you can find me at the school gates, you can phone school and ask to speak to me or you can make an appointment with the front office. I'm always happy to help!



A message from Miss Fogg, Assistant Head Teacher

Foggy's Fun-Filled Days!

I know you will all be excited to hear about the theme days and weeks your children will be enjoying throughout the first half term. We always let you know in the newsletter at the start of each term what we can all look forward to and often use Facebook and Marvellous Me to send reminders. You will also find regular posts on Facebook to share what the children have been up to, so please remember to like our page. We have over a thousand likes now!

- **Friday 16th September:** We will join in celebrations of the author Roald Dahl – during his birthday week – by coming to school dressed as one of his characters, wearing his favourite colour – yellow – or as any book character. Please don't feel that you need to buy expensive costumes for this.
- **Week commencing 19th September:** Recycle Week, with the theme, 'Let's Get Real'. The children will learn facts about recycling and think about how we can all improve our recycling behaviours.
- **Week commencing 26th September:** Bike/Scooter/Walk to School Week is a chance for families to make their journeys to and from school more active.
- **Thursday 6th October:** National Poetry Day – keep an eye on Facebook for videos of the classes reciting poems that they have learned off-by-heart!
- **Week commencing 10th October:** National Hygiene Week.
- **Week commencing 17th October:** October is Black History Month and each class will learn about a significant person and their achievements.
- We will have a non-uniform day during the last week of the half term, but need to confirm when the school photographer is in...more information to follow over the next few weeks.



A message from Mrs Evans, Assistant Head Teacher

Hello to you all!

My name is Mrs Evans and I am the new Assistant Head Teacher for Early Years and Key Stage 1 at Heathfield Primary. Everyone has made me feel so welcome already and I can't wait to start working in this amazing school. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children and helping them on their learning journey through Heathfield Primary School.

Along with Mr Kirby-Bowstead and Miss Fogg, you can find me most mornings on one of our school gates – but if you ever need me, please phone school or make an appointment at the front office.

I have already spent a lot of time getting to know our children in Reception, and I will be helping them complete the Reception Baseline Assessment soon. We will send an information booklet home to our Reception parents to explain what this assessment is and why we do it, but please ask a member of staff if you have any other questions about it.