



Heathfield Primary School

Newsletter – February 2021



A Message from Mrs Beach, Executive Head Teacher

I have been extremely impressed with the pupils since lockdown 3 started on our second day back after the Christmas break. Our pupils have managed to cope not only with a national lockdown, but also a full half term of remote learning combined with learning in school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support in these trying times. As a parent myself, I fully understand how challenging it can be to continue to motivate your children to fully participate in the lessons whilst they are at home. I know that the staff at the school are very much missing the children and recognise that attending school is particularly significant for their wellbeing and social development.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Boris Johnson will have announced his “roadmap” out of lockdown 3 which will detail the plans from 8th March onwards. We will be in touch regularly over the next 2 weeks once we’re in a position to share our full reopening plans with you. Please regularly check your emails and our Facebook page for the most recent updates.



A Message from Mr Dipple, Head of School

The values we will be focusing on this term are confidence, independence and resilience. These will be particularly important for children as they once again recover from lockdown and fully re-join the school community. We will be encouraging these attributes through activities such as special assemblies, Learner of the Week awards and curriculum content – to name a few.

I’d also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who recently took part in our Remote Learning survey. I was thrilled to see such a great response and I’m really proud to be a leader of such a positive school community. Below are just a few of the amazing comments we received...

"The school and all the staff have been amazing..."

"The live lessons are interactive, fun and really keep the children engaged..."

"The teachers have been fab..."

"My children have access to the best help and support..."

"Where I have had issues, the school has gone above and beyond to make sure we have been looked after..."

A Message from Miss Fogg, Assistant Head Teacher



Foggy's Fun-Filled Days!

To further enrich our fantastic curriculum offer, we will continue to enjoy a wide range of fun-filled theme days and weeks. I know your children will have talked to you about Big Bird Watch, National Number Day and Sugar Awareness Week and you will also have seen some amazing Extreme Reading photos on Facebook – these were just a few of the exciting events we enjoyed last half term.

We have also listened to your feedback and decided to make regular non-uniform days part of the offer here at Heathfield. Some of these will be linked to the themes and on the last day of every half term, the children will get their own clothes even if it's just for fun!

Here is a list of fabulous things for you to look forward to:

- **Friday 26th February:** Launch of National Bed Month – focus on relaxation, mindfulness and the importance of sleep for healthy bodies and minds.
- **Week commencing 1st March:** National Careers Week.
- **Thursday 4th March:** World Book Day - 'Share a Story...' (dress up as a character from a book).
- **Week commencing 8th March:** British Science Week - 'Innovating for the future'.
- **Thursday 18th March:** Global Recycling Day.
- **Friday 19th March:** Red Nose Day (dress up day at school – wear your favourite outfit that makes you smile).
- **Week commencing 22nd March:** World Poetry Week (children will learn a poem off by heart to perform).
- **Friday 26th March:** Wear a Hat to School Day (and non-uniform day).

This half term

We'd just like to make you aware that this half term is quite a short one with only 5 full weeks. School closes for the Easter break on Friday 26th March, and reopens on Monday 12th April.



Facebook

We are thrilled to see an increase in activity and interaction happening through our Facebook page. Our Facebook page provides us with a great way to showcase, readily and often, the high quality teaching and learning and all the amazing things that happen here at Heathfield Primary School.

If you haven't already done so, please follow us via www.facebook.com/heathfieldprimarydarlington/.

From all the staff at Heathfield, here's to a really exciting half term!