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Tuesday 14th September

RE: NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well. It has been a wonderful first week here at Heathfield. It has been lovely to see all the children and a privilege to welcome new children and families into the Heathfield family. School feels much more 'normal' and we are enjoying seeing children play together from different classes, inviting parents into school and having whole school assemblies. Of course COVID-19 hasn't gone away and we still have controls and procedures in place to ensure the safety of everyone in the Heathfield family. We have had a positive case in school and the parents/carers of the class have been informed.

Thank you to parents/carers for ensuring children are in full school uniform. Children look smart and united as part of the Heathfield family. Remember, you can order school uniform via the Uniform shop on our school website.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS

You may have seen on Twitter/facebook that last week Bolton Music Service came into school and delivered a concert. Children learnt about different woodwind instruments and enjoyed listening to the music being played.



As a school we buy into the music service in order to subsidise the cost of musical instrument lessons. The cost of a group lesson is £22 per month (£44 per month for an individual lesson) At Heathfield we currently can provide recorder (for younger children), flute and clarinet lessons (Years 4,5 and 6) and saxophone lessons for Year 6 children.

We could also host guitar lessons but would need a minimum of 6 children.

If you are interested in your children taking part in any of the above lessons, please email parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk and we can arrange a 3 week trial for free. In your email, please include your child's name, class and instrument they would like to learn.

In addition to musical instrument lessons, all children will benefit from weekly singing assemblies, Year 5 are taking part in a 6 week rock music project (starting Friday) and throughout the year Reception – Year 6 will take part in a variety of one day music workshops.



We have been able to re-start our Commando Joe sessions this week. Commando Joe is delivered by Mr. Hussain to Reception – Year 6. During Commando Joe, Children take part in a series of missions to develop their Heathfield Heart, developing life skills, character traits, attributes and behaviours which will have a positive impact on their educational attainment, engagement, employability and well-being.



YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 SATs MEETING

At the end of Year 2 and Year 6, children take part in a series of statutory tests – SATs. They are nothing to worry about and children will be well prepared for the tests. To ensure parents understand the process and know how they can support their children, we are hosting a short face to face parents meetings so that parents and carers are fully informed.

Year 2 – Tuesday 21st September 3:30pm

Year 6 – Thursday 23rd September 3:30pm

HOOSC (Heathfield Out of School Club)

Thank you to the parents/carers that support HOOSC. As many of you know, as a result of COVID-19 HOOSC is in a deficit and was at risk of being closed down. This would have a detrimental effect on school and many families and so your continued support is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday 6th October HOOSC will be closed for after school club. We have staff safeguarding training. It is a legal requirement that all staff complete this every three years, and this includes



Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor will contact parents that use HOOSC. Our apologies for this – we recognise it is less than ideal but it is important that all staff have up to date safeguarding training.

PUPIL PREMIUM – ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL

Some children are entitled to additional funding if they meet the criteria below.

Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Often parents are not aware of this until their child starts in KS2 because it is then parents have to start paying for school meals. By this time, school has missed out on up to three years of additional funding.

To check if you are eligible, you need to complete a very simple form. Please email parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk and we will send the form to you. You have nothing to lose but school has everything to gain!

PATH GROUP (Parents and Teachers of Heathfield)

We are busy preparing social and fundraising events but the PATH group needs more help – many hands make light work!

Could you help? It is a great opportunity to get more involved in school life and make a difference to Heathfield children.



WE NEED YOU!

MAIN GATES

As some of you will have noticed, the pedestrian gate at the front of school now remains shut and will open in enough time for parents to collect children. This is to ensure children can remain safe allows teachers to use the outside facilities until the very last minute and deters parents from arriving too early. Every teaching moment counts! **Please do not press the intercom at this time.**

The gates will be open between:

The side gates will close at 8.55am and the main gate will be closed at 9am for the start of school. If you are late you need to go through the office.

Gate open 11.35am-11.45am

Gate open 12.05pm-12.15pm

Gate open 2.35pm-2.45pm

The gate will be opened at 3.05pm by staff for end of school collection

KEY DATES

Tuesday 21st September Year 2 parent/carer SATs meeting

Thursday 23rd September Year 6 parent/carer SATs meeting

Friday 24th September Mental health and Wellbeing YOGA da

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M D Thornley

Headteacher