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Thursday 3rd February

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and having a wonderful week. At the time of writing, we are entering our fourth day of having no COVID cases (staff or children) in school this academic year. On Monday our attendance was 97%, exceeding the national expectation of 96.5% for the first time in a long time! This week I did a face to face assembly and next week we will start to allow classes to mix at lunch time. Whilst COVID is not going to go away, hopefully this is the start of us getting back to 'normal'.

A massive thank you to all parents/carers for your support in keeping everyone in the Heathfield family safe.

Cuppa T with Mr.T

Tomorrow is 'Cuppa T with Mr. T' at 9:00am in the hall. (Enter via the hall fire exit)
This is an informal event – I will share with you some updates about plans we have for school and it is an opportunity for you to share your ideas and suggestions. It will also be an opportunity to catch up with Mrs. Renton since returning from maternity leave.

I very much look forward to seeing you there!



**Safer
Internet
Day 2022** | **Tuesday
8 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

SAFER INTERNET DAY – TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Next week is safer internet day. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. The theme this year is: All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. In assembly this week, we discussed what this means and how we show respect and develop positive relationships online, regardless of our differences. For example, listening to others, understanding someone might not want the same thing as you, thinking about our words and actions might make others feel etc. We also discussed how children should stay safe online, such as: Not sharing personal information, thinking carefully before they post anything, is the website secure? Reliable? Never meeting up with someone they have only met online etc.

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In this assembly (with Years 1 -6) I launched a safer internet poster competition.

Design a poster that:

- Shares key messages for safer internet use
- Promotes respectful internet use (Treating everyone equally)
- Tells someone what to do if they have concerns (Tell someone!).

The Year 5 Digital Leaders will pick a winning entry from each class that will be used as a screen saver on the teachers computer so that it is always on the big screen in each classroom and each one will be on the main screen in the main entrance. This will be used to remind children about how to stay safe online and use the internet respectfully.

Children have until Monday to bring in their entries. Please encourage your children to enter – they can be done by hand or electronically. If you require any paper etc, please let the class teacher now and they will provide some supplies. Children will be focusing on safer internet use during lessons on Tuesday.



As parents/carers, if you would like additional information there is a safer internet event on YouTube at 4:30pm on Tuesday. Find out about what games are appropriate for children? What are the advantages and disadvantages of gaming? Sophie Linington (Internet safety expert) will explore some of the most frequent questions parents have about gaming.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Elizabeth Adam has been elected as a parent governor. I am confident Mrs. Adam will be a great addition to the board and will support and challenge the leadership team to ensure Heathfield is the best school in Bolton and beyond!

Thank you to Bev Hardman and Zainab Patel for putting themselves forward – It is wonderful to know we have a group of parents that are willing to get fully involved in school life.

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KEY STAGE 2 – YEAR 6 SATS DATES

The Year 6 children are working hard to prepare for the SAT tests in May. Please see below the exact dates of the tests.

Monday 9th May 2022	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 10th May 2022	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Weds 11th May 2022	Mathematics Arithmetics (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thurs 12th May 2022	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

KEY DATES

FRIDAY 4th FEBRUARY Cuppa T with Mr. T 9:00am in the hall

FRIDAY 4th FEBRUARY Pause and reflect day

TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY Safer Internet Day

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY Design and Technology days

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY Year 3 working with artist (Mistake on last newsletter – it said Year 4)

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 3:15pm End of the half term

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY School opens for Spring 2 term

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M D Thornley

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