

**September 2019**

Welcome back! I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer break and the children are ready for an exciting year ahead! We welcome back Miss Burke, who has returned to school after having her baby.

On a personal note, I would like to thank every parent, child, member of staff and the governors for making me feel so welcome as I start my post as Headteacher at Heathfield Primary School. It is a privilege to be able to work alongside your children and I am excited about building on Heathfield's success to make our school the best school in Bolton!

As parents/carers you should be extremely proud of your children. During my assembly this week, I talked about first impressions and what a FANTASTIC first impression your children have made. Children looked smart in their school uniform, were well mannered and despite the summer holidays being over, they were smiling and eager to learn.

Over the coming weeks, I will continue to get to know your children but I would also like to hear from parents/carers. On the 27<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning and our first parent forum of the year. (See details below) This is an informal event and it would be great for me to have a coffee and chat with as many parents as possible. If you are unable to attend, you can always catch me at the front of school or on the school playground before and after school.



As you know, Heathfield is a Rights Respecting School (RRS). At the end of the summer term, Heathfield achieved UNICEF RRS **Silver Award**. This means that the principles of the UNICEF convention of children's rights are becoming embedded into our school curriculum and ethos.

### Music

On Thursday the children were entertained by Bolton Music Service with a concert from their woodwind recital group. Children were able to appreciate the musical talents of the musicians and were given the opportunity to learn about a number of woodwind instruments. A group of Year 6 children had a go at playing some of the instruments! Being able to play an instrument is a highly valued skill - either for recreation or as a potential future career! If your child is interested in learning an instrument, the tuition fees are very reasonable and heavily subsidised through BMS (Bolton Music Service) which includes the hire of the instrument and a weekly small group session. Details from the office.



The Music service will also be in school weekly delivering wider opportunities sessions where all of year 4 will learn the ukulele.

Years 3 - 6 after school choir will be starting next Thursday. Keep your eye out for the letter if your child would like to attend.



### Meet the Teacher

We will be holding our annual 'Meet the Teacher' event on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 3.15 – 5.30pm**. This is an open evening event where parents can view our learning environment, staff are available to speak to parents and share key information about your child's learning. At this event your child's curriculum summary will be given to you. This will give information about the areas being covered in the different subjects and the key Learning Challenge Question which will be at the centre of each class' learning. We do hope you can join us.

### Uniform Labels and Lost Property

As I mentioned, the children look so smart in their new uniforms this week. Please help us to keep uniform with the right owners by ensuring that jumpers and other items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Without names, we are not able to return lost property items. This also includes PE kits and coats. Thank you for your support with this.

### Clubs

Keep your eyes out for letters for after school clubs. All are allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be sent home in the coming week. Clubs include: Art club, Cinema club, choir, gymnastics, football and possibly tag rugby.





### Macmillan coffee morning and Parent Forum

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am** we will be hosting a coffee morning in support of Macmillan. Please come along for a drink and cake – what a great way to start a Friday! If you would like to bake a cake and bring it along with you please feel free to do this or if you are more like me, you could buy a cake from the supermarket and bring that along to share! Either way, it will be great to see you there! Any money that is raised will be sent to Macmillan to support people and families living with cancer.

The coffee morning will be a great time for me to have informal chats with parents and get your views and opinions about school. Your thoughts are highly valued and can make a real difference. If you feel you would have anything to contribute, or an issue to raise, please come and join us.

### Little Leaders

We have lots of positions of responsibility for children in school; investors in pupils, school council, eco council, digital leaders and family captains. Votes and application forms will be completed next week and we will announce the elected candidates in assembly next week.



### Money to the Office

It is greatly appreciated if any money coming in to the office can be handed in an **envelope labelled with your child's name and class, amount and type of payment snack/trip/dinner money etc.** The office staff **will not** take money which is not labelled, as this causes additional workload and confusion. Envelopes are available from the office. Please be aware change may not be returned until the following day.



### Dinner money

Please be aware dinner money has now increased from £7.00 a week to £8.50. If your child has changed from dinners to packed lunches this week and you have not informed the office, a school meal will have been ordered each day for your child and will need to be paid for.

**Hot Fridays.** We offer 'Hot Fridays' for children who just want a school dinner once a week. This will cost £1.70, payable on the day.

### MoneySense Workshops

Children in Years 2 – 5 will be taking part in MoneySense workshops this half term. Money management is an important life skill and children need to be educated on the importance of saving and budgeting so that they can have a brighter financial future.



### Spanish Day – European Day of Languages

**On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be holding a whole school Spanish day in school. Spanish is taught at Heathfield and with the European day of languages being on this day, we think it would be a wonderful way to celebrate the Spanish culture. We are inviting children to come in to school wearing red and yellow on this day. The children will participate in lots of fun activities and learn a lot about Spanish culture such as food and music.

### Open Evening

Looking ahead, we have an open evening planned for parents wishing to consider Heathfield to enrol their child for next year's intake. This will take place on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm – 6.30pm**. Please pass this information on to any friends or relatives who may be interested. Remember, **current nursery parents still need to apply for Reception places**, this is **not automatic** and is all determined through the local authority.

I very much look forward to meeting everyone at the various events that are taking place this half term!

### Future Dates:

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning and Parent Forum 9am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	MoneySense Workshops
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Evening
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Photos

Yours Sincerely,  
Mr M D Thornley  
Headteacher

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Have you read the newsletter? Write your child's name and class on the slip below and return to your child's class teacher to be in with a chance of winning a £10 shopping voucher! Draw will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_