

November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the clocks went back it was a stark reminder that winter is fast approaching. Now, the trees have shed their leaves, early morning frost coat the streets and the thought of cosying up with the heating on fills us with joy! To keep our children cosy and warm at school, please will you make sure they have suitable clothing for school - coat, hat and gloves. We don't want any children absent from school because they have a cold!

It has been a really busy start to the second half of the autumn term and I must once again thank all of the Heathfield staff, parents, children and governors for their support, commitment and hard work. Thank you to all parents who came to parents' evening. It really does make a difference to the children. If you were unable to make it, please speak with your child's class teacher and arrange an appointment.

### Parent Governor

Are you committed to making Heathfield the best school in Bolton? Are you willing to ask questions and give support and challenge to school leaders to ensure the highest standard of education? Then why not become a parent governor? A letter will be sent out this week, asking for volunteers. Becoming a governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile experience. For me, having a parent's knowledge and insight is invaluable when considering school improvements. I look forward to receiving your applications!

### Design and Technology days

We started our half term with two design and technology days. The purpose of the two days was for the children to use their creativity and imagination as well as their mathematical, scientific, computing and art knowledge to design and make products. Each class started with a 'Big Question' for example Nursery and Reception – Can I make a healthy snack? Year 1 – Can I make a moving toy vehicle? Year 4 – Can I make a hand warmer? Year 6 – Can I create a Greek banquet? Children then looked at existing products/solutions and evaluated them, looking for the good and bad points. Children then used this information to design their own product, considering carefully how it will be made and why. Children then made their products and tested if they worked as they had planned, considering what went well and what they might have changed. It was a great first two days to the half term!



### Monster Ball!

### Times Table Rockstars



Children thoroughly enjoyed attending the Monster Ball. The costumes were fantastic albeit scary!! A massive thank you to the PATH group, Miss Burke and Mrs Renton for arranging this. We raised over £250 for School. The money raised will be going towards bike and scooter racks as well as other School initiatives.



In years 1 - 6, we are having a big push on children's times table knowledge. If they can, please encourage children to use the 'Times Table Rockstar app' at home. If your child cannot remember their log in details, please speak with their class teacher.



### Commando Joe

I am sure many of you know that Heathfield have used 'Commando Joe's' for the past few years. This year, we are continuing to use the Commando Joe approach and their resources but with our very own, Heathfield Commando Joe – Mr Hussain! At Heathfield, we use the 'Commando Joe' approach to help children develop their character – their Heathfield Heart. The programme develops resilience through many activities. Children with high self-esteem are better able to make difficult decisions under peer pressure, approach adults for support, and be self-sufficient in their learning.



### Remembrance Day

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am the school fell silent to show our respect to all of those who have been affected by war both in the past and more recent times. Every child showed respect to the highest level. To ensure this moment was given meaning to the children, our assembly theme that week was about remembrance. Children learnt about why we pay our respects on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and why the poppy is used a sign of remembrance. Please ask your children about what they can remember!



### Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who dressed up last Friday for Children in Need. On behalf of the parents and children of Heathfield, we have donated £170.25. Thank you!



### Could you win £100 for two minutes?

Speak to Mrs Renton or Miss Burke or get a form from the office and fill out the Free School Meals form with your basic details and be in with the chance to WIN £100! It doesn't matter if you don't think you are entitled – fill it in! EVERY entry will be put in to the draw! The winner will be announced on the 18th December 2019!

### Heathfield Cook Book

We are creating a Heathfield Recipe Book and need your input! Please send in your favourite sweet or savoury recipes from anywhere in the world! Please ask at the office for a template to record your recipe. Children and parents will be able to use the recipe book to cook meals and we will hold a 'tasting' event!

### Christmas Choir

The Heathfield choir will be representing school this Saturday at Bolton South Salvation Army, Aldred Street, Bolton, BL3 3QZ at 11:00am and they will be performing at Sainsbury's on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00pm. It would be great to see everyone there, supporting the local community and getting into the Christmas spirit!

### Parking and Neighbours

Some parents have mentioned parking is getting better, particularly at the front of school. Thank you for your continued support with this. Please avoid driving up Henniker Road at all costs for the safety of our children. Also, please will parents and children, who access or leave school via the back gate, not use neighbour's gardens as a cut through. Thank you.

### Twitter

Staff are really good at uploading pictures onto our twitter account, showing all the amazing things we are doing at Heathfield. If you are not following @HeathfieldCP start following us now! We need permission to upload pictures of children onto twitter – if you think you have not given this permission and would like to, please contact the school office.

### Future Dates:

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Morning 9:00am - 10:00am – all welcome
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Wonderland 3:15pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	First Steps, Nursery and Reception Class Singalong 9:15am and 2:45pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Show 2:15pm and 4:00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Performance 9:30am @ St Helens Road Methodist Church
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day – EYFS & KS1 wear party clothes. KS2 change after church performance.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Heathfield Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – school closes at 2 pm

**Yours Sincerely, Mr M D Thornley Headteacher**