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Friday 22nd October

RE: NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a quick and productive half term it has been. I hope everyone has a restful half term when it arrives.

COVID-19

Overall, Heathfield has enjoyed a quiet half term with regards to COVID-19 infections. However, we must remember that the virus has not gone away and take proactive measures to ensure the safety of everyone in the Heathfield family and to allow education to continue as normal.

COVID rates, both locally and nationally are increasing and so we need to be as proactive as possible to limit the spread of the virus. From today, staff will be wearing masks when in communal areas and as per previous communication, **we politely ask and strongly encourage** KS2 children to do a daily LFD test for 10 days, if you are informed of a positive case in your child's class.

If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, please do not bring them to school and arrange a COVID-19 PCR test.

As always, thank you in advance for your co-operation. I know by working together we can ensure that children continue to receive a high quality education in the usual Heathfield way.

Attendance

Today, attendance is 88%. One of the worst days we have ever had and only a small percentage is COVID-19 related. We plan our sequence of learning so carefully and based on children being in school everyday. As you will see from the pictures later in this newsletter – children miss out on so much when they miss even just one day.

PARENTS EVENING

Hopefully you all received the email yesterday regarding Parents Evening.

Parents Evening will take place on **Tuesday 9th November and Wednesday 10th November** between 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

We are going to trial a hybrid offer. Tuesday 9th November will be face to face appointments in school and Wednesday 10th November will be virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams. We are hoping this will provide greater flexibility for parents and carers. However, should COVID rates increase, we may be forced to offer virtual meetings only. Appointments can be made via the e-schools app and will close at midnight on Sunday 7th November.



MONSTER BALL

The Monster Ball was great fun last night. We raised over £300! A massive thank you to all who attended and to the staff and parents that helped organise and supervise the event. A special thank you to **Bolton Balloon Fairies** for donating the raffle prizes and setting up the hall. It looked magnificent! Check them out on facebook and support a local business. The company is owned by a Heathfield parent.



Nursery and First steps had a spooooky day yesterday too...



ART

Over the course of the year, each class will be working with an artist to develop specific art skills and learn about jobs and opportunities within the art world. The artist (Belinda) has been working with Year 2 over the last two days.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

This week children have been taking part in design and technology days.





MORRISONS 'GOOD TO GROW' VOUCHERS



Please send any vouchers you collect into school. Thank you.

[Have a restful half term; thank you for all of your support.](#)

KEY DATES

Friday 22nd October School closes at 3:15pm Final day of the Autumn 1 half term

Tuesday 2nd November Autumn 2 begins

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November Art Days (Not Year 5)

Thursday 4th November and Friday 5th November Art days Year 5 working with Artist

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November Parents Evening

Yours sincerely, Mr. M D Thornley Headteacher

