

October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has the first half term gone? They say, 'time goes fast when you're having fun', and what an amazing time it has been for me, as I get to know the Heathfield community. Over the past 7 weeks, I have spent lots of time with the children, in their classrooms, seeing some of the great work they are producing and observing first hand some of the great teaching and support provided by all members of the Heathfield staff. It really is a great team! It is been a pleasure to talk with parents before and after school on the playground and have a coffee and chat with some parents at the Macmillan Coffee morning.

At Heathfield we are a reflective team, always considering ways to make the school better. Your views are also important so would encourage as many parents/carers to come to our next informal coffee morning on Thursday 17th October for a coffee and chat. Hope to see you there!

Macmillan coffee morning and Parent Forum

On Friday 27th September we held our Macmillan Coffee morning. Thanks to the generosity of parents and staff a donation of £102.90 was made to Macmillan on behalf of Heathfield Primary School. Thank you!



PATH – Parents and Teachers of Heathfield

At Heathfield we are lucky enough to have a group of dedicated parents/carers and staff who support school by arranging lots of different events to raise funds for school. Just this term, the PATH group have or are arranging coffee mornings, nearly new uniform sale, cake sale, monster ball, winter wonderland and have many more ideas! **All money raised is spent on your children.** The PATH group are always looking for more support, so if you would like to get involved, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Renton. **Thank you to all parents who have supported the events so far.**

Heathfield Primary School

At Heathfield we are extremely lucky to have some amazing facilities to support our delivery of the curriculum. We have a 3d immersion room, access to a natural area including a pond, large field, excellent outdoor provision for Early Years children, to name but a few. It is these experiences that help to bring learning to life, giving children first hand experiences.



Heathfield Sports

Physical activity is important for all children as part of a balanced lifestyle. Well done to the children that represented school at the tag rugby competition at Essa on Thursday.

There is a year 3-6 cross country event at ESSA Thursday 17th October and the first football league fixture is Thursday 7th November, again at ESSA. Both start at 3:45pm; children would need to be there for 3:30pm.



You may have noticed that we are having some themed days across the autumn term, including Spanish Day, Art Days and Design and Technology days.

The reason for spending a full day(s) on a topic is to immerse the children in the subject, providing opportunities for **deep** learning so that they can apply this throughout their learning and in other areas of the curriculum.

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 16th October, 3.30pm – 6.30pm**.

We still have some places available in Nursery and in our Two Year Old provision **for this academic year**. Please pass this information on to any friends or relatives who might 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. **Year 6 parents** need to apply for High School places by **31st October**.



Heathfield School
@HeathfieldCP

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.

Aldi Vouchers

We are collecting the Aldi vouchers for a chance to win £20,000 for school. Please send any vouchers you have to school. Thank you.

Half term

School closes on **Thursday 17th October**. The staff at Heathfield will still be working on Friday 18th October, working together to make the Heathfield Curriculum even better! News to follow soon!

I look forward to seeing all the children again on **Monday 28th October**. As always, if there is anything school can do to help you and your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Miss Burke or Mrs Renton.

Future Dates:

Wednesday 16th October

Thursday 17th October

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Wednesday 16th October

Thursday 17th October

Thursday 17th October

Monday 28th October

Monday 28th October

Tuesday 29th October

Wednesday 30th October

Thursday 31st October

Friday 15th November

Friday 29th November

Wednesday 11th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Art Day

Art Day

Coffee Morning – all welcome

Open Evening

Whole School Photos

School closes for half term

School opens for the second half of the Autumn term

Design and Technology day

Design and Technology day

Bag2School

Monster Ball

Children in Need Pyjama Day

Coffee Morning – all welcome

Winter Wonderland

KS1 Christmas Show 2.15pm and 4.00pm

KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Jumper Day

Yours Sincerely,
Mr M D Thornley Headteacher