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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a lovely weekend. Please see below a brief newsletter with some key reminders/information

WORLD BOOK DAY



A reminder that Thursday 3rd March is World Book day. Children can come dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Heathfield staff and children will be sharing some of their favourite books and stories.

As a school, children will be reading 'My fear and me' a tale of conquering fears and spreading empathy from award-winning author and illustrator Francesca Sanna.



YEAR 6 PE

Year 6 would usually have PE on Thursday, which is World Book Day. If a costume is not appropriate for PE, please can they bring their PE kit into school separately. Thank you.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OPPORTUNUITY - PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

We have an exciting opportunity for six children (Year 2 - 6) to take part in keyboard lessons. Bolton music service are prepared to offer a free 6 week trial and then following this the lessons cost £22 per month. We currently have children learning the recorder, flute, clarinet, violin and guitar – this will be a welcome addition to build our Heathfield orchestra. Please email <u>parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk</u> with your child's name and class. (First come basis)

I shared the above before half term but have had little interest. Before the music service approaches another school, I wanted to share one last time!







SCIENCE WEEK: RHS BRIDGEWATER TRIP

Next week, Years 1 - 6 will be visiting RHS Bridgewater as part of our Science Week. (Monday Years 1 and 5; Wednesday Years 2 and 4 and Thursday Years 3 and 6).

Thank you to all parents/carers that have given permission and paid thus far. If you have not yet given permission or paid, please do so via Parent Pay as soon as possible.

On the day of the trip, children should come to school wearing their Heathfield jumper/hoodie, tracksuit bottoms (ideally black) and waterproof trainers/wellies. Children will need to bring a water proof coat.

Children should not bring their wellies in a separate bag but wear them throughout the day.

Children that would usually bring a packed lunch should do so in a disposable carrier bag. Children on school dinners will be provided with a lunch. Thank you

COVID – 19

As I am sure you have read, national laws and guidance have been relaxed. I wanted to briefly share with you what this means for school in Bolton and specifically Heathfield up until 1st April. Official communication from the council should be with me soon.

- The pandemic is not yet over but we need to learn to live with COVID safely
- Ventilation, good hygiene, enhanced cleaning are key controls and will continue at Heathfield
- Face covering are now a personal choice at Heathfield. Please respect individual choice.
- Staff, children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. **Heathfield are adopting this approach.**
- LFDs are still free until 1st April; After the 1st April PCR/LFD tests will need to be purchased
- We will continue to monitor the number of cases in school and take proactive action should it be required

For a few weeks now school has felt much more like it was pre-Covid. In my newsletter later this week I will share opportunities for parents/carers to start coming back into school.







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KEY DATES

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH World Book day (Children can come dressed as characters from their favourite books)

MONDAY 7TH MARCH Years 1 and 5 RHS Bridgewater trip

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH Years 2 and 4 RHS Bridgewater trip

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH Years 5 and 6 RHS Bridgewater trip

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M D Thornley

Headteacher













