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Thursday 26th January

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all having a good week; it is still very cold but there are early signs of spring it staying slightly lighter for longer! Thank you to the Reception and Year 1 Parent/carers that attended our virtual phonics meetings over the last two weeks. We received some positive feedback. The PowerPoint has been sent to all Rec and Year 1 parents and can be downloaded from our school website.

I have the pleasure of sharing some wonderful news with you. Mrs. Asani has had a baby boy! Both Mrs. Asani and baby are doing well. Whilst Mrs. Asani is on maternity leave, Mrs. Abernethy will be acting as Deputy Head Teacher (from after February half term).

SAFER COLLECTION HEATHFIELD POLICY

I have been made aware of a few instances where the safer collection policy has not been upheld. I **apologise for this as this has understandably caused confusion**. Heathfield staff have been reminded about the policy to ensure it is implemented consistently. Thank you for your support in the matter.

All children must be collected by an authorised adult. The Authorised Adult should be a responsible person **aged 16 years or over**. The person may be:

- Parent/Carer
- Family member
- Child minder
- Neighbour
- Someone over the age of 16 who has the parent/carer's permission to collect the child from school

Parents/carers of children in Year 6 may understandably wish to encourage independence prior to their children going to High School and allow their child to travel home alone. Parents/Carers must provide written permission agreeing their child can walk home alone.

All children, including children in Year 6, must be collected by an authorised adult when collected from an after school club or HOOSC.

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SCIENCE WEEK: YEARS 1 – 6 RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER VISIT



Week beginning Monday 7th March, we will be hosting our Heathfield Science Week focusing on plants and habitats. As part of this week, children In Year 1 – 6 will be visiting RHS Bridgewater. Children will get a chance to explore the gardens, take part in workshops and see science in action.

To give parents/carers plenty of notice, we sent the letters out a few weeks ago. Please give you consent and make payment via Parent Pay.

YEAR 6 – EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATORS



Year 6 children are working extremely hard in preparation for their SATs tests in May. **Year 6 children have not had a full year in school since Year 3.** The Year 6 children could easily think the challenge to keep up with Year 6 expectations is too great but not Heathfield children! They have a burning desire to do their very best! Many children come to school early to take part in extra sessions. Keep this up Year 6!

CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBOURS - PARKING

Local residents are currently experiencing access issues at the backstreet of St Helens Road (opposite the church gates), primarily on Mondays when it is bin collection day. This has resulted in bins not being collected.

The start and end of the school day is often a busy (and stressful) time of the day for parents and carers but please consider if you are blocking access. You may only park there for a few minutes but if this is the time the bins are collected, it causes disruption for local residents. Bolton Council do try to avoid the start and end of the school day, but this is not always possible.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

PARENT GOVERNORS

As you may be aware, I wrote to all parents and carers recently regarding the parent governor election and invited nominations for the position(s) to be returned by Wednesday 25th January.

The following nominations have been received and are listed below:

- **Bev Hardman**
- **Elizabeth Adams**

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- **Zainab Patel**

As the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies, it is now necessary to hold a ballot. Ballot forms will be sent home with children tonight. On the ballot form is a copy of a statement from each candidate to assist you in the voting process.

How to Vote:

- On the ballot paper place an X in the right hand column against the candidate of your choice. No other distinguishing marks of any kind should be made on the ballot paper, or it could be declared void.
- As there is 1 parent governor post available, you may vote for 1 candidate ONLY.
- Only parents/carers of registered pupils at the school are eligible to vote.
- Each parent/carer is entitled to complete one ballot paper irrespective of the number of children at the school.
- Please return your completed ballot with your child by 4.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd February Any ballot papers received after this time will be declared void.
- The parent with the highest number of votes will be declared elected. In the case of a tie, a coin will be tossed by the Head Teacher to determine the result.
- If you require any assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or at parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk
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5 TO 9 – BE ON TIME!

Between October half term and Christmas, we had 79 children late for school on at least one occasion.

Did you know?

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year!

You could be issued a monetary fine as a result of persistent lateness

Classroom doors open at 08:45am

Gates close at 08:55am

KEY DATES

THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY Year 5/6 Athletics

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY Cuppa T with Mr. T

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY Pause and reflect day

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TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY Safer Internet Day

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY Design and Technology days

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY Year 4 working with artist

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 3:15pm End of the half term

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY School opens for Spring 2 term

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M D Thornley

Headteacher

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