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Thursday 6th May

RE: NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you managed to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, despite the wet and rainy weather!

CLOSED CLASSES AS A RESULT OF COVID -19

As I am sure most of you are aware, we currently have two classes (Reception and Year 1) closed as a result of a positive case. **At the time of writing**, we are also waiting on two other results that may impact on two further classes. **I want to assure parents that as a school we are doing all we can to keep children and staff safe** but unfortunately COVID infection rates are much higher across Bolton than other areas of Greater Manchester and England.



When a class/bubble is closed, we have an effective remote learning offer that will help to minimise the disruption to learning as much as possible. **A massive thank you to all parents/carers that are ensuring their child is engaging with remote learning.** I fully appreciate, especially with younger children, juggling remote learning as well as your own work and day to

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day demands, is extremely difficult but this will help to ensure **your child is keeping up with age related expectations and stays in good routines.**

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If you are reporting any absence, please do so via telephone or by email to parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk.

When you leave a message/email, **please be specific about the symptoms/reasons your child is off school.** For example, if your child is unwell, please describe the symptoms i.e. has been sick, has a headache, has a temperature etc. We need to understand the reason for the absence.

If your child is displaying any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (temperature, cough and/or loss of taste or smell) they will need to be tested via a PCR test before returning to school.

EID



Eid celebrations will be taking place at the end of next week. As per our attendance policy, children are able to have one day authorised absence to take part in the celebrations. Please ensure you inform school via telephone or email (parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk) of any Eid related absence **as soon as possible.**

To celebrate Eid, on Monday 17th May, in the afternoon, we will have class Eid parties. Children can wear party clothes and for our Muslim families it would be lovely to see what children wore when celebrating Eid. If you would like to send photographs of Eid celebrations to parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk (making clear the child/ren's class in the email) we will share these photographs with the class.

Like when we celebrated Christmas, we are not able to ask families for food donations for our in school celebration so are asking all children to donate £1 and school will purchase some party snacks. **Please make the donation via parent pay by Wednesday 12th May.**

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING – WE WANT YOUR VIEWS!

As you know, at Heathfield Primary School, part of the Heathfield intent is to ensure **children are mentally healthy so that they achieve their potential and have a solid foundation to become life long learners.** Prioritising children's mental health and well-being has never been more important;

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we do a lot at Heathfield to ensure our children are mentally healthy and I know for many parents/carers, this is something you are concerned about following on from the last 12 months.

We want your views and ideas to consider about how we can further support the mental health and wellbeing of all children in the Heathfield Family.

Please click [here](#) to complete the short survey. (First steps – Year 1)

Please click [here](#) to complete the short survey. (Year 2 – Year 4)

Please click [here](#) to complete the short survey. (Year 5 – Year 6)

The questionnaire will close on Friday evening. If you have more than one child, you only need to complete the survey once! **Thank you in advance for your feedback.**

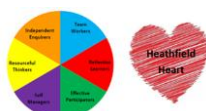


GOOGLE INTERNET LEGENDS

Last week we sent home the 'Google internet Legend' activity that children could complete alongside their parent/carer to promote safe internet use. This also provided an opportunity for parents/carers to get an understanding of how aware their child is with regards to internet safety. It was great to hear that lots of children across school have taken part!



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THE BIG ASK – GOVERNMENT SURVEY

Dame Rachel de Souza (Children's Commissioner for England) has launched the largest ever survey of children in England, designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future are.

The results from this survey will help identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. The commissioner wants to reach as many children as possible through The Big Ask – the more they hear from, the stronger the results will be.

There is an online video introduced by Marcus Rashford you can watch with your child/ren that explains the purpose of the survey in more detail. Click [here](#).

All responses are anonymous and it takes between 5 and 10 minutes to complete.

To complete the survey, click [here](#).

KEY DATES

(All dates are subject to change and dependent on whether Risk Assessments at the time allow for certain things to go ahead, especially when external people are involved)

Friday 14th May Well-being and mindfulness day – YOGA

Week beginning Monday 17th May – Pause and Reflect week (Children consolidate their learning to ensure it is stored in Long Term Memory (LTM) to provide a stronger foundation for future learning)

Monday 17th May (pm) Eid celebrations £1 donation

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st May Design and Technology days

Friday 21st May School closes for half term

Monday 7th June School re-opens

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M D Thornley

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