



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

17th September 2021

NEWSLETTER

PTA

The Heathfield PTA plays an important role in the life of the school. It organises events which bring our community together as well as raise funds for projects within the school. We are now recruiting new members and volunteers for the group and are asking you to consider what you can contribute to support our school community. Attached to this newsletter is some information that will help you make your decision. Please have a read and step forward. *Paul Clayton*

Chance to Shine

Last Wednesday we welcomed the cricket charity *Chance to Shine* and the *Youth Sport Trust* to showcase the amazing cricket provision we have at Heathfield. Pupils, parents and teachers took part in filming for *Chance to Shine's* assembly presentations which will be shown in primary schools across the country.



Heathfield's recent cricket success has also been featured in *Wisden Cricket Monthly's* August issue and the school will soon be included in *the Cricketer* magazine's top 50 schools.

Guinea Pigs

Our guinea pigs, Ant and Dec, have finally returned to the Infant School following an extended leave of absence. They have been joined by a new friend, Ginger. Each week at Friday assembly, a different class will be chosen to look after the three guinea pigs. This week saw the turn of Hergé Class. They really enjoyed their circle time learning how to look after them. Their comments included, "*The guinea pig is so cute.*" (Adrian), "*I don't want to touch them but I'll look from afar.*" (Angali) and "*The guinea pig is very smooth and fluffy.*" (Burhan)



School Lunches



The children have been enjoying the lunch menu this term, choosing from the three available options. One of the popular choices has been the 'panini of the day'. Children are now given the opportunity to help themselves to food from the delicious salad bar to supplement their lunch. Children can decide daily if they wish to have a school dinner. We recommend trying them, they are delicious and very filling. The [weekly menu](#) is available on the school website.



Primary & Prep Schools' 5-a-side Football Festival 2021



On Saturday 11th September, over 40 teams from 20 local primary and prep schools met together at Hampton School for a fabulous day of friendly competition and fun. Our school was represented by a very strong Year 5 team who won five of their seven matches, (drawing one and losing one). Their outstanding performance resulted in them winning their year group and being crowned the **Year 5 champions!**



Richmond Fire Station Open Day

On **Sunday 19th September**, between 12pm and 4.30pm, Richmond Fire Station is holding an Open Day. The day will include lots of fun activities with an opportunity to look around an operational fire engine, meet local firefighters, watch live rescue demonstrations and even have a go at using the hose. Fire safety advice will also be available and you will be able to arrange a free smoke alarm fitting. The Open Day will be held at 323 Lower Richmond Road, TW9 4PN. For more information contact 020 8555 1200.



STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe)

We are delighted to let you know we have been awarded silver accreditation by Transport for London's STARS



scheme. Thank you for all your support in helping our school community travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. We will continue to promote sustainable travel where we can with the ambition of gaining gold accreditation next year!

Volunteer Reading Helpers Wanted

Our school works with the charity Coram Beanstalk. They recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can spare an afternoon or two a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you would hold reading sessions with some of our children on a one-to-one basis, giving those who need it extra support to practise reading skills outside the classroom. For more information visit www.corambeanstalk.org.uk where you will also be able to complete an application form. .



Parent Workshops

We are hosting some free parent workshops in October:

Tuesday 12th October, 9.10am and 2.30pm, Infant Hall - **Promoting Emotional Wellbeing**

These workshops will focus on helping children manage their feelings and develop a growth mindset.

Tuesday 19th October, 9.10am and 2.30pm, Junior Hall - **Supporting Children Experiencing Anxiety**

Learn how to support your children to manage their worries and encourage helpful ways of coping.

Please let either school office know if you are interested in attending.

Baseline Assessments for Reception

In line with the national guidance the Reception team will be administering Baseline Assessments over the next few weeks. If you would like to find out more about these please follow this link: [Information for parents: reception baseline assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

Dates for your diary

Thursday **23rd September** - Year 3 Trip to Marble Hill Adventure Playground

Thursday **23rd September** - Year 5 Planetarium

Monday **27th September** - Year 4 start swimming lessons

Wednesday **29th September** - Africa Day Lunch

Wednesday **29th September, 7.30pm** - PTA Meeting at *The Winning Post* - **Everyone Welcome**

Wednesday **6th October** - Year 6 Dance Workshop and Junior Citizenship Day

Thursday **7th October** - Burger Day Lunch

Friday **8th October** - Year 4 Roman Workshop

Monday **11th** and Tuesday **12th October** - Parents' Evenings (more details to follow)

Monday **25th** - Friday **29th October** - Half Term

Thursday **4th November** - PTA Fireworks Extravaganza