

# 23rd September 2022

## **Dear Parents and Carers**

Our first newsletter of the new academic year shows what a terrific start it has been. Your children have returned with enthusiasm and energy and have settled really well into their new classes. They are going to have a very successful year as they enjoy their teachers, friends and learning. As always we depend on your continued support and involvement in their life at the school. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns we are readily available. Paul Clayton

## **SATs Results**

We are delighted to let you know that our Year 2 and Year 6 children performed excellently in their SATs last term. Our provisional results show that in all areas, more of our children achieved the expected standard compared to the Year 2 and Year 6 population nationally. For example 81% of our Year 6 children reached the expected standard in maths, compared to 71% nationally. A further breakdown of these results will be available on our

Key Stage 1 (Year 2) Expected Standard						
Maths		Reading		Writing		
Heathfield	National	Heathfield	National	Heathfield	National	
73%	68%	72%	67%	60%	58%	
Key Stage 2 (Year 6) Expected Standard						
Maths		Reading		Writing		
Heathfield	National	Heathfield	National	Heathfield	National	
81%	71%	78%	74%	73%	69%	

website shortly. We are particularly pleased with all these results in light of the unsettled time we have experienced over the past few years with the Covid pandemic.

#### Jubilee Meadow Logo Design Competition



Last term, local children were invited to enter a competition to design a logo for the new nature zone, Jubilee Meadow, within the recently expanded Heathfield Recreation Ground. We are delighted to announce that Gianluca from Stratus Class has been chosen as one of two winners. He is the concept winner, while a pupil from Turing House School is the style winner. Their designs will be combined to create the final logo design.

The judges "loved the way that Gianluca's entry uses the colours of the grass and paths to create the shape of a Jubilee crown, complete with wildflower verges. This design really captures the FoHRGE appearance and feel of the meadow and also

our hopes for local people to get out and explore, exercise, and have fun there." Further information can be found on the FoHRGE website.



Year 4 Football Success

Our Year 4 football teams have given us a fantastic start to the school year. They played Kew and Richmond U10s team in a friendly during the first week of term winning 3-1. In the following week they played in a football festival at the Rocks Lane Centre in





Barnes. They won all four of their games against other Richmond schools, scoring 14 goals in total and conceding only one!



#### <u>Nursery</u>

Our Nursery children are continuing to settle into Nursery life really well. They have been busy exploring all of the areas and learning the daily routines.



As the children develop their independence skills, they are asked to bring in a water bottle, book bag and have their clothing and belongings named.

There is already a large amount of lost property both in Nursery and the rest of the school so we urge all parents and carers to ensure their children's belongings are labelled with their name to ensure we can return any lost items to their rightful owners.

# Nursery and Reception Open Days

Parents and carers of children who will be three or four years old by 1st September 2023 are warmly invited to join one of our open day events to look around our Nursery and Reception.

Nursery and Reception	Thursday 13th October @ 9.30am Wednesday 30th November @ 3.45pm		
Reception only	Wednesday 16th November @ 1.30pm		
Nursery only	Tuesday 8th November @ 1.30pm		

Please contact the Infant School office on 020 8894 4074 to book a tour on one of the dates shown.

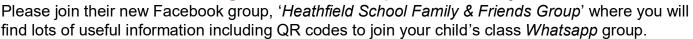
Please note the closing date for applications for September 2023 admission to Reception

(and Year 3) is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. (The Nursery application deadline is a little later, in March 2023.) Applications for Reception and Year 3 should be made via <u>eAdmissions</u>.

# PTA Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday, the PTA held their Annual General Meeting in our Junior Hall. Laura Sexton was formally voted in as the PTA's new Chair with Claire Crosby stepping down from the role. Both the PTA and the whole school community would like to thank Claire for all her hard work over the past three and a half years organising amazing events, both large and small, and raising valuable funds for the school. We wish Laura and her team the best of luck for the coming year.

The PTA are always looking for new parents and carers to join them to help run events such as their **Fireworks Extravaganza** which will take place on **Thursday 3rd November**.



#### <u>Year 1</u>

Year 1 have been enjoying books by Julia Donaldson over the last few weeks, including *Room on the Broom, The Gruffalo and Stick Man.* 

They have also had lots of fun in science investigating what happens when a volcano erupts and how the scalding hot lava flows down the channels in the mountain. Maahid from Rowan explained, *"We had a glass of water and added baking soda and then soap and vinegar and waited for it to explode!"* 



# Dates for your diary

Thursday **29th September** - Year 6 Junior Citizenship Day at Hampton Wick Cricket Club Tuesday **4th October** - Visit from Mel Taylor-Bessent, author of 'The Christmas Carolls' series Wednesday **5th** and **Thursday 6th October** - Year 5 to Hampton Court Palace Thursday **6th October** - Year 4 Romans Day

Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October - Parents' Evenings - more details to follow

Thursday **13th October** - Nursery and Reception Tour available (see above)

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October - Half term

Monday **31st October** - Closing date for secondary school applications

Thursday **3rd November** - PTA **Fireworks Extravaganza** - more information to follow shortly Thursday **24th** and Friday **25th November** - Individual and sibling photographs

Friday **16th December** - Last day of term