



## Heathfield Infants Newsletter

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### Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was achieved by Sloth Class in Reception and Iguana Class in KS1. Well done!



### What We Have Been Doing

This week the Nursery children have been learning how to play together and share. We have been using a timer to teach the children how to share and take turns. If your child is finding it difficult to share, you can introduce this system at home by letting your child play for a set time with a toy and then give it to you or a sibling.



A reminder of the Nursery sessions times:

- Morning session – drop off at 8.45am, pick up at 11.45am (doors open at 11.40am).
- Afternoon session – drop off at 12.15pm, pick up at 3.15 pm (doors open at 3.10pm)
- 30 hour children – drop off at 8.45am, pick up at 2.45pm or 3.15pm, depending on your agreed times.

**Please do be prompt with collection times as we have a quick turnaround between our morning and afternoon children.**

We are very busy settling the new children and starting to encourage them to take responsibility for their belongings of coats and water bottles. Please bear with us as we support the children with developing their organisational skills! Please also remember to label every item your child brings into Nursery so we can make sure they are returned to the right person. If your child brings home the wrong item by mistake, please return it to nursery as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you all next week when we will be sending out information about Tapestry accounts. Have a great weekend.



### Reception

would like to thank you so much for all the parents/carers who came to our 'Meet the Teacher' session; we hope that you found it useful. In your child's book bag tonight you will find a pack of useful information and a zip wallet containing their first phonics sounds. Please go over these sounds with your child and keep it in their book bag. The Reception children have done extremely well this week staying all day, and are coping with the lunch time routine. They have been listening to the beginning of our book about a dog that doesn't always make the right choice. They have made suggestions as to how he could make it better and what the right choice might be. They have also become number detectives, finding the numbers 1, 2 and 3 around the classrooms and finding the corresponding amount of objects. Some of you might have seen that there is an area cordoned off in front of the Reception playground. The children are very excited as a new trim trail is being built there for them.



In Year 1 this week the children have really enjoyed reading even more Julia Donaldson books. We have written our own adventure stories of 'Stickman' and have drawn and described our own witches from 'Room on the Broom'. The children have enjoyed making their own puppets to help them act out their stories. In maths this week we have been looking at ordinal numbers and number lines. The children have been placing numbers in the correct position on a number line. Try this game with your child and let them show you their impressive number skills. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?f=NumberLinev5>. As you know we are going to Chessington Zoo on Thursday, 3rd October and need to know if your child requires a packed lunch for this trip. Could you please complete the form sent home with your child today **only if your child requires a packed lunch** to be provided by the school by Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. Also please note the collection time to pick up your child after the trip has been changed to **4.00pm** from the main playground.





The children in **Year 2** have been busy counting in 10s and 2s, as well as learning about odd and even numbers. We were trying our hardest to spot patterns and then shared our ideas about what we had found. In English the children were re-telling the story of 'We're Sailing to the



Galapagos' using time connectives and included some fantastic expanded noun phrases. The teachers were all very impressed with what the children wrote. Next week we start our new English texts so don't forget to ask your child all about them at home. In science the children continued researching different materials and were starting to think about what materials would best suit Traction Man's new costume. We started looking at Kenya and used different types of maps and globes to locate where in the world it was. We started to use geographical language to explain what we found out. It was a very exciting lesson. Next week we will be handing out your child's maths homework book. Please double check your child receives this on Wednesday and only do the pages set by the teacher. The book should then be returned the following Monday. All children should have received their letters about going to Wagamama's and Scooter Training. Please ensure that these are returned as soon possible, but no later than the date specified on each of the letters. Once again, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

### Safeguarding Information

All staff and governors at Heathfield Nursery, Infant and Junior Schools, are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children. All staff and visitors are expected to promote a climate where children and adults feel confident about sharing any concerns they may have about the safety or well-being of a child. All visitors, including parents and carers, are asked to ensure they sign in/out of school via one of the main offices if entering the building for any reason.

If you have a Safeguarding or Child Protection concern, please contact one of the school's safeguarding team: Mrs Child, Ms Allman or Mrs Dufosse via one of the school offices.

Infant School: 0208 894 4074/Junior School: 0208 894 3525

Richmond SPA: 0208 547 5008 / 0208 770 5000 (out of hours)

Hounslow SPA: 0208 583 6600 / 0208 583 2222 (out of hours)

Emergency Services: 999; Non-Emergency Police 101; NSPCC 0808 8005000

### Harvest Festival Assembly



Thank you to everyone who helped with walking the Year 1 and Year 2 children to the church on Tuesday for our annual Harvest Festival Assembly. We had a lovely assembly with the children singing harvest songs and the school choir had their first performance and sang beautifully to an amazing song. The response to our requests for donations of food was fantastic and this will all be given to a homeless charity based in Richmond called 'The Upper Room'.

### Heathfield Schools' PTA

Thank you to all those who came to our PTA meeting last Tuesday. As a parent or carer of a child at Heathfield you are automatically a member of the Heathfield PTA. We would love to see as many of you as we can getting involved with our fundraising events and helping to raise money for the school.

We have organised some amazing events over the years. All these events raise extra school funds that benefit your children so we can buy books and equipment for them. If you have any ideas about fundraising or would like to get involved in any way, please contact Shelley Lindfield or Claire Crosby (co-chairs of the PTA and parents at our school) via the PTA email: [hsfpta@gmail.com](mailto:hsfpta@gmail.com). Thank you.



### Prospective Parents Reception Open Mornings

Our Open Days for Prospective Parents with children starting Reception school in September 2020 are now open. The dates are as follows:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – 9.30am**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 – 9.30am**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 2.00pm**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – 9.30am**

If you would like to visit the school, please call the Infant School Office to book an appointment. Tel: 02088944074