



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

15th September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well rested after the summer holidays. We would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our new children and families joining us for the first time as well as welcoming back our students and their families from last year. As ever we have high expectations for all our children and have no doubt that this year they will excel.

One key factor in how successful children are at school is regular attendance. I encourage all parents and carers to support our efforts in ensuring children attend school every day. It means that they get the full curriculum, maintain relationships and feel secure and safe with the routine of school.

If you ever have any questions, we are always available either in the playground or through the school offices. Many thanks for your continued support.

Paul Clayton

Starting School

Our young children in Reception have made a wonderful start on their school journey and have been busy exploring all the different areas available to them.



"I love playing in the tree house" said Emily

(Elm Class), while Ella-Rose (also Elm Class) preferred the sand, "The best bit is playing in the sand." Meanwhile Reggie (Oak Class) was happy with the new friends he has made, "I like my new friends".



Hampton 5-a-side Football

Our football season got off to a flying start last weekend when we entered three teams of boys aged 8-10 into the Hampton Boys School 5-a-side Football Tournament. All three teams were placed third in their respective leagues. Notably five Year 4 players played in a Year 5 league,



able to hold their own against older boys and four children represented the school for the first time. Jack from Ainslie Class thoroughly enjoyed the day, "It was very good. There was a great environment with good teams to compete against. It was a very hot day and we got a calippo at the end!"

Attendance

Congratulations to all the children in **Juniper** Class in Infants and **Dujardin** Class in Juniors for achieving **100% attendance** this week! Several other classes were very close to that figure and deserve a special mention too, well done to Rowan, Storey, Freeman and Taylor-Brown.

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Stay SMART Online

In assembly and in class this week, our junior children have been looking at how they can stay SMART online. This has focused on the poster shown which can be found in every child's reading journal as well as on our website under the *Parents* and *Pupils* drop down menus. (Alternatively you can [click here](#) for the full size version of the poster.)

We strongly encourage parents and carers to discuss the key points of the poster with your children. They should all be familiar with it. Kinsella Class were able to clearly explain SMART. For example for **Safe** Lionel said, *"If you are playing and someone asks for your date of birth or address, you shouldn't give it to them."* Ronnie added *"You shouldn't tell them your school either."* For **Reliable** Hannah said, *"If it says there is free money, it could be a scam."*

We will continue to discuss online safety throughout the term and our Infant children will do so too in a way that is age appropriate to them.



STAY SMART ONLINE



- S SAFE** Never share personal information (name, email address, phone number, home address, photographs, or school name). 
- M MEET** Some people might not be who they say they are. Be careful when someone new wants to become a friend. Do not meet anyone who you have become friends with. 
- A ACCEPT** Do not accept emails, texts, friend requests from anyone you do not know or trust. These may contain viruses or nasty messages. 
- R RELIABLE** Not everything online is reliable. Sometimes people online may say or write something which is untrue. 
- T TELL** If you see something that upsets or worries you then report it immediately to a trusted adult. 

Lost Property

Please ensure you name all your children's belongings from their water bottles to their shoes and jumpers. Any unnamed lost items will be placed on the Lost Property trolley in the appropriate school. Items left unclaimed after several weeks will either be recycled or donated to a local charity.



New Lost Property Trolley in Juniors

Spare Underwear Wanted

The Infant School's supply of good quality underwear for use in the case of accidents is running low. If you have any spare underwear (pants and socks) suitable for our younger children please pass your donations to either school office. We would also appreciate donations of school trousers which would fit children aged 3-8 years.



Home-Start Course - 5 October - 16 November

Home-Start are offering a free course to train parents and grandparents to become a home-visiting volunteers and support other families with difficulties. For more information contact Angie Ahmed on 07884 536161 or by email on angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk



Dates for your diary

Tuesday **19th September**, 9am and 5pm - Year 6 Parents' Meeting (PGL & secondary school)
Wednesday **20th September**, 9am and 2.15pm - Year 2 Meet the Teacher Parents' Meeting
Thursday **21st September** - Year 6 Junior Citizenship at Heatham House
Monday **9th October** - Parents' Evening for Juniors
Tuesday **10th October** - Parents' Evening for Infants and Juniors
Thursday **12th October** - Parents' Evening for Infants
Thursday **12th October** - Year 4 Roman Day
Tuesday **17th October** - Harvest Festival Assembly for Infants
Monday **23rd** - Friday **27th October** - Half Term
Tuesday **31st October** - Closing date for secondary school applications