



Heathfield Infants Newsletter

Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was jointly achieved by Dolphin and Iguana class. Well done!



What We Have Been Doing

Welcome again to our new **Nursery** children - we have been very impressed with the way everyone is settling in. Please try to be on time for nursery sessions and stick to the nursery pick up times. Children can become unsettled by the constant disruption of the door buzzing and other children arriving and leaving. A reminder of our drop off and pick up 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 3.15pm (doors open at 3.10pm)

30 hour children – drop off at 8.45am, pickup at 2.45pm or 3.15pm, depending on your agreed times.

We really appreciate your co-operation with this.

Next week we will be spending some time in our group sessions, meeting new friends. Enjoy the weekend, see you Monday.



We have now welcomed all of the children into **Reception** and they have settled really well. They enjoyed staying over lunchtime, exploring the big playground outside and meeting up with friends from other classes and year groups. Starting on Monday, 23rd September the children will be full time and stay at school all day.

Please be in the playground ready to collect your child every day at 3.15pm.

We would like to invite you all to our 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday 25th September 2019. Please come along to the Infant School by 2.35pm for a 2.40pm start. We are really looking forward to seeing you all.



In **Year 1** this week we have continued to enjoy our favourite Julia Donaldson books. We have been using our adjectives to help us describe characters and pictures from these stories. Maybe you could ask your child what their favourite book has been this week. In maths we have been comparing numbers using mathematical language. We had to decide if a number was greater than, less than or equal to another number. Also this week the children have been really enjoying their phonics lessons and applying this to their reading. Get your child to show you their fantastic reading skills every night and we look forward to seeing your comments in their reading diary.



The children in **Year 2** have been on an exciting journey to the Galapagos Islands where they have learnt about the different animals found on this beautiful island. We have learnt about adjectives and nouns and used this knowledge to write expanded noun phrases to describe the different animals. As well as this we have written descriptive poems. In maths we have continued our place value understanding by partitioning, comparing and ordering numbers and used dienes and counters to show this. We have even begun to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. All children have been learning about materials and their uses as well as practicing our great running styles that we learnt last week.

We have managed to secure a date for Wagamamas as well as a visit from the Freshwater Theatre Company. The letters for this will be going out next Tuesday so please check your child's book bag for the letter. As a reminder, all children have P.E on a Monday as well as alternate Tuesdays. Please ensure your child has their full P.E kit in for these days. Thank you for your on-going support.

Year 1 Band Club

Thank you to all of you who expressed an interest in Band Club! We had many people wanted to join and I'm pleased to say that I will run two Band Clubs each week so that everyone can take part. Lion and Giraffe Classes will have their session on Monday break times, and Dolphin and Leopard will have theirs on Tuesday break time. Band Club will start next week, Monday 23rd September.

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 24th September 2019 – Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 children will be attending our annual Harvest Festival assembly at St Augustine's Church. All parents/carers are welcome to join us at the church for a 1.30pm start. If you would like to make a food donation, please send in non-perishable items, such as tins or packets of dried food, with your child on the day, as the children will make a display in the church. All our donations will be given to 'The Upper Room', a local charity that helps different people in the area with social needs and homelessness. If you do not wish your child to participate in the Harvest Festival because of your religious beliefs please put your request in writing to Mr Clayton by Monday 23rd September 2019.



New Autumn Term School Lunch Menu

Attached is our new school lunch menu for the autumn term. We offer a delicious and varied choice of food, incorporating the recommended food groups for a healthy lunch. Our salad deli-bar is also available every day. Remember that all infant aged children are entitled to a FREE school lunch. If you would like your child to change from a packed lunch to a school lunch, please let us know in the school office.

We would like to remind parents that Heathfield is a **NUT FREE** school. Please do not send any products that contain nuts in your child's lunch box, in case they sit near another child with a severe allergy; please also note that if you give your child small items within their school packed lunch such as grapes or cherry tomatoes, please cut them into small pieces. Fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets are also not allowed.

Macmillan Cake Sale

To raise money for Macmillan we are holding a cake/bake sale on Friday, 27th September after school in the Infant/Junior playground. We would be most grateful if you could bring in either homemade or shop bought cakes (nut free) for us to sell to raise money for this wonderful charity. Any donations can be brought in on the morning of the 27th September.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Heathfield Schools' PTA – Come and Join In!

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 such as a fun packed Family Bingo afternoon, an incredibly successful Comedy Night, a wonderful Fireworks Evening, Christmas Shopping for the children and the most wonderful Summer Fair to name but a few. All these events raise extra school funds that benefit your children from Nursery through to Juniors as the money is used to buy books, school equipment, developing the school playgrounds and playground equipment and so much more! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th September at 2.45pm in the Junior School hall. The meeting will focus on planning our Fireworks Night, being held on Friday, 8th November as well as activities for Christmas and developing our extremely valuable Rugby Parking. We are really looking forward to seeing you all there.



Work at the Nursery Outdoor Area

From Monday 23rd September, we will commence the installation of a climbing frame in the Reception strip, adjacent to the school field. There will be barriers just outside of the Nursery gate, which will not impact entry into the Nursery. Please be vigilant and keep your children away from this area when entering the nursery in the morning.

Polite Request

In order to improve air quality and create a healthier environment for children, teachers and parents. Heathfield Nursery & Infant School would like to ask all vehicle owners to turn their engines off whilst they wait. The emissions that come from vehicle exhausts are harmful for everyone, especially children who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. Vehicle exhaust contains many pollutants and have been linked to asthma and other lung diseases, allergies, heart disease, cancer and other health problems. Please support this and turn off your car engine while waiting to drop off or pick up your children. Together, we can make a real difference and improve the quality of air we all breathe.

Open Mornings

Dates for Heathfield Nursery & Infant School Open Mornings:

Thursday 17th October 2019 – 9.30am

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 – 9.30am

Thursday 28th November 2019 – 2pm

Wednesday 8th January 2020 – 9.30am

Friends of Heathfield Rec

The Friends of Heathfield Rec wish to thank parents/carers and children for helping to keep the Rec litter free. There has been a noticeable improvement.