



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term, it was fabulous to see the children so excited to be back at school. Our first half term at school was a really enjoyable and positive one and I am very much looking forward to everything we have planned for the rest of the term.

Harvest Assembly

I was absolutely delighted to see so many of you attending our Harvest assemblies last term. The children and staff worked incredibly hard to put such wonderful performances together and I am sure you will agree; the children were fantastic. I was so proud of each and every one of them. I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you again for all your donations of food. We were blown away by your kindness and generosity. In a time when things are challenging for everyone, you pulled together to help others in our community. All your donations of food have now been sent to a local food bank.

Staff changes

It is with deep sadness that I have to inform you of the retirement of another one of our staff members. Mr Foxton has been an integral part of the Heath Fields team for 10 years, working as our site supervisor. Mr Foxton is very well thought of by all our school community, he is the first person most of you see each morning on the gate and has always been on hand to ensure our school is a safe and inviting place for the children.

Mr Foxton retired officially in March. However, to ensure our school had the site management we needed, he has continued to work with us until we found a suitable replacement. Myself and the staff can't thank him enough for this and now wish him the well-earned, relaxed retirement he has been looking forward to. He will be very much missed by all the staff, children and all the school community.

Show Racism the Red Card



Our Show Racism the Red card event on Thursday 20th October was a huge success. It was fabulous to see all the children wearing red and taking part in the event. Throughout the day, all the children learnt about diversity, saying no to racism and celebrated their differences. I was incredibly proud of the children who had sessions from Burton Albion Community Trust, their discussions were very mature and thought provoking. This is a very important subject area for us and something that we will continue to focus on through our curriculum.





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Anti-bullying



As part of Anti-bullying week, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day on **Monday 14th November**. We would like the children to come to school in odd socks. We would encourage the children to choose socks to show off their personality, interests and individuality. During Anti-bullying week, we will be raising the awareness of bullying, celebrating what makes us all unique and spreading kindness. Feel free to join in with odd socks day, I would love to see photos of you and your family in your odd socks, so please send them to my Odd Socks Day Showbie account. To join the account, you need to: Select join a class on Showbie, add the code **MMEA1** and then upload your photo into class discussion

If you would like to find out more about the event, please follow this link:

[What is Odd Socks Day? \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://What is Odd Socks Day? (anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk))

Children in Need



The week beginning the 14th November, in school, is Enterprise Week. During Enterprise Week, all the children will be using their Enterprise Skills to create products and services ready to sell on **Friday 18th November** to raise money for Children in Need

We would like to invite you to join your child, if you can, on Friday 18th from 1.30 p.m. The afternoon is split into two halves. One half is for children to visit other classrooms to purchase the goods or services on sale. The other half is a swap and those that have been buying then become the sellers and vice versa.

If you can join us, you are invited to help your child as 'sellers' to sell their particular goods and/or services and accompany them as 'buyers' to other classrooms. From 1.30 p.m. to 2.10 p.m. one half of the school will sell from their classroom and the other half will buy. At 2.15 p.m. the children will swap roles until 2.55 p.m. At 2.55 p.m. we will ask all parents to leave, so that we can tidy up and get ready to go home. Children can bring in money (in a named purse or envelope) to spend at the different stalls in different classrooms.

Myself and all the staff hope to see you on **Friday 18th November** to help us raise money for Children in Need through our first Enterprise Event since 2019.





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PTA events this half term

The PTA have been working hard in preparation for this half term's events. There are a number of dates for your diary:

Friday 2nd December – Non-Uniform day. Please send your child with a bottle for our 'Bag a Bottle' stall or an item for the tombola stall in exchange for this non-uniform day

Monday 5th December and **Tuesday 6th December** – Secret Santa will be taking place for all the children in school

Friday 9th December - School Christmas Fayre

More information about these events will be sent out to you closer to the time.

The PTA are always looking for new helpers. If you can spare an hour or two to help with an event or are crafty and can make things for the Secret Santa event, please contact the PTA on

hfpspta@gmail.com

Christmas Jumper day



We will be getting into the Christmas spirit on **Friday 9th December** and wearing our Christmas jumpers. I love this time of year and I am really look forward to seeing all of the children in their jumpers and ready for the Christmas Fayre.

Christmas performances



Due to the success of our Harvest assemblies, we are going to make a change to our Christmas performances. In order to ensure we can invite as many of you as possible into school to see your children perform, we will be splitting the performances into Infants and Juniors. There will be an afternoon and evening performance for both Key Stages. I will let you know the dates and times of the performances as soon as they have been confirmed.

Midday supervisors

We currently have midday supervisor vacancies. If you would like to join our Heath Field's team, please go to the Derbyshire jobs website for more information. [Derbyshire - Jobs and careers](http://Derbyshire-Jobs-and-careers)





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School Choir Fundraising



The School Choir are raising money to go towards the cost of the coach to take them to the Young Voices concert. A family music quiz will be on sale, with 3 great prizes up for grabs. Quiz sheets cost £1.00, and will be available in the hall at break times from Monday 7th November. Quiz sheets will also be available from the Sandwich Shop (Old Post Office).

NCMP Height and weight checks EYFS and Y6

Each year children in reception and year 6 are weighed and measured as part of the national child measurement programme. In Derbyshire, this process is carried out by Live Life Better Derbyshire at Derbyshire County Council, who have contacted you providing information about the programme and what to do if you do not want your child to be included in the measurements. Please check your email inbox, your junk mail, and postal letters for this information.

If you have questions or concerns you can contact the team on the Live Life Better Derbyshire contact number which is 0800 085 2299 (option 2) or at llbd.ncmp@derbyshire.gov.uk

I very much look forward to another positive term and seeing you all at the numerous events we have planned. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Miss S McBride
Head of School

