



Happy
New
Year

January 2023 - KEY EVENTS THIS TERM

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to all our families and community. We hope that you have had a happy and safe holiday and are looking forward to the coming months.

We have collated a range of information on events over the coming term to support you in planning ahead within busy family lives. Some dates may be subject to change. If you wish any further information or have any ideas which may support us in making further improvements please do not hesitate to let us know.

Parent Council

We have a very active and involved Parent Council. They are a sounding board for next steps in our School Improvement Cycle and provide feedback on how we are doing. It is important that we maintain a strong parent voice and are always looking for new members. The next meeting will be held on 22nd February at 7.00pm

Rights Respecting Schools

We are learning about Article 30 - We have the right to practise our culture, language and religion. Classes will be participating in activities related to Scottish heritage through our Scottish Poetry Event and Burns Day, celebrating Chinese New Year and older pupils will be reflecting on challenges faced by many culture, language and religions through Holocaust Memorial Day.

Primary 1 Online Registration

Children whose 5th birthday is between 1 March 2023 and 28 February 2024 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 16 January 2023.

You should register your child online between Monday 16 January and Friday 20 January. If you do not live within the catchment area for Heathfield PS please **also** complete the online placing request form. During the online registration process you will be asked to attach a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of address in the form of a Council Tax Notice and Utility Bill.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Educational Services on 01292 612162.

Scottish Poetry Event

Pupils are being invited to learn a Scottish poem. One pupil from each class will be selected to recite their poem at the Scottish Poetry event on the morning of Monday 23rd January.



Primary 6 Burns Supper

Primary 6 pupils will attend a Burns Supper after lunch on Wednesday 25th January. The event will follow a traditional Burns Supper ceremony and pupils will have the opportunity to try some traditional Scottish cuisine!!!!

Holocaust Memorial Day

The theme for HMD 2023 is Ordinary People.

	Story/Focus
EYC	Elmer by David McKee
P1	Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly by Sue Heap and Nick Sharratt
P2	Something Else by Kathryn Cave
P3	Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
P4	This Is Our House by Michael Rosen
P5	In My Pocket by Dorrit Sim
P6	The Terrible Things by Eve Bunting
P7	Real life stories

More information can be found on the website:

<https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/>

Chinese New Year

This year is the year of the Rabbit. We wish all our families celebrating this event a happy and prosperous year ahead. We will be having a Chinese Knotting Workshop for Primary 4 pupils and there will be Chinese cuisine offered for lunch

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Happy Chinese New Year

Reports and Parents' Evening

Parents Evenings will take place on Tuesday 7th February (evening) and Wednesday 8th February (after school). The link to book appointments will be sent a fortnight in advance.

Discos - Thursday 16th February

Primary 1 and 2 1.45pm - 2.45pm

Primary 3, 4 and 5 5.00pm - 6.15pm

Primary 6 and 7 6.30pm - 7.45pm



Primary 1 and 2 pupils may come dressed for the disco on the day. **Please could all children bring a bottle of water? There is no snack provided and we ask that parents do not send a snack.**



World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We are finalising plans for this year and more information will follow. Pupils will be invited to either dress up as their favourite character or dress down if dressing up isn't your thing.

Comic Relief - Friday 17th March

This will be a non-uniform day and dress as crazy as you like!!! Crazy hair, odd sock, pyjamas - go with what suits you. Parents may wish to contribute a small contribution towards Comic Relief.



Easter Service - Friday 31st March

There will be an Easter assembly for pupils at 9.30am on the last week where pupils will learn the Easter story.

Easter Holidays and first day back

School closes at 2.30pm on Friday 31st March and pupils return on Monday 17th April.

Please note that school will be closed on Tuesday 10th January due to Industrial Action.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Gaenor Hardy
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

January

Monday 9th
Thursday 19th
Friday 20th
Sunday 22nd
Monday 23rd
Monday 23rd
Wednesday 25th
Friday 27th

Pupils start back
Primary 4 swimming (10 week block)
Primary 5 tennis (3 sessions)
Chinese New Year - Year of the Rabbit
Scottish Poetry Event
Neurodiversity Parent Think Tank
Primary 6 Burns Supper
HMD Theme - Ordinary People

February

Monday 6th
6th and 7th
7th and 8th
Thursday 9th
Friday 10th
Monday 13th
Tuesday 14th
Thursday 16th
Monday 20th

Reports to go out
Dental Checks
Parents Evenings
P7 Hoodies to go out
Long weekend
Long weekend
In-service
Discos
Primary 3 - 7 STAR Reader Assessments

March

Thursday 2nd
Friday 17th
Friday 31st
Friday 31st

World Book Day
Comic Relief
Easter Service
Close for Easter