

Heathfield Primary School



Primary 7 Information Session

Aims of the Workshop

The aim of today's workshops is to give you as much information as we can about your child's final year at Heathfield Primary.

Primary 7 is a busy year therefore, changes will occur as we move on through the year. We aim to communicate any changes with you in a timely manner and also hope to be able to add more opportunities to make this year a year to remember for our children.

The Curriculum

- ▶ In P7 we continue to focus on Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing, as well as all other curricular areas.
- ▶ To achieve the end of second level by the end of P7, all children will complete a number of assessments from the cluster, local authority and those given to us nationally.
- ▶ Some of our contexts for learning will be: World War 2, Holocaust, Biodiversity, Enterprise, Black History and School Show. We will always discuss our IDLs with the children, to ensure their ideas and views are used to provide deeper learning experiences.



Internet Safety

PC Sykes will be coming into school next week to begin our Internet Safety input and during this visit will be focussing on Social Media.

We continue to reinforce the importance of staying safe online in our daily practice.

Each year we deal with the fallout of a growing number of Social Media incidents happening out of school and this takes away from valuable teaching time, causes upset and can often destroy friendships.

We would encourage families to work with us to ensure that Social Media incidents do not occur.

Heathfield School Show

- ▶ Following our wonderful performances of Madagascar last session, we will shortly begin the selection process for this year's School Show.
- ▶ It is the expectation that all children participate in school show as this is part of the curriculum for them to contribute to performance.
- ▶ Children will be consulted about what type of role they would like to have in the show to ensure that no-one feels uncomfortable.
- ▶ If children would like a lead role then they will go through an audition process and parts will be issued. The auditions will be carried out by staff the children know and will feel at ease performing in front of.
- ▶ The school show will require children to attend after school sessions to prepare at various points throughout the session. More information will be sent out when the children have selected the show and when the auditions are scheduled.



Homework

- In class, Accelerated Reader books will be read daily for at least 15 minutes. We encourage children to read at home as much as possible. Books may be taken home from a selection available for reading for enjoyment.
- Homework grids are sent out once a term for children to complete as they wish.
- From time to time, poems and then scripts/songs will be sent home to learn. We will let you know when something has been sent via Groupcall.

Social media and Phones

- ▶ Anyone wishing to bring a mobile phone to school should switch their phone off as soon as they enter the school grounds.
- ▶ All phones should be placed in the class box as soon as children arrive in the classroom and should remain in there until the end of the day. Phones will be handed out as the children leave the P7 exit.
- ▶ Throughout the session, we will focus on Internet Safety and will encourage children to think carefully about the consequences of posting unkind / inappropriate comments and pictures on any Social Media platform.
- ▶ We will work closely with the Academies and our Campus Policeman, PC Sykes.

Uniform

As P7 is such an important year, pupils are expected to wear full uniform at all times.

They will regularly represent the school on school trips and at transition events.

It is the expectation in S1 that all children wear a shirt and tie etc, therefore it will help children get into this routine.

No football colours/motifs/emblems should be worn during school hours. This includes non uniform days. Please help us to uphold this request.

Uniform

Our uniform is:

- White shirt
- Red tie
- Black trousers or skirt
- Black shoes/trainers

In colder weather, children should wear a red or black jumper / sweatshirt or cardigan. These should not have logos on them.

Please note that children should not wear hoodies, with the exception of the Leavers' Hoodies, which will be given out in February.

Uniform - Leavers Hoodies

- ▶ Children will receive a Leavers' Hoodie in Primary 7 after participating in fund raising events. We will provide one hoodie per child, with children selecting the size they feel most comfortable in.
- ▶ Schools within the Prestwick Cluster have decided that all Primary 7 pupils will receive their leavers hoodie at the February long weekend.



PE Kit

In P7, you will be required to bring:

- *t-shirt,
- *shorts/leggings/track suit bottoms
- *gym shoes/trainers

Long hair should be tied back and jewellery removed. If earrings cannot be removed, they should be taped. Tape must be brought from home and applied independently.

PE kits should be left in school all term and taken home to wash at the end of each term.

Only roll on or stick deodorants should be brought into school, not sprays.



Dolphin House Residential

Important Dates

7D - 18th -21st November 2024

7G – 25th – 28th November 2024

7M – 20th – 23rd January 2025

We will have an information evening prior to our visit, however if you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact the school office and we will get back to you.

P7 Leadership Opportunities Committees

We are currently working with the children to ensure that every child in P7 has the opportunity for Leadership roles this session. This gives everyone the opportunity to work as a team to reach a common goal, through working together to organise an event.

Some of our committees include

- ▶ Fundraising
- ▶ Winter Wonderland
- ▶ Fun Fortnight



P7 Leadership Opportunities

We also still have children who have been voted in to a position.

At the end of P6, children had the opportunity to put themselves forward to be House Captains or Sports Committee members.

House Captains and Sports Committee members have the position all year, which gives them more opportunities to be involved in the life of the school and to develop their own leadership skills.

Transition to Secondary School

Term 2

- ▶ CHRISTMATHS -Working with the maths department.

Term 3

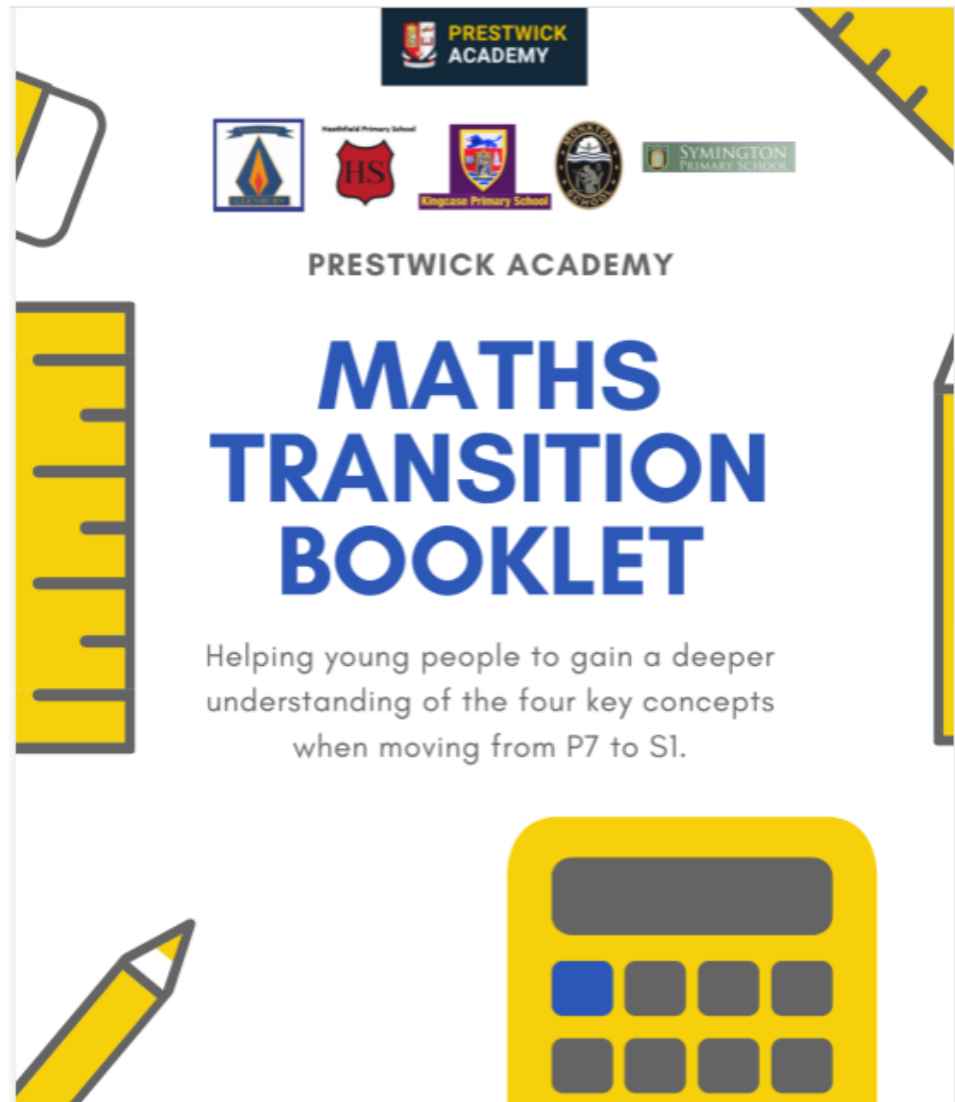
- ▶ Newton Racers -Design and Technology Department
- ▶ Meeting the Guidance Teacher and other staff to drop in to answer pupil questions.
- ▶ Literacy Transition

Term 4

- ▶ Enhanced Transition
- ▶ Bump Up Days



Transition to Secondary School



Enhanced transition

- ▶ Some children may benefit from more transition events to ease the move from Primary to Secondary.
- ▶ These events will take place between April and June and will be organised based on the individual child's needs.
- ▶ The Academies provide many sessions for our pupils. Some of these are only for part of the day and others for a full day.
- ▶ More information regarding enhanced transition will be communicated in due course.



Fundraising

In Primary 7, we spend time fundraising to ensure that each child's last year in Primary 7 is as memorable as possible.

We raise funds to pay for the Leavers' Hoodies, the School Show and for the events at Fun Fortnight.

- ▶ Fundraising will take the form of:
- ▶ Halloween face painting
- ▶ Sale of individual and class photographs in term 3
- ▶ Sale of show photographs in Term 4
- ▶ Selling crafts we have made at Winter Wonderland and Christmas Fayre
- ▶ Sponsored Event in term 3.

and anything else we can think of!!

Please let us know if you have any ideas.



Fun Fortnight

- ▶ For the last few years we have organised a fantastic final fortnight for our P7's which is now known as Fun Fortnight.
- ▶ In these final weeks we aim to celebrate all of the children's hard work and allow them to make final memories with each other, that will last them a lifetime.
- ▶ Each year we have a range of activities from team games and sport taster sessions to bubble football and the assault course.
- ▶ The children's views will be taken into account when organising activities and if any parents have any suggestions please let us know!

Idea Boards

Please add a post-it note to our posters before you leave. We are always looking for new ideas to make your child's Primary 7 year as exciting and memorable as possible.

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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Any questions?

If you would like to join our
Primary 7 Parents Committee
Volunteers please come and
write your details on a Post-It
Note!

Please come and speak to us if you
need anything.