# **HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# **NEWSLETTER**



## 26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another great week in school, and it's been wonderful to see so much engagement from both children and families.

#### **Review Information:**

This week, we also welcomed the Director of English, Maths and Education for a whole school review. We're proud to share some wonderful feedback from the visit - please see below for highlights that celebrate the hard work of our staff and pupils:

- · In English and Maths, pupils with SEND regularly receive appropriately adapted provision so they can access the full curricular on offer.
- · There has been a focus on raising the profile of reading across the school this can be seen in the revamped library; the launch of Rocket Readers; and in Accelerated Reader to assess children's zones of proximal development. Classroom book corners and reading displays across the school are also demonstrating Heath Mount is a school that reads!
- · The Reading curriculum is a particular strength; the intended and planned sequence of learning for children is both progressive and focused to develop reading skills explicitly.
- · The new approach to writing is evident across the school. There is consistent evidence in incidental writing opportunities - children are writing independently.
- · Mathematics continues to be a subject enjoyed by children, through engaging lessons, with improved opportunities for discussion and depth.
- · Consistency of expectation and delivery is in place across school thanks to strong leadership and monitoring.
- · Behaviour continues to be generally strong around the school during lessons and in transition.
- · In EYFS, activities are purposeful and areas are intentionally designed to maximise learning opportunities.
- · EYFS provision gives early numeracy skills high priority.

#### Workshop and open lesson:

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the KS2 reading workshop and open lesson. Your feedback was incredibly valuable, and we're already working on your recommendations to make future sessions even better. Following requests from a few parents and carers, we're pleased to announce that we will be repeating the KS1 phonics workshop and open lesson. We'd love to welcome you back into school on Wednesday 22nd October at 9.00am. E-Safety Reminder:

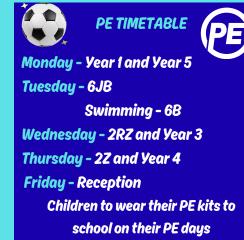
It's vital that we all work together to ensure children understand how to stay safe, kind, and responsible when using technology.

Keep Reading!

Please continue to read regularly at home with your children. Whether it's a bedtime story or a few pages after school, every little bit helps build confidence and a love of reading.

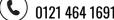
Thank you for your continued support and have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Samuel Headteacher









# Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29th September - Year 5 visit to Mary Arden's farm

Tuesday 30th September - Year 3 Stay & Read - 8:35 - 9:00 - Lower Hall

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 6 Sats Parents' Information meeting - 2:00-3:00 pm - Lower Hall

Monday 6th October - Year 2 Birmingham walking tour

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Macmillan's Coffee Morning for Parents - 9:00 - Lower Hall

Thursday 9th October - Whole School Open Day - 9:30am and 5:00pm

Thursday 9th October- Year 2 Stay & Read - 8:35 - 9:00 - Lower Hall

Tuesday 14th October- Year 1 Stay & Read - 8:35 - 9:00 - Lower Hall

Thursday 16th October- Year 3 trip to The Botanical Gardens

Thursday 16th October- Reception Open Day - 9:30am and 5:00pm

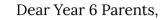
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - SEND Parents' Coffee Morning - 9:00am - Lower Hall

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Scholastic Book Fair - 3:20 - 3:45 - Lower Hall

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term

Monday 3rd November - Staff Inset Day - School closed for pupils

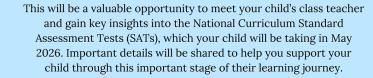
**Tuesday 4th November - School re-opens for pupils** 





# YEAR 6 SATS - INFORMATION WORKSHOP

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 - 2pm









#### NOTICE TO YEAR 6 PARENTS

WE WILL BE HOSTING WEEKLY
SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR
PARENTS/CARERS WHO WOULD
LIKE HELP OR SUPPORT WITH
THEIR CHILD'S YEAR 6 SECONDARY
SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.
MISS ANDREWS WILL BE HOSTING
THESE SESSIONS EVERY MONDAY
UNTIL THE END OF THE HALF TERM.
PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL
OFFICE TO BOOK A TIME SLOT.

















# CHAMPIONS

Congratulations

1st - 16rahim - Y5P

2nd Joelle - YSP

3rd Amelia - Y5P

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# ORACY CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK



EACH WEEK, OUR STAFF CHOOSE A CHILD WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED THEIR ORACY SKILLS IN AN EXCEPTIONAL WAY.



**YEAR 1** Zaiden and Manaal

**YEAR 2** Mohamed and Joel

YEAR 3 Aisha and Sumaya Inaaya and Isaac

YEAR 4 Abeeha, Zaid and AbdulRaheem

YEAR 6

**YEAR 5** Turaab and Ajwa

Ahmed and Arsalan

### MONDAY

#### Mains

Chicken Makhani Vegetable Makhani (V)

Battered Fish. with Potato Wedges

Accompaniments Boiled Rice, Naan Bread & Veg of the Day

Dessert Ice Cream Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Mains Beef Ragu, with Penne Pasta & Garlic Slice

TUESDAY

Cheese, Vegetable & Potato Hash (V)

Accompaniments

Herby Diced Potatoes & Veg of the Day

Dessert

Strawberry Mousse Cheesecake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Chicken Sausage, with Onion Gravy

Mains

EDNESDAY

Fishless Fingers with Lemon Wedge & Tartar Sauce (V)

Accompaniments

Mashed Potatoes & Veg of the Day

Dessert

Chocolate Concrete with Pink Custard Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

## THURSDAY

#### Mains

Cottage Pie

Vegetable Spring Rolls with Oriental Noodles (V)

Accompaniments Veg of the Day

Dessert Iced Lemon Doughnuts Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

Mains

BBQ Chicken Pizza

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza (V)

Accompaniments

**Chipped Potatoes** & Veg of the Day

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Oat Cookie Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

# Heath Mount Primary

Available Daily

Fresh salad Cart

Jacket Potato and Fillings



## COOMBS

#### Mains

Chicken Pasta Bake Vegetable Pasta Bake (V) with Garlic Bread

Sea Stars, with Lemon Wedge & Tartar Sauce

Accompaniments Pomme Noisette & Veg of the Day

#### Dessert

1/2 Belgian Waffle with Toffee Sauce Fresh Fruit/Yoghurf

#### Mains

Chicken Jambalaya Vegetable Jambalaya (V) with Herb Flatbread

**Battered Chicken Fillet** 

Accompaniments

Sauté Potatoes & Veg of the Day

#### nessert

Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie with Custard Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

#### Mains

Beef Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Slice

Chicken/Quorn Sausage Hot Dog (V)

Accompaniments

Pomme Noisette & Veg of the Day

#### Dessert

Pancakes with Fruit or Toffee Drizzle Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt\_

#### Mains

Sweet N' Sour Chicken

Vegetable Samosa, with Curry Sauce (V)

Fish Fingers, with Lemon Wedge & Tartar Sauce

#### Accompaniments

Boiled Rice, Potato Wedges & Veg of the Day

#### Dessert

Schooldays Tray Bake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

#### Mains

Chicken Tikka Pizza

Margherita Pizza (V)

Accompaniments **Chipped Potatoes** & Vea of the Day

Dessert

Chocolate Cornflake Cake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

#### Mains

Creamy Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake

Macaroni Cheese (V)

Accompaniments

Garlic Slice & Veg of the Day

#### Dessert

Vanilla & Raspberry Ice Cream Cake Fresh Fruit/Yoahurt

#### Mains

Spicy Lamb Burger

Vegetable Burger (V)

## Accompaniments

Paprika Sauté Potatoes & Veg of the Day

#### Dessert

Lemon Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

#### Mains

Chicken Kebab

Vegetable Curry (V)

#### Accompaniments

Rice, Naan Bread & Veg of the Day

#### Dessert

Toffee & Blueberry Muffin Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

#### Mains

**Beef Tacos** 

Vegetable Tacos (V)

**Battered Fish** 

#### Accompaniments

Herb Diced Potatoes

#### Dessert

Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

#### Mains

Cajun Chicken Pizza

Margherita Pizza (V)

Accompaniments

Chipped Potatoes & Veg of the Day

Dessert

Chocolate Chip Cookie Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt

### W1: 1/9, 22/9, 13/10, 10/11, 1/12 W2:8/9,29/9, 20/10, 17/11, 8/12 W3:15/9, 6/10, 3/11, 24/11,

MAY NOT LIST EVERY INDIVIDUAL INGREDIENT WE ARE AWARE OF THE PRESENCE OF ALLERGENS REQUIRING LABELLING, SO PLEASE ASK A MEMBER OF THE CATERING TEAM SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY MORE DETAILS. VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE INDICATED BY THE SYMBOL (V).

## **Attention Year 6 Parents/Carers!**

# It's time to apply for a secondary school place!





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You'll need to submit your application by

31 October 2025

www.birmingham.gov.uk/ schooladmissions to get started

## Dates to remember!



1st

1 September 2025: **Applications open** 



2nd

2 March 2026: Offer Day



**31st** 

31 October 2025: **Applications close** 

#### Choosing a secondary school: Hints & Tips

Don't leave it too late - You are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. Deadline is 31st October

- Attend any open events at your preferred secondary schools.
- Look at each school's website and
- Think about how your child will travel to
- Check the admission criteria of the schools.
- Does your child meet the criteria? Distance from the school is an important
- Remember to list six different secondary schools you would like your child to attend and put them in order of preference.

Applying for 6 schools gives you child the best chance of getting a school that you want. List the schools in order of preference when you apply and if a place is available at more than one school, you will be offered the highest one

Don't Delay. Apply Today!





At Heath Mount Primary School, we promote children's rights in all areas of our curriculum. We want to ensure that ALL children understand their rights so that they are healthy, happy and safe.

Look at the articles below and talk about what they mean.



# UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Article 7 - Name and Nationality

"Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents."



# UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Article 8 - Identity

"Every child has the right to an identity.

Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully."

**Exploring Article 7 & 8** - List as many things as you can think of that help to make you a **unique** and **wonderful** person!

#### Did you think of these?

- Appearance
- Talents
- Nationality
- Life story
- Name
- Religion
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Family

- Interests
- Ethnicity
- Skills
- Medical conditions
- Age
- Opportunities
- Experiences





## Safeguarding at Heath Mount Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website: Safeguarding – <u>Heath Mount Primary School (excelsiormat.org)</u>

At Heath Mount Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have 5 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email school using the following email address: <a href="mailto:enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org">enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org</a>. Our DSLs are:





# Meet your safeguarding team:



Mrs Samuel Headteacher, SENCO & Lead DSL



Miss Taylor Pastoral Manager Deputy DSL



Mrs Yafai HLTA Deputy DSL



Mrs Smith HLTA Deputy DSL



Miss Brook Teacher Deputy DSL



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#### Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Eirmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact us. We will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

# NSPCC Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

# If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact

It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on <u>0808 800 5000</u>, email <u>help@NSPCC.org.uk</u>, or <u>submit our online form</u> — we can help. We also have advice about <u>spotting the signs of abuse</u>.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently operating between the hours of 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday. However, you can email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.





