

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have to say we have had a brilliant start to the new academic year! The children look incredibly smart and have settled into their new classes extremely well. This year, we will be enhancing our reading, writing and phonics. Over the next few weeks, we will invite you into school so that you can hear everything about them.

We will also be continuing with our parent workshops and events and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in our bid to work together with you to support your children's learning.

We would like to welcome Mrs Beech, Assistant Headteacher who has joined us from Turves Green Primary School. Mrs Beech is our new Year 5 teacher and will be leading Maths as part of her role. Miss Galvin, Assistant Headteacher has joined us from Colmers Farm Primary School. Miss Galvin is our new EYFS teacher and will be leading phonics. We are extremely pleased to have them join our wonderful staff team and are looking forward to working with them in the next phase of our school improvement journey.

As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email. enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Cross
Deputy Headteacher

TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

8.35AM – 3.20PM (3.15PM FOR
RECEPTION) MONDAY TO
THURSDAY
8.35AM – 1PM FRIDAY



Late Collections

We will be administering a 'Late Collection Charge' system for those families that are persistently late in collecting their child or children at the end of the school day.

- If a child is not collected on time at the end of the school day or after school club, the parent/carer will be charged £3.00 per child for every 10 minutes that they are late to collect their child.
- If the school is unable to contact a family member, or designated guardian, the school reserves the right to contact Children's Services for further action

Secondary School Applications

Do you have a child in Year 6?



The deadline for year 6 secondary school places is **31st October 2024**. Please ensure that you have submitted the online application form before this date. If you require assistance with the application process, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Ikhaq will be holding support sessions to assist any parents who require assistance to complete the online application form. Year 6 children have been given a letter explaining these sessions in more detail.

Please follow this link to submit your child's secondary school application.
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



School Photograph Day

On **Thursday 26th September**, the school photographer will be visiting Heath Mount Primary School. This is an opportunity for children to have their photograph taken individually and alongside their siblings. Parents will have the option to purchase these photographs. If you **do not** want your child to be photographed, please inform the school office.

Stay in touch:



enquiry@heathmount.excelsiormat.org



0121 464 1691



www.heathmount@excelsiormat.org

PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 Class 1B	Class 1PB Class 4A Class 4P (Swimming)	Year 3 Class 2RZ	Year 5 Class 2Z	EYFS

Plain, white T-Shirt/polo shirt

A blue school jumper in cold weather

Black shorts, plain black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings

Trainers/black pumps

Elasticated blue, black or white headscarf (if appropriate)



Children must wear their PE uniform from home on the day of their PE lesson



Absences

What YOU must do:

- Telephone the school on 0121 464 1691 before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.



If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, places must be booked and paid for in advance on Arbor. The cost for your child to attend Breakfast Club will be £1 per session or £5 per week. Payment must be submitted in advance otherwise your child will not be able to attend Breakfast Club.

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY MENU

WEEK 3

16/09, 07/10, 04/11, 25/11, 02/12

Allergen information: Menu descriptions may not list every individual ingredient. We are aware of the presence of allergens. Please refer to the catering team should you require any more details. Vegetarian options are indicated by the symbol (V).

MONDAY

Homemade Chicken & Leek Pie
Fish Fingers
Served with Lemon Wedge & Tartare Sauce
Vegetarian Sausage (V)
Spiced Potato Wedges
Veg of the Day
Raspberry & Vanilla Ice Cream Cake
Fresh Fruit/Jelly

THURSDAY

Spicy Beef Pizza with a Sweet Chili Dip
Margherita Pizza (V)
Chopped Potatoes
Veg of the Day
Lemon Drizzle Cake
Fresh Fruit/Jelly

TUESDAY

Chicken Burger
Vegetable Burger (V)
Paprika Sauté Potatoes
Veg of the Day
Chocolate Concrete with Custard/Fresh Fruit/Jelly

FRIDAY

Chinese Chicken Curry Served with Steamed Rice
Vegetable Samosa Served with Steamed Rice & Curry Sauce (V)
Five Spice Wedges
Veg of the Day
Fruit Shortbread
Fresh Fruit/Jelly

WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef
3 Cheese & Roast Vegetable
Parsley Pasta Bake (V)
Crunchy Roasts
Veg of the Day
Ice Lolly
Fresh Fruit/Jelly

AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh Salad Cart

Jacket Potato with Fillings

ALL MEALS ARE HALAL

VEGETARIAN

STAY HYDRATED
COOMBS



Getting to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	18 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	35 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	50 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	73 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	110 Lessons

You should not take holidays during term time.

Please be punctual to maintain attendance.

Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER – SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY



MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – HALF TERM BREAK



MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER – STAFF INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS



TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL



School Uniform

It is our school policy that all pupils wear the correct school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organisation event outside normal school hours.

- White Polo Shirt (EYFS to Year 4 only)
- White shirt or blouse (this is compulsory for all Year 5 and 6 pupils)
- Heath Mount tie (this is compulsory for Year 5 and 6 pupils only)
- Blue Jumper (available from school)
- Grey or black trousers or skirt. Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows pupils to sit comfortably on the floor and to walk safely. These should not be full length and should not restrict movement. This is for health and safety reasons.
- Blue & white check dress (optional, in summer term)
- Headscarves, if worn, must be plain blue, black or white pull-over scarves. Any headscarves worn must comply with school policy. They cannot be lower than shoulder length and have any pins attached.
- Plain black shoes
- Children should wear sensible shoes to school.

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are small earring studs in pierced ears. For their own safety, children should not wear earrings that dangle, hoops or bangles. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings.

The school will not be responsible for the safe keeping of any jewellery.

It is important that children come to school wearing the correct uniform and bring their book bag every day.






**Hair & Beauty Classes at
Heath Mount Primary School**

**EVERY TUESDAY
1:00PM - 3:00PM
THE COMMUNITY HUB**

**Learn new skills in Hair and Beauty every Tuesday
starting from Tuesday 17th September from
1:00pm - 3:00pm.**






**Excelsior
Pre
ESOL
Course**

Some parents who attended the Open Morning from J C College were disappointed that they were unable to register on a course as they had not been in the UK for more than 3 years. So we have decided to run our own!

We are running pre ESOL Course for FREE, places are limited, if you are interested please see Rashida on Tuesday coffee morning to reserve your place, First come First served.