



# Heathfields Infant Academy Welcome

EYFS - Reception

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“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.”



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“Children need the freedom to appreciate the INFINITE RESOURCES of their hands, their eyes and their ears, the resources of FORMS, MATERIALS, sounds and COLOURS.”

Loris Malaguzzi

# We are so excited to welcome you!

- We apologise that this is not the way we would usually do it.
- We are still restricted in what we can host, but this Powerpoint may answer some questions, we would normally do at our welcoming evenings.



# Meet our SLT...



Mrs Williams  
Executive Head



Mr Melloy  
Head of School -  
Heathfields



Mrs Harris  
Assistant Head & SENCo  
Heathfields



Mrs Glover  
Head of School - Wilnecote



Mr Hancox  
Assistant Head - Wilnecote

# Meet the teachers.....



### **Mrs Bradshaw - Teacher/EYFS leader**

A big warm hello! I've been a teacher at Heathfields for a little while now and am known for my love of books!

I'm really excited to share some of my favourites with you. I have two little girls and an adventurous dog at home! We all love playing outside, especially when the sun is shining. I'm really looking forward to having lots of fun with you in September!



## **Mrs Hilton - Teacher**

My name is Mrs Hilton,

I enjoy reading stories and playing outside. My favourite place to visit is the beach, I love going there with my family and splashing in the sea! I also like finding out about the world around us and doing some fun experiments too. I can't wait to meet you all and start our learning adventure.

We have two new teachers starting in September 2021. They are both looking forward to working in Reception and will bring a wide range of skills to the unit.



Miss Matthews



Miss Semple

# Other adults in Reception

- Mrs Clarke



- Mrs Turner and Mr Hemmington.
- Mr Botfield delivers some physical development sessions.



# Learning through play

September 2021 is an exciting time for all Reception settings, as there is a new framework for the teachers to follow. The new framework is to ensure that all children are learning through choosing experiences of their own choice and playing; it is in these playing activities the children will apply their knowledge and teachers will look for milestones in development.





# Workshops

We want to support you every step of the way in understanding early years.



Traditionally in Autumn, we run workshops and courses to help support parents understand how we teach specific aspects of the curriculum; phonics, reading, writing and maths.

The school day, once the children are settled and understand routines:

**8.40 – 9.00 Registration/ handwriting**

**9.00 - 9.20 Phonics**

**9.20 - 9.40 Maths/English/Subject input**

**9.40 - 10.30 Choosing time**

**10.30 - 10.50 Maths/English/Subject input**

**10.50 - 11.50 Choosing time**

**1.00 - 2.45 Circle time and choosing time**

**2.45 - 3.00 Story time**

# Stimulating Environments



# What you can do...

We value your input throughout the year, in helping us to assess how your child is developing both at home and in school. You can share 'wow moments!' on our online journal, 'Tapestry'. Details will be provided in September.



An easy to use, secure, on line journal to help celebrate learning and development.

# Continued ....

- Let us know if there are any siblings and what colour P.E. house colour they are- sign up in the classroom.
- PTFA - sign up and join.
- Breakfast and afterschool clubs you will need to contact Laura Whetton: [lwhetton@opoj.fierte.org](mailto:lwhetton@opoj.fierte.org) at 'Our Pride, Our Joy' who run the clubs.
- Volunteering for trips/reading/events is always needed.



# We know it can be hard

- We are here for you.
- Communication - book/planner- important means of passing messages on.
- Open door policy.
- You can always phone ☺



# Frequently asked questions

- How will it look in September with the current situation?
- Million dollar question! As soon as we know what we can do, we will be communicating that to you. We are making plans as if we will see you all in September however, we will keep you all posted of any changes. At the moment Reception parents come onto the school grounds and drop the children off at the classroom door

## • What PE kit do I need?

Please don't worry, we don't change for PE until a few weeks in. We will allocate team colours after the first half term.

## • When will I know the class teacher?

We run as a unit, so details we will be sent out in an email soon to tell you what group name your child will be in and the teachers name who will register and dismiss your child.

## • What else do I need?

- There may be things we will ask of you throughout the year, for example wellies, but we will email, text or send a letter out as and when we do.

# Next steps

- Please complete the admission paperwork and return this to the school office (open between 9.30-2.30pm Monday-Friday; please can you wear a mask unless exempt and follow social distancing guidelines).
- You will also need to bring your child's original 'full version' of the birth certificate.
- Do not worry and get anxious as everyone is at the same starting point.

# Government documents

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