

# The Federation of Heathfield and St Francis Schools



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## Federation Newsletter — 10th September 2021



Dear Everyone

It has been an absolute delight to have our Federation community back together again. All our pupils look lovely in their uniforms! Please can I give a special welcome to all our new pupils and their families. We are so pleased and privileged that you have chosen the Federation for your child. I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Please can I thank you for your patience and understanding with the drop off and pick ups at both schools. As you can see it is a very complex procedure, which we are constantly monitoring. Please see below for an additional note about this.

Finally, we have relaxed some of our Covid-19 control measures namely reintroducing assemblies, eating in the dining hall, hydro and swimming and community visits in our attempt to get back to some sort of normality. Please see the most up to date risk assessment in the Coronavirus section on our websites should you wish to read about these in more detail.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any worries or concerns about any aspects of your child's education. We are here to help.

Very best wishes, Rachel Weldon.



There are exciting changes ahead! We have some smart new logos for each school and for the federation as a whole. Here's a sneaky preview!



You will soon see the new logos on documents and signs. Please don't panic, the school uniform will not change immediately, but gradually next year.



Thank you to our the parents and carers for your patience with pick up and drop off each day. Once things are more settled, it will speed up. Please can we remind everyone that at **Heathfield** drop off is 9.15am and pick up is 3.15pm and at **St Francis** it is 9.00am and 3.00pm.

Thank you.

Pear Class are looking out for baby dolls and dolls' clothes. If you have any to donate, the children will be most grateful! Thank you.





A BIG welcome back to everyone! How smart all the children look and some have really grown very tall over the summer holidays!

We say a BIG hello to all of our new children! It is so lovely to see some new faces at Heathfield and St Francis. We are so impressed with how our new young people have settled in, made new friends and started to enjoy their learning.

We also welcome new staff to both schools. We hope they are enjoying working at the federation. It is a great place to be!

We also say goodbye to Elaine Hodgson, who has worked at Heathfield School for many, many years. We miss her already, but hope she really enjoys her well earned retirement.



Welcome to Apple class

We have been exploring our new classroom and other parts of the school.

We enjoyed going to the Nest to meet the

guinea pigs. We have also visited the trim trail and the sensory room.

We are getting to know each other, playing alongside new friends, and learning our school routines. What a busy first few days!



**Penguins Class** Wow what a busy and exciting week! Welcome to all our new Penguins we hope you have enjoyed your first week at school. We have been busy starting our topic based on traditional tales, and have heard the story 'The Three Little Pigs' playing and building with straw, sticks and all sorts of messy stuff.. (sorry to those who have had a lot of washing). All the children have settled really well and we look forward to more messy fun over the next few weeks.

## St Francis' new build and refurbishment

We are delighted to let you know that our building works at St Francis are almost finished. The interior is virtually completed and is looking fantastic. The new classrooms are light and airy, and the refurbishment works in the existing building make it feel as though we have a new school throughout. We have included a few photos below for you to see the transformation. One particularly exciting addition is our new immersive room, which provides projected interactive learning opportunities accessible to all our pupils. We will be having an official opening event in early November, when everything should be finished, and thereafter we very much hope we are in a position to show you around.

