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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a selection of useful dates and information for the Autumn term.

Go **RED** for dyslexia – October 6th

On Wednesday October 6th, all children are welcome to come to school wearing red (please no football kits) to raise awareness of dyslexia. Fun sessions will occur in class throughout the day. This is not a general non-uniform day, however please do not feel like you must purchase any red clothing especially – red socks or a red hair tie will do the job!

Pre-loved Uniform – October 7th and monthly

On the first Thursday of every month we will once again be starting up our pre-loved uniform sale after school, the first one this term will be this Thursday, October 7th. All items have been washed and are ready for their new homes, with a suggested 50p per item donation to school fund.

If you have any clean logo items of uniform which you would like to donate to the sale, the school office will be happy to receive them (please no white or grey uniform).

Health Update & Flu Vaccinations – October 8th

The difficulties around testing seem to be improving and I know that where necessary families have been able to access tests. Please can you ensure that your children are tested if they show any of the Coronavirus symptoms and are kept at home until you have a result. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Tests should only be booked for those showing Coronavirus symptoms, and not as a precautionary measure. If you are unsure please call NHS111 or visit <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

Flu vaccinations will be available for all children who completed online consent from Reception to Year 6 on Friday October 8th.

Pupil Photographs – October 13th

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday October 13th to take individual pupils' portraits. We will automatically photograph siblings together, though unfortunately we cannot accommodate other family relations. If your children are part of a blended family, please email contact@heatonparkbury.com with your specific photo requirements.

Pumpkin Competition – October 20th

This year we are excited to be holding a pumpkin competition for all children in school. If your child would like to participate, then please bring your carved pumpkin into school (to your classroom) from Monday 18th October. The fee to enter is £1, with money raised going to School Fund. Mr Lord will be judging the pumpkins on Wednesday October 20th in three sections (EYFS, KS1, KS2). Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on their pumpkin. We look forward to seeing the children's creations!

Parents' Evening – from November 3rd

We are happy to confirm that this term there will be a series of Parents' Evenings, scheduled from November 3rd, these will be held via telephone appointments rather than face-to-face appointments. Further details will be circulated in due course. If you have concerns about your child, please send a message to contact@heatonparkbury.com and the class teacher will happily give you a call.

Harvest Festival – November 8th

We will be welcoming harvest donations from Monday November 8th. As is customary we will be asking for donations of tinned foods and packets. We are intending to send your donations to the PORCH charity which supports homeless people in the Bury area. Such things as tooth brushes and paste or any kind of toiletries are also greatly appreciated. Perishable goods or glass jars and bottles are however not as useful and we are asking that these are not sent. Further information on the Porch Box charity can be found here <https://porchboxes.wordpress.com/>

Pantomime Experience – December 7th

We are excited to confirm we have booked a Christmas production for our KS1 and KS2 children (Years 1 through to Year 6) which will be performed here at Heaton Park Primary on December 7th. Further details to follow.

Road Safety

You may have noticed the school is still without a Crossing Patrol; this is a vacant position that Bury Council are actively trying to fill – please continue to be vigilant when crossing your children.

School Trips

Heaton Park prides itself on the experiences we have provided to pupils over the years, ranging from external visitors in to class to residential stays - there is no denying the added value they provide and the positive benefit children gain. Each experience is costed not for profit, and more than likely school has already subsidised a good amount of the price before asking for a parental/carer donation to cover the rest.

Unfortunately, in academic year 2020/21 we received very few parental contributions to the many trips we ran, in fact school had provide an additional £9372 to balance unpaid trip costs across the year. As a school, we have not been able to fundraise since our Christmas Fair of 2019, and so this is a big hit on our already stretched school budget. Although we understand finances have been difficult for many, contributions are necessary if we are not to cancel future experiences.

School payments – Dinners / Out of School Care / Nursery Fees

Many thanks to the vast majority of families who keep up to date with their school payments. All payments should be made in advance and not retrospectively. Where retrospective payments are unavoidable, please ensure school is aware of the situation. Unfortunately, we cannot allow arrears to build up beyond a two week period. Any arrears covering two weeks or more may result in your child not being able to continue to access school meals, or run the risk of losing their Out of School or Nursery place.

All payments are to be made via the Bury Council webpage, please follow the below link and select 'Heaton Park Primary' from the dropdown list at 'All Shops' and click 'Apply' to see all of our payment options.

<https://www.civicaepay.co.uk/BuryEstore/estore/default/Catalog/Index>

And finally...

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE can you make sure that your child's belongings are clearly named. This includes; cardigans, jumpers, coats, bags, water bottles and lunch bags/boxes. We need to make sure we can get lost items quickly back to children. We are unable to store lost property; un-named items will be disposed of. Please ensure that your child is not bringing any unnecessary items to school.

With best wishes,



Mr P Lord

Autumn Term Diary Dates	
Wednesday 6 th October	Wear red for dyslexia
Thursday 7 th October & 4 th November	Preloved uniform sales
Friday 8 th October	Flu vaccinations – whole school
Wednesday 13 th October	Pupil photographs
Wednesday 20 th October	Pumpkin competition
Friday 22 nd October	School closes for half term
Tuesday 2 nd November	School reopens
Wednesday 3 rd November onwards	Parents' Evening via telephone
Monday 8 th November	Harvest donations
Friday 17 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays at normal time