



Attendance for last week was 94.2%. Our target is 96.5%

If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9794304

There are 172 children who had 100% attendance last week – Well Done

Message from Mr Fullwood: I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this busy Autumn Term. Many of you have joined us this term for a range of opportunities such as: parents' evening, school trips, winter fair, Xmas Crafts, class assemblies and KS1 productions. Your attendance and willingness to give your time has been very much appreciated by us all at Heathfield.



Have a fantastic Christmas break and all the very best for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you for the start of the Spring Term.

Christmas Holidays: We break up today for 2 weeks. Enjoy the break and we will see you back in school at 8:45am on Monday 8th January.

Punctuality: From the start of the Spring term the gates to school will be closed at 8:45am. The side entrance will be for entry only, exit will be via the main gates. Any children entering the school gates after 8:45am will be recorded in our 'late gate' book. They will still be able to go to their classrooms via the outside doors. Any children entering school after 8:50am will have to go through the office and will be recorded as late in the register. The gates are open from 8:30am so please be on the yard on time and ready for the teachers to collect their classes. Early Birds breakfast club is on every morning and is **FREE** from 8:15am. Children must enter the hall by 8:30am to be allowed in the club.

Spring Term topics: Your child's class teacher will be sending home a topic overview so you know what the children will be learning when they come back to school. Please support your child by finding activities linked to their topic over the holidays. (Teachers love surprise homework!)

EYFS – Turtles and Octopus: After Christmas, we would like the children in Turtles and Octopus class to line up in the playground in the morning and come into school on their own. We would really appreciate your support with this in order to promote the children's independence skills!

Year 3 and 4: On **Monday 15th January** all year 3 and 4 classes from both sites will be meeting at Kersall Drive to enjoy a day of African activities and performances led by the IROKO theatre company as an introduction to our 'Tales of Africa' topic. The day will begin and end at normal school day times.

There is a cost for the visiting theatre company so we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child to cover some of the costs of the day.

Thank you very much for all of your support. The Year 3 and 4 team.

Twitter: This is one of the main ways you can find out what the children are up to in school. We have over 600 followers but many are other schools or organisations which we have links to. We would love to have more parents following us. Signing up and using Twitter is easy – you don't have to post anything but by following us you can stay up to date.



Find us @HeathfieldPNS and @HeathfieldGovs

Head lice: We have had a few known cases recently of head lice within school. Parents are therefore asked to be very vigilant by following these procedures.

LOOKING FOR HEAD LICE OR THEIR EGGS

- Regularly comb and brush hair very thoroughly at least once a day. This will ensure most lice are removed and prevent them from laying further eggs. Live lice will not always be seen but are most easily detected by fine combing wet hair.
- Eggs are laid at the scalp. Look thoroughly here and at the hair nearest the scalp for small white eggs. The distance of the eggs from the scalp will indicate how long ago the infection took place. Evidence is usually found at the nape of the neck or behind the ears. In those with short hair, the eggs are found at the front of the forehead.
- Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim but spread by walking from head to head during close head contact.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND EVIDENCE OF LICE OR THEIR EGGS

- Do treat an infected child's hair with lotion
- DO NOT send your child to school until you have treated their hair with the recommended lotion described below.
- Only those infected should be treated. Treating uninfected children and adults can result in head lice becoming resistant to a lotion.
- Lotion is available on prescription from your GP. Prescriptions can be obtained through the GP's receptionist if there is a wait to see the doctor. You can also use your Pharmacy First book if you live in the city and go straight to the pharmacy with your book to obtain the lotion over the counter. If none of these are possible you can buy the lotion over the counter at the Pharmacy for a cost of approximately £5 to £8.
- Do get everyone your child may have been in contact with to have their hair checked, including all family members and other relatives, and of course yourselves!