# **HEATHFIELD NEWS**

### 23RD MARCH 2018

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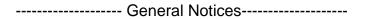


Attendance for this week was 96.3%.

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

There were 283 children who had 100% attendance - Well Done

Well done Lions who achieve 100% class attendance last week. They celebrated yesterday with a non-uniform day.



**Easter Holidays:** We break up on Thursday 29th March for the 2 week Easter holidays and we return to school on Monday 16th April. This has been a short half term but we have made sure the curriculum has been full of exciting learning opportunities which are supporting the work in class. We have had very successful parent events such as the class assemblies, stay and read sessions, a film premiere and we are looking forward to the Year 3/4 Shakespeare Rocks show next week.

**Parents' Evening Feedback:** Thank you for all your support this term and for your feedback through the questionnaires at Parents' Evening. We use the questionnaires to guide improvements in school and so all parents are encouraged to complete one. If you have any other queries following the meeting with the teacher, please speak to them in the first instance and I'm sure they will be able to help. Or make an appointment with the Phase Leaders who can look into your query.

**Updates about School:** As well as this weekly newsletter, our Twitter feed is usually updated daily with photos and comments about what is happening in school. Please follow us @HeathfieldPNS or look at the Twitter feed on our school website <a href="www.heathfieldprimary.org.uk">www.heathfieldprimary.org.uk</a>

**Get in to Win week:** From Monday to Thursday next week your child has the opportunity to win the Class an Easter Egg just for coming to school! All you have to do in get in every day for your child to have their name put into the prize draw. You need to Get in to WIN!

**Parents Coffee Morning:** Come along to our Heathfield Parents coffee morning on Tuesday 24th April at 9.15am in the conservatory. Join us for a drink, chat and to share ideas to support our fund raising and parent events in school.



**Times Tables:** As you may be aware, we are having a huge push across years 1-6 to encourage the children to learn their times tables. Those that can answer all their age related times tables, within three seconds, are awarded badges. To support this at home please encourage your child to access their 'Times Tables Rock Stars' account online, we have seen massive improvements by those children that are regularly using the site! ROCK ON! **www.ttrockstars.com** 

**Leave of Absence:** Schools have a discretionary power to grant a pupil time off school during the term for exceptional circumstances. Parents should fill in a leave of absence request form and give at least 6 weeks' notice of the event. **This does not include holidays in term time.** If families choose to take their child out of school during term time for the reason of a holiday, an unauthorised leave of absence or the school has information that they have taken a holiday during term time, they will be referred to Education Welfare to be issued with a penalty notice.

Absences of 3 or more days will require medical documentation to be authorised and could result in a home visit.

 Class	Notices

**Seahorses, Dolphins and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade:** On Thursday 29th March we will be having our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. Children in EYFS and KS1 are asked to design an Easter bonnet at home to bring into school and wear during our parade. Please feel free to be as creative as you like! The parade will be repeated in the afternoon to include our afternoon nursery children. There will be an Easter treat for every child that participates and an extra special treat will be given to the child with the best bonnet in each class.

**KS2** Egg Decorating Competition: Our annual KS2 Egg Decorating competition will take place on Weds 28th March. As always, we are asking for children to be as creative as they can in order to design their own egg themed scene. In the past we have received traditional Easter designs, but also themed eggs linked to topics such as Shakespeare, Superheroes or even the Minions! The possibilities are endless.

We ask that all designs are brought into school on the morning of the 28th, where they will be displayed in the school hall. There will be a chocolatey treat for all entries and a winning entry for each class - the prize being an Easter Egg!

**Year 3 Book Award:** Celebration Event, Thursday 29 March 2018 9.30-11am at Hempshill Hall Primary School.

You may be aware that recently all Year Three children have been reading four books shortlisted for our Year Three MegaRead Book Award and have been busy deciding which of the four will be our winning title. The Book Award has been taking place across the five primary schools of our partnership since February. It was launched by a local poet, Chris White. On Thursday 29 March all Year Three children will be meeting at Hempshill Hall Primary School for a final celebration quiz. Chris White will be returning to see how well the children have read the books and be our Quizmaster. We will also be revealing the children's favourite book of the four titles.

Your child will be travelling by coach to Hempshill Hall Primary School and will be accompanied by Staff. Lunchtime arrangements are as usual. We know all the children have worked hard on reading their books and are looking forward to taking part in the final session, which will be good fun, and an excellent way to continue to promote reading for pleasure, which is so important.

<u>Please can you complete and return the attached consent slip</u> to confirm that your child can take part in this activity.

Year 3 & 4 Sherwood Forest Trip: As part of our topic next half term, entitled 'Nottingham', we will be going on a trip to Sherwood Forest on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about Nottingham and its history, including the legend of Robin Hood. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in various workshops run by the experienced centre staff, which includes a Robin Hood information workshop, Orienteering activity and Den building session in the forest. We are asking for a voluntary

contribution for the trip of £3.50 per child (the total cost of the trip is actually £10 per child) and this will go towards the cost of transport, use of the forest staff and equipment throughout the day.

We will leave school at 9am and will return at 3.45pm (both sites). Please provide your child with a packed lunch on the day, unless they are in receipt of Free School Meals, in which case a lunch will be provided. Children will be expected to wear their normal school uniform with outdoor footwear and including waterproof clothing, as the whole day will be spent outside. Please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office.

We are also looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come on the trip, please indicate on the reply slip if you are able to help on the day.

**Year 4 – Shakespeare Rocks:** On Thursday 29th March, Year 4 will be performing their spring production, 'Shakespeare Rocks'. The children in Year 3 will also be part of the performance in the choir. The production starts at 2.15pm in the school hall and will finish for 3.15pm. We would encourage parents, carers, friends and family to come to watch what will be a fantastic performance. Tickets are free but limited, so please collect them from the school office or indicate on the slip below and we will save them for you.

Year 5 & 6 visit to The National Holocaust Centre: The summer term is fast approaching, and to support our WW2 topic we have booked a visit to the National Holocaust Centre in Newark. The children will engage in a range of activities, all to support their understanding of this significant period. The trip will take place on Monday 23rd April 2018. We will travel by coach at 9:15am, therefore it is imperative that children arrive on time. We hope to be back at school by 3:45pm but will keep you updated with any delays. All children will require a packed lunch and sensible footwear. School will cover the full cost of the transport and part of the cost of the visit per child which is £7. We are, however, asking for a contribution of £4 per person. Please complete the reply slip below and return it to the school office.

If you are able to help with the visit - please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Year 6 children going to Ellis Guilford next academic year:

Class Lions 3:30-4:15pm (approx.) Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April (THE FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS)

There will be a transition meeting for parents of children attending Ellis Guilford in September. Louise Kirkham from Ellis will be at this meeting and will be available to answer any questions. Ellis Guilford have sent a letter directly to parents, however this is just a reminder.

**PGL:** Children going to PGL on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March must complete and return their OV4 forms to the office as soon as possible, thank you for your support.

#### **Activities in Nottingham this weekend**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Nottingham's first ever puppet festival has so much for families to enjoy and is taking place across the city centre as well as events in local libraries and theatres. Details, further information and bookings for events can be found at **nottinghampuppetfestival.co.uk** or by calling the Box Office on 0115 9889 5555

## Reply Slip for Year 3 Book Award – Celebration Event, Thursday 29 March 2018

at Hemsphill Hall Primary Scho	ool (morning)		
I give permission for my child _ Book Award Celebration event			_ to travel by coach to the
I am able to help at the event y	res/no		
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Signed (p	arent/carer)		
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