



Attendance for the last academic year was 94.5%

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

Green is good – Lets make sure all our classes this academic year are green and hit our target of 96.5% or above

Jellyfish am 97.2%	Turtles 97.9%	Hedgehogs 99.1%	Rabbits 93%	Peacocks 96.7%	Pelicans 98.3%
Jellyfish pm 86.5%	Octopus 100%	Owls 99.1%	Squirrels 96%	Eagles 96.7%	Leopards 100%

Welcome Back: I would like to offer a warm welcome to all children and families in the Heathfield Primary School community following the summer break. I am delighted to say the children have made a really positive start to the new school year, looking incredibly smart in their school uniform and showing a real pleasure and willingness to be back at school.

Our new children in F1 and F2 have coped very well with their early experiences of life at Heathfield. Your support and co-operation with transition arrangements have been appreciated and have clearly helped to settle the children into school. I hope they were not too tired after this first week?

I would also like to offer official welcomes to our 5 new teachers:

- Beth Buckley F2 teacher at Kersall Drive
- Liam Battison Assistant Head Teacher and Y5 teacher at Kersall Drive
- Poppy Rudin Y3 teacher at Scotland Road
- Rebecca Gell Y5/6 teacher at Scotland Road
- Luke Padley Assistant Head Teacher and Y5/6 Lead at Scotland Road

All 5 have quickly shown their worth and are certain to become valued members of the Heathfield Staff Team.

I look forward to another successful academic year at Heathfield and thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Gary Fullwood – Executive Headteacher

Reminders:

- The gates open for Early Birds Breakfast Club at 8:15am.
- Please **do not** let your children play on the equipment on the playgrounds before or after school as there is no staff supervision at these times.
- Both entrance gates are open from 8:30am so you can be on the yard ready for the morning bell to go at 8:45am. One of the Leadership Team will be on the gate in the morning; either Miss Dickens, Mr Battison, Mrs Abasspour or Miss Hawkes.
- Teachers will greet you on the yard at 8:45am and then lead the children into class.
- We ask that children are not running around and playing before school, we expect a calm start to the morning and ask for your support with this.
- The side gate is locked at 8:45am to enable Kieran (our site manager) to lock the other gates around school and to clear the hall of tables and benches.
- Only the main entrance is open at home time.
- Any children coming through the gates after 8:45am but before 8:50am will be entered into our Late Gate book.

- Any children entering school after 8:50am will need to go through the office and be signed in on the screen. Lateness impacts on the children's learning as well as the workload for the office. Please be on time to school.
- Children are not to ride bikes and scooters on the school grounds – please dismount at the gates.
- We expect all adults who enter our school gates to be good, positive role models to the children – please consider your conduct whilst on the school site.
- There are no dogs allowed on site.
- We are a no smoking site and also request that you do not smoke near to the gates. Thank You.

EYFS 'Express yourself!' dress up day – Friday 21st September: On Friday 21st September, we will be inviting children in Jellyfish, Turtles and Octopus to come dressed in clothes that reflect their personality and interests. For example, if your child is very sporty and active they might come dressed in their football clothes. We invite you to be as creative as you like and look forward to seeing how your child expresses themselves through their clothing!

Turtles and Octopus meeting Wednesday 19th September: Turtles and Octopus parents, please come and join us for a short meeting after school at 3.15pm on Wednesday 19th September where we will explain how we teach and assess your children in F2.

Peacocks and Eagles: A reminder for parents of children in the Peacocks and Eagles classes to drop their children off on the playground and not come up the stairs to the classrooms. Thank you.

Year 3 and 4: On Friday 21st September, there will be team-building activities taking place in school based on 'survival'. The aim is for our pupils across both campuses to get involved in teamwork and experience hands-on, exciting activities with 'Adventures Into'. Activities include archery, orienteering, team communication and food survival- just to name a few.



Parents and carers are welcome to join in with the activities - just let us know if you would like to take part.

Whilst we will pay the majority of the cost, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child to take part. We have had positive feedback from all pupils in previous years - an experience they remember. Please return the slip below and money to the school office or your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Year 4 Sleepover: On Thursday 20th September, Year 4 children have the chance to sleepover in school! 'Adventures Into' will be leading a fantastic survival themed sleepover, with activities such as archery, fire making and pitching tents. The aim is for our pupils across both campuses to get involved in teamwork and experience camping outdoors.

Pupils will spend the night in tents on the grass at the back of school. They will eat their evening meal together and breakfast, then take part in further activities in the morning.

We still have limited places available. The cost of the residential sleep over is £21 per child. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the amount payable is £5.25. If your child is not in receipt of Free School Meals but has been previously, the amount payable is £10.50.

If you would like your child to take part, please sign the consent form below and hand into the school office with the amount due for your child. Thank you.

Reminder - Final Payment date for York: If your child has a place on our York residential in October, please ensure the balance is paid in full before Friday 14th September 2018.

Afterschool Sports Clubs: We are welcoming a new sports coach to Kersall Drive on Monday, Mr Williamson-Forde. He will teach all children in KS1 and KS2 for PE and will also run 2 afterschool clubs a week. This half term, starting next week, there will be:

- Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 – Basketball – Year 4 and 5 (Pelicans and Leopards)
- Thursdays 3:15-4:15 – Multisports – Year 2 (Squirrels and Rabbits)

Please sign the slip below to secure a place – any responses we receive on Monday will be able to join the clubs this week – so be quick!

Year 3, 4 and 5 Choir: Choir is back with Mrs West and will take place on Thursdays from 3.15-4pm. Choir is open to anyone in Years 3, 4 and 5.

This term, Choir are going to get ready for the Young Voices event that will happen in January. This is a very exciting opportunity that will give us the chance to sing with lots of other schools at the flyDSA Arena in Sheffield. We will be working hard to get ready for this event over this term.

This year, we are going to hold auditions for choir. If your child would like to be considered for choir, please complete the slip attached. Auditions will be held during the school day and our first rehearsal will be on Thursday 20th September. You will receive a text letting you know if your child has passed their audition and can come along to the first rehearsal!

Reply Slip for After School Clubs – We have the following after school clubs taking place this half term. Please tick which club your child wishes to attend

I give permission for my child, _____ in class _____ to take part in the following club.

Tuesday – Year 4 and 5 - Pelicans and Leopards Basketball Club

Thursday – Year 2 - Squirrels and Rabbits Multisports Club

Should we receive too many reply slips, we shall draw names out of a hat to ensure it is fair for all children.

Signed by Parent /Carer _____ Date _____

Collecting arrangements

I will collect my child when the club has finished

My son/daughter is going to afterschool club

Year 3, 4 and 5 Choir Auditions – September 2018

My child _____ in class _____ would like to audition for the choir.

I understand that they should attend each practise afterschool and I will support them to practise the songs at home.

Signed: _____ parent/carer

Date: _____

Year 3 and 4 Survival activities day – Friday 21st September

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I have paid £2 contribution to the survival activities day.

Signed: _____ parent/carer

Date: _____

Year 4 Sleepover – Thursday 20th September

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I consent to my child taking part in the Year 4 sleepover at Kersall Drive on Thursday 20th September.

I enclose a payment of £

Signed: _____ parent/carer

Date: _____