

HEATHFIELD NEWS



7TH SEPT 2018
SCOTLAND ROAD CAMPUS

Attendance for the last week of the last academic year was 96.9%.

Seahorse am	Seahorse pm	Seahorse FT	Dolphins	Foxes	Badgers	Hares	Flamingos	Toucans	Parrots	Lions	Tigers	Jaguars
82.8%	88.6%	94.9%	96.6%	92%	100%	95.7%	88%	95.4%	92.2%	98.1%	95.5%	99.1%

Well done to Badgers who achieved 100% attendance on the final week of the last academic year.

If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725

There were 283/340 children who had 100% attendance last week – Well Done

----- Welcome Back-----

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

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 door opens for Early Birds Breakfast Club at 8:30am.
- 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 8:45am so you can be on the yard ready for the morning bell to go at 9am.
- Teachers will greet you on the yard at 9am 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 gate is locked at 9am to enable Alphonso (our site manager) to clear the hall of tables and benches.
- Any children entering school after 9am 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.
- 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. Thank You.

----- **Class Notices** -----

Seahorses & Dolphins - 'Express yourself!' dress up day: On **Friday 21st September**, we will be inviting children in the Foundation Stage 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!

Dolphins EYFSP : Meeting Monday 17th September 3.30 , please come and join us for a short meeting after school on Monday 17th September where we will explain how we teach and assess your children in F2.

Toucan Year 3: As part of the school's P.E. curriculum for the first Autumn half term, your child will be taking swimming lessons each week, on a **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**. This will be free of charge and children will be provided with transportation to and from the swimming baths.

Please can you make sure that your child is provided with a swimming costume (one-piece costume for the girls and trunks not shorts for boys) and a towel every Friday starting **Friday 14th September running** until the end of the half term. Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery whilst swimming and are to only bring goggles if I have received written permission from a parent/carer.

Thanks for your support,
Miss Jeremiah

Year 4: On **Thursday 20th 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 'Into Adventures'. Activities could 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 and find fun. Please return the slip below and money to the school office or your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Year 3 and 4 Team

Year 4 Sleepover: Children currently in year 3 have been given letters inviting them to a Sleepover at our Kersall Drive campus on Thursday 20th Sept 2018. The cost of the residential is £21 per child. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the amount payable is £5.25 (not £10.50 as previously stated on the letter). If your child is not Free School meals but has been previously, the amount payable is £10.50. We still have a few places left. If you would like your child to take part, please sign the consent form below and hand it in to the office or your child's class teacher.

Year 5 London Trip: There will be a meeting for parents of the children going to London in the school hall at Scotland Road on Thursday 13th September between 5.30 and 6pm. There is still one place available. If you are interested in your child taking the place, please come to the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

----- **General Notices** -----

CHOIR AUDITIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



It is that time of year again where we begin recruiting for our school choir again. To join the choir, all children will require an audition as well as experience being part of a choral group. They must also be prepared to show commitment for a whole academic year and demonstrate a mature standard of behaviour, as there is an expectation to work towards performances, both in school and externally. It is a real privilege to be part of our choir and it is important that your child understands the dedication and hard work required throughout the year. Additionally, we will be participating in Young Voices again in January 2019 and this is not an opportunity to be missed!

If your child is interested in joining our choir and would like to audition, please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. Auditions will take place from the first rehearsal and throughout the first half of the Autumn. This will enable them to gain the necessary experience of being part of a choral group and to ensure that the choir is a suitable activity for them. Rehearsals will start on TUESDAY 18th September 2018 and will continue throughout the Autumn Term at this time. After the Young Voices concert, rehearsals are likely to take place at lunch times but I will keep all of you informed. Children must attend every week.

Nottingham Music Service's Area Band Network: has proven to be very successful in the last decade in helping many city pupils move on from the beginner stage and start playing in a band. The ensembles equip children with the skills and confidence to continue learning their instruments from Year 5. Each year, the programme is getting bigger and better.

While this is good news on one hand, the cost of running the programme has increased for the Music Service. Therefore, in order to maintain the high standards, the Music Service have decided to start charging a small annual fee of £25 per child (£20 concessions) to join an Area Band this year.

Area Band will take place at Haydn School in Sherwood and transport to the venue will be funded by school. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday from 4pm-5pm; after the rehearsal, children will return to school by 5.30pm.

If your child is interested in joining an Area Band, please complete the slip at the end of the Newsletter and return it to the office as early as possible next week (W/C. 10th September). If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Dickson.

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

Final Payment date for Yr 4 Sleepover: If your child has a place on our Sleepover this year, please ensure the balance is paid before Friday 14th September 2018.

Reply Slip for the Year 4 Sleepover:

I consent to my child _____ in class _____ taking part in the year 4 sleepover on 20th September 2018.

Signed _____

Reply Slip for the Year 4 survival activities on Thursday 20th September:

I have/ have not paid £2 contribution to the survival activities.

Name of pupil _____ Class _____

Signed _____

Reply Slip for Choir Auditions:

I would like my child _____ in _____ class to be included in the choir auditions starting **TUESDAY 18th September 2018**. I understand that my child must attend every week and demonstrate commitment and a mature standard of behaviour.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Area Band Permission Slip

I give _____ in class _____ permission to join Area Band. I understand that there will be a £25 annual fee for my child.

Signed _____ Date: _____