## **HEATHFIELD NEWS**

## 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018

## KERSALL DRIVE CAMPUS



## Attendance for the Autumn Term for the whole school was 94.9%

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 92.5%	Turtles 94.6%	Hedgehogs 96.1%	Rabbits 95.8%	Peacocks 95.5%	Pelicans 94%
Jellyfish pm	Octopus	Owls	Squirrels	Eagles	Leopards
86.4%	94.4%	96.4%	95.7%	94.1%	96.4%

<u>End of Term:</u> We break up **TODAY**. Have a merry Christmas break and a Happy New Year from all staff and governors at Heathfield Primary and Nursery School. We will return to school on **Monday 7**<sup>th</sup> **January 2019**. 8:15am for Early Birds Breakfast club and 8:45am for the start of school.

**THANK YOU:** All of the staff would like to say thank you to all of you who have joined us for the different parent engagement opportunities in the last couple of weeks – we hope you enjoyed them as much as the children.

<u>Use of Phones in school by Parents/Carers</u>: Our Governors are keen for parents to enjoy coming into school and so use of cameras and phones to take a snapshot of your child in their costume or singing a song is welcomed. However, this comes with the understanding that NO images of other children should be posted on social media. If we are made aware of any breaches of this nature, the Governors will review our policy and potentially ban the taking of photographs and the use of phones on site like in other local schools. Please co-operate with our school policies and agreements.

<u>Choir – Young Voices:</u> A reminder that Young Voices is the first week back after Christmas – **Wednesday 9**<sup>th</sup> **January 2019**. Children will need to bring a packed lunch and tea with them please. The coach will be leaving from school at 11:45am. The concert is due to finish at approximately 9:15pm therefore we are expected to return to school by about 10:30pm.

<u>Nursery Staffing:</u> We will be welcoming Miss Redmile, who will be joining our Nursery Team as the numbers increase. She has been working at our Scotland Road Campus but moves to Kersall Drive in January.

Applications for school places starting September 2019 (for Jellyfish parents): The closing date for applications is Tuesday, 15 January. If you apply after the deadline this may reduce your chances of getting a place at school. Visit Nottingham City Council's website for all information needed about admissions. <a href="https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-reception-year-place-at-infant-or-primary-school-or-a-year-3-place-at-junior-school-for-september-2019/">https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-reception-year-place-at-infant-or-primary-school-or-a-year-3-place-at-junior-school-for-september-2019/</a>

<u>Absence and Punctuality:</u> We understand that at times there are valid reasons for absence and lateness but currently we are below Government targets and so this must improve. In January we will be monitoring attendance levels and will be contacting parents for meetings to discuss absence before we are left with no option but to refer to Education Welfare. This is a last resort but any children below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. We will also be reintroducing the 'Late Gate' book. All children should be through the gates by 8:45am. So make coming to school everyday your new year's resolution...

Thank you for your co-operation.

Hedgehogs, Owls, Squirrels and Rabbits Homework Project: Next term our topic will be 'Fire and Ice' and



we are asking the KS1 children to use their design and technology skills to design or create a new vehicle for fire fighters to use in the future. Due to limited display space, this should be either a labelled detailed drawing on a piece of A4 paper or a 3D model no bigger than a shoebox. Please bring in your completed projects by **Monday 14**th **January**. We look forward to seeing your creations and displaying them for everyone to see!

Year 3 and 4 Dress Up Day! On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January children in Peacocks, Eagles and Pelicans are invited to come into school dressed up for our new topic...Rock 'n Roll. The topic is about the Stone Age plus Rock and Roll music. Your child could come as a rock star or a mixture of Stone Age person and rock star!

