# **HEATHFIELD NEWS**



### 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019

## KERSALL DRIVE CAMPUS

#### Attendance for the whole school for this academic year so far is 94.39%

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 90.3% Jellyfish pm 85.7% Jellyfish FT 95.5%	Turtles 94.9%	Hedgehogs 95.6%	Rabbits 95.3%	Peacocks 96%	Pelicans 93.5%
	Octopus 94.8%	Owls 93.9%	Squirrels 95.2%	Eagles 92.8%	Leopards 94.3%

<u>ONE WEEK LEFT!</u> We break up for the summer holidays at 3:15pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Staff will have INSET days on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The children will start back on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

<u>Annual Reports to Parents</u>: Today you will receive your child's report. Enclosed there is a letter which we would appreciate you returning to school with any comment you would like to make regarding the report. These slips can be given to the office or directly to your child's class teacher. Thank You.

**Bug Ball:** EYFS and KS1 have had a BEE-rilliant day dressing up as creepy crawlies! All of the children and staff had a great time strutting their stuff on the BUGwalk and dancing around at the bug ball! We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for the effort made to make homemade, recycled costumes. They looked amazing!

**Drop-in meeting:** Following a request from a parent, Miss Dickens will be available for a short drop-in meeting to talk about Year 5 and 6 from September. Miss Dickens will be in the Library at 8:45am on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July so if you would like to find out more, please come and meet her.

<u>Change Around Day:</u> On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July your child will be spending the day in their new class with their teacher for next year. The children will have lunch at their usual time and should be dropped off and collected as usual. The children will go to their new class from assembly in the morning. All of the new teachers have been into school for meetings and are looking forward to joining us and to meet all of the children. The idea of the day is to ease any worries the children (and parents) may have around the move into a new year group in September. The children will bring home a letter all about their new teacher.

<u>Leopards Class Assembly</u>: Please join us for the Leopards' Festival from **9:00am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. Please wait by the office until we are able to seat you in the hall.

<u>Taking work home</u>: Please could your child come to school next week with a carrier bag with their name on so they are able to take their books home at the end of the school year. Thank you.

<u>School Dinner Price Increase:</u> A reminder that there will be a price increase from **Tuesday 3rd September 2019** from £1.95 to £2.15 per meal for school dinners. This means that the weekly cost will now rise to £10.75.

Children who are in Reception and KS1 from September 2019 will get the Universal Free School Meal entitlement. This is currently available to them until the end of Year 2. Children who are in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from September 2019, unless entitled to Free School Meals, will need to pay for school dinners. Please send dinner money in for the week ensuring that your child's account remains a week in credit at all times.

Please ensure that all dinner accounts are paid in full for any meals that have been taken this academic year and include any meals that will be taken up until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. This must be paid in full no later than Wednesday 24th July 2019. Thank you.

Lost property: Look out for tables of lost property which will be put out next week. Any lost property not claimed by the last day of term will be thrown away. Thank you.

<u>Attendance</u>: At Heathfield we regularly celebrate excellent attendance and are committed to improving our pupils overall attendance and punctuality. The DFE states:

# 'There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. Pupils with persistent absence (less than 90% attendance) are less likely to attain at school and stay in education after the age of 16 years.' (March 2016)

This academic year overall attendance has fallen well short of our expectations and has had the following impact:

- 63% of pupils with less than 90% attendance did not make expected progress
- 37% of children who have had an absence during this academic year are considered by the Local Authority to be 'Persistent Absentees' (below 90% attendance) and are at risk of legal action if there is little or no improvement
- Over 2000 days of learning has been lost by pupils with attendance below 90%
- 28 families have been referred for a Penalty Notice Fine for taking a holiday or an unauthorised leave of absence during term time
- Due to the high number of families taking a holiday during term, our attendance leads carry out unannounced home visits for pupils with 3 or more days of absence, even if the parent has informed the school that their child is ill.
- Parents of 5 pupils have been referred to the Education Welfare Service for poor attendance or punctuality

By law all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable full time education and Parents/Carers are legally responsible for making sure their children attend school.

Our young children live and learn in two worlds – home and school. Working together to make sure our children attend school consistently makes an enormous difference in supporting them to become successful learners who do well, build strong relationships and feel connected within the school community.

Thank you.

Gary Fullwood - Executive Head Teacher

**PE Kit Expectations:** We hope you received the letter about the changes to PE Kit from September and have found the QR codes useful. Our policy will be for all children to wear a plain white t-shirt, navy shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings and a black jumper/hoodie. All kit needs labelling and it should remain in school all week. Please support us with our change in policy.

<u>School Uniform Expectations</u>: When in full uniform our children look very smart! So as you go to purchase any new items of uniform for the new academic year, please remember that all children should wear full school uniform everyday unless they are told otherwise by their teacher. Children should be wearing **black school shoes**, <u>not</u> trainers, sandals, boots or shoes of any other colour. Please label all items of clothing as we understand how frustrating it can be to have items go missing. For a full list of uniform, please visit our website.

**Contact details:** Please make sure that if you change any of your contact details including your work telephone number that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Should we need to contact you in an emergency we need to have the most up to date information to ensure we can get you as quickly as possible. If any details also change for any other emergency contacts that we hold on your child's records you must also make us aware of this as soon as possible. Thank you.

<u>After school clubs</u>: After the Summer holidays we will have the following after school clubs running. All clubs will start week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September and you will get a text confirming your child's place during the first week back.

- Monday KS1 Dance Club for children that will be in Year 1 and 2
- Monday KS2 Football Club for children that will be in Year 3,4,5 and 6
- Tuesday Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Club
- Wednesday Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball Club
- Thursday Year 5 and 6 Basketball Club

Please sign the attached slip if you would like your child to take part. All clubs will start **week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September between 3.15pm and 4.15pm**. You will get a text confirming your child's place during the first week back.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Nottingham City Libraries run their own challenge over the holidays. Visit Bulwell Riverside or Basford library for the pack to start the challenge.





Read 6 library books to get special stickers, some with mysterious smells. By adding these stickers to your collectable mission folders, you will help the Rockets solve clues, dodge asteroids and discover the missing books, having lots of fun and adventures along the way! Finish the challenge for special rewards, a certificate and medal. **BONUS-** If you read more than 6 books the library will put your name in to a special prize draw!

<u>Reply Slip for After School Clubs</u> – We have the following after school clubs taking place from the week commencing **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Please tick which club your child wishes to attend

□ Monday 3.15pm-4.15pm – KS1 Dance Club for children that will be in Year 1 and 2

 $\Box$  Monday – KS2 Football Club for children that will be in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

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

Collecting arrangements

□ I will collect my child when the club has finished □ My son/daughter is going to afterschool club