

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.

Attendance: 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.

School Uniform Expectations: 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**, not 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.

After school clubs: After the Summer holidays we will have the following after school clubs running. All clubs will start week commencing 9th 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 9th 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!

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

I give permission for my childwho will be in year
take part in the following club.

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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.

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