HEATHFIELD NEWS

20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

KERSALL DRIVE CAMPUS



Attendance for the whole school for this week was 95.2%

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 next academic year are green and hit our target of 96.5% or above

Jellyfish AM 93.3%	Jellyfish PM 100%	Jellyfish FT 90.9%	Turtles 96.3%	Octopus 99.3%
Hedgehogs 96.4%	Owls 99.6%	Squirrels 94.1%	Rabbits 88.6%	Peacocks 96.9%
Eagles 95.4%	Pelicans 95.7%	Falcons 94%	Pumas 94.8%	Leopards 94.1%

REMINDER: European Day of Languages: On Thursday 26th September we will be celebrating the languages spoken by our school community. Children will take part in different activities in their classes to highlight the importance of learning languages. Attached to this week's newsletter is an activity sheet for children to complete and return before Thursday. If any parents would like to come in and teach the children a new language please see your child's class teacher!



<u>REMINDER: Turtles and Octopus Trip to the Shops:</u> On Friday 27th September, we are going to go on a short trip to the local shops straight after registration in the morning. We need parent helpers to come and help us! Please let your child's class teacher know if you could help us on our walk. We will be leaving around 9am and will be back at school by 9.45am. Thank you.

<u>Year 5 and 6 Area Band: Leopards and Pumas class:</u> Area Band rehearsals have now started and applications are now open. This is a fantastic opportunity for children in Year 5 and 6 to continue learning their stringed instrument and make music with other children from Nottingham City Schools.

Your child would attend the Sherwood Area Band which takes place at Haydn Primary between 3:45pm – 5:00pm every Wednesday. Transport is arranged and paid for by school; a bus will pick the children up from Kersall Drive at the end of the day and drop them off at Haydn Primary for their rehearsal. Children will return back to Kersall Drive by 5:30pm. If your child is to attend after school club on their return, please inform the office so that we are aware of this.

Area Band participant fees for this year are £25 per pupil for the entire year, with a concessionary rate of £20 if your child is in receipt of free school meals. Please pay this at the school office.

If your child is interested in joining Area Band, please ensure you register before allowing them to attend. The easiest way to register your child is by signing up online by following this link http://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/make-music/area-bands and scrolling down to 'fill in this form'.

Please note that your child will be unable to attend rehearsals without registering first. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please let the office know and they will help you complete a registration form. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.

Miss Dickson - Music Co-ordinator

<u>Drop off arrangements:</u> As you know the school gates are open from 8:30am. To support the drop off and supervision of children on the yard, there will be a member of staff on each playground from 8:40am. This means that parents/carers may leave KS2 children in their class lines so that younger pupils can be accompanied to their class by 8:45am. Hopefully his will be particularly useful if your children are in different places around school. Please note there is no supervision on the yard before this time so parents/carers are responsible for their children until 8:40am. A polite reminder also that no children should be playing on any playground equipment before or after school. Thank you.

School Facebook page: We are in the process of setting up a school Facebook page to enable us to



share information with parents and carers of current pupils. This will be a closed group, so parents/carers will need to request to join. Due to the administrative task required to verify people who request to join, we will be launching the group for parents of children at Kersall Drive only next week. If all goes well we will then aim to roll it out to parents/carers of Scotland Road pupils the week after.



Hopefully this will be a really positive step and improve the way we share information with parents/carers. The link to this page is: https://www.facebook.com/groups/HeathfieldPrimary/

<u>Year 5 and 6 Space Centre Trip – Thursday 3rd October:</u> We are excited to share details of our first educational visit this year for the Leopards and Pumas to the **National Space Centre**. The trip will be taking place on **Thursday 3rd October**. In order to maximise our time at the centre, we are going to be setting off from school slightly earlier, so are asking that **children arrive at school for 8:30am**. We will be travelling via coach. We are aiming to be back at school for around **6:00pm** – but we will confirm this nearer the time.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals or you wish to order a packed lunch from school, please indicate this on the attached reply slip.

The cost of the trip for school comes to approximately £17 per child, however, we are only asking for just £5 **per child,** with the rest being paid for by school. We would be very grateful if this could be paid to the office as soon as possible please.

We will also be very grateful for any support from parents or carers for this trip. If you are able to come, please indicate this on the reply slip and your child's class teacher will let you know nearer the time.

After school Basketball Club: We have some spaces left in our Basketball after school club on a Thursday and would like to offer this out to children in Year 4 as well as children in year 5 and 6. Please sign the attached slip if you would like your child to take part. You will receive a text confirming your child's place.

<u>Holidays and leave of absence in school term time:</u> Please inform us if you are taking your child out of school during term time as we have a duty of care to find out if they are not attending school: it also prevents unnecessary phone calls, texts and home visits. All applications must be made in writing, on the form provided by school.

A leave of absence request shall not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Irrespective of a child's overall attendance. Only the Head Teacher or designate (not the local authority) may authorise such a request. Holidays are not considered as exceptional circumstances and will not be recorded as authorised. When a parent takes a leave of absence to which an application was refused, takes a leave of absence where no application was made or school suspects that a family has been on holiday whilst suggesting to the school another reason of absence, school will request a penalty notice to be issued by the Local Authority. The penalty notice will be issued to each parent of each individual child.

Please note: absences of 3 or more days will require medical documentation to be authorised and may result in a home visit.

Attending family celebrations and weddings abroad will be considered as taking a holiday during term time.

Reply slip for Year 5 and 6 trip to the National Space Centre –Thursday 3 rd October.
I give permission for my child
I am able to attend the trip as adult support
My child requires a packed lunch from school
I enclose £5 towards the cost of the trip
Signed by Parent /Carer
Reply Slip for Year 4, 5 and 6 Basketball after school club – Thursday between 3:15pm and 4:15pm
I give permission for my child
☐ Thursday – Year 4, 5 and 6 Basketball 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
Collecting arrangements ☐ I will collect my child when the club has finished ☐ My son/daughter is going to afterschool club



Here are 10 language challenges. I hope that they will help you to share your language skills and perhaps learn something new. Try to complete as many challenges as you can and complete the table for each challenge that you do. You can do the challenges at school, on your own, with friends or family. I hope that you will be inspired and have fun celebrating the spoken languages of the world we live in.

Give the completed sheet to your teacher by **Thursday 26th September.** They will give you 2 dojos or positives for each challenge you complete.

Miss Thompson

PS. You can use the back of this challenge sheet to write down some of the words you learned to say.

Challenge	How was this challenge?		
	easy	tricky	too difficult
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Say hello to 5 different people and use a different language each time.	©		
Count from 1 – 10 in 2 different languages.	③	<u>:</u>	3
Listen to a story in a different language.	\odot		
Learn to say 'my name is' in another language.	\odot		
Watch a cartoon in a different language.	\odot		
Write a shopping list in a different language.	\odot		\odot
Learn to say 'peace' in 3 different languages.	\odot		\odot
Send an email, text or message in a different language.	\odot		
Play a game in a different language.	(3)		
Learn to say 'happy' in 3 different languages.	<u></u>	<u></u>	· ·