

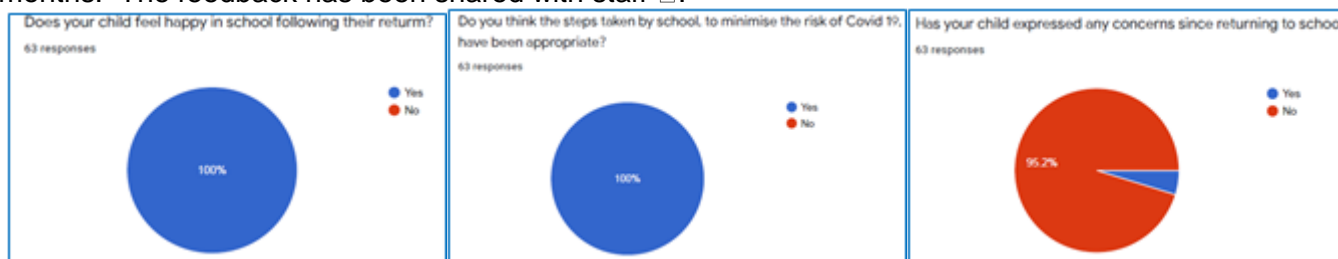


The last day of term will be next Thursday 23rd July. School will remain closed throughout the Summer holidays. School will reopen to all children in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 2nd September. Children in F1 and F2 will be having a period of transition into school which will have been arranged with you already.

Re-opening of School in September: The Government have announced that schools will reopen to all pupils in September. The Senior Leadership Team are working hard to ensure that all the necessary risk assessments, plans and timetables are in place to enable this to happen safely for all staff and children. Mr Fullwood will be writing to all parents next week outlining the arrangements for the new academic year. There will be some changes and some new arrangements which will need to be followed to ensure we can manage the health and safety risks for children, parents and staff particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. Please continue to read all letters thoroughly. Our school website will also be a good place to refer to if you feel like you have missed anything.

Transition: Thank you to all of you who made it to your Zoom meetings on Wednesday. The teachers were a little nervous to be live in front of the new children but really enjoyed seeing so many smiling faces. Teachers have set the children a task to do over the holidays so get involved and share your work, your favourite things or send a postcard to your new teacher ready for September.

Feedback from Parents: We had 63 responses from a recent questionnaire sent out to parents/carers of children who have either accessed Rainbow Club or have returned to school in F2, Year1, Year 5 and Year 6. The results were very positive and we would like to thank everyone for their support over the last 4 months. The feedback has been shared with staff .



Staff leaving at the end of term: We will be saying goodbye to Miss Allen who has been at Heathfield for 10 years as teacher, Senco and Assistant Head. Miss Allen has worked at both campuses and has been working in Year 5/6 since returning from maternity leave in June.

We are also saying Happy Retirement to Mrs Sims after 30 years at Heathfield. Mrs Sims has seen many changes at Heathfield over the years and her experience and support for our younger pupils will be greatly missed. Mrs Sims is currently supporting the Rainbow Club at Scotland Road.

It has been a strange time for Mrs Sims and Miss Allen as Heathfield is so quiet at the end of term but we wish them all the very best for their next adventures.



Key information:



- **Uniform** – from September all children will be required to wear full school uniform. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct items of clothing to school. Uniform includes **black flat shoes** and no novelty headbands (cat ears/unicorn horns).
- **PE kits** – Children will need to wear a full PE kit for their PE lessons. Our PE kit uniform is a plain white T-Shirt, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms, a black or navy jumper and trainers. In a change to normal, children should wear PE kit to school on their allocated day rather than their uniform.
- **Early Birds** – until we have our systems up and running with Breakfast Club, staggered drop-off times and staff ensuring 'bubbles' are well established, there will be **NO** Free Early Bird breakfast provision on offer. Apologies for any inconvenience with this.
- **Year 5/6 children:** If you wish for your child to develop some independence and to start walking to and from school, please put your request in writing to the class teacher so we are able to ensure all children are safe at the end of the day. Children who are coming to school on their own may have a mobile phone with them. These phones will go up to class with them but your child must hand it over to the teacher who will store it in a plastic zipped bag and will lock it away for safe keeping. Children walking home alone will leave school at normal home time.
- **Communication:** Where possible we will be using technology and phones to communicate around the school to prevent staff bursting the bubbles. The office team are not able to visit phases unless in an emergency so if you need to get a message to the teacher or are bringing in a lunchbox or water bottle after the start of the day, you must leave it at the office in time for messages to be sent to the teachers. We are using Microsoft Teams on laptops, tablets and phones as a way of communicating to staff around school.



Use of Public Transport: The government have issued guidance for families using public transport. Further information can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>

Contact us during the holidays: We have a new email address which you can use should you need any support over the summer break - families@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk This email address will be checked regularly by our safeguarding team. All other enquiries should go to the admin@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk address.



Foodbank Collection: We would like to support the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank by donating some food for them to give to those in need over the summer holidays. We have had families use this service in the past and it would be nice if we were able to offer something to keep the foodbank topped up. Please leave your donation at the office and we will take it to the foodbank on Thursday next week. Thank You!

Mixed classes FAQs

What are the benefits of the mixed classes?

Children are able to remain in their class for 2 years (Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6) and usually this is with the same teacher who gets to know them very well and ensures a smoother transition at the start of an academic year. The children form new friendships across the year groups and have role models in class to support them as they move into new phase.

Will my child miss out on a year of work?

Our phases always work together and work on a 2-year cycle of topics. The National Curriculum is generally split over KS1 and KS2 and sometimes KS2 is split between Y3/4 and Y5/6 so there is no learning loss. Our subject leaders have worked hard to ensure good progression of knowledge and skills across themes and year groups on our curriculum pathways. Maths may be taught in year groups rather than classes but all other subjects are taught as classes and are planned to meet the needs of all children.

Will the work be too easy for the older children and too hard for the younger ones?

The work is always differentiated based on the prior knowledge of each child. Teachers are skilled in finding the gaps in learning and addressing these through the organisation of their class. All children will be working towards their predicted level and this will be assessed accordingly each term using statutory tests for each single year group. If the children feel the work is too easy or hard, the teacher will address this in the planning and in the support offered where necessary. By the time we return to school the children will have missed 15 school weeks of learning – teachers will be working hard to ensure the gaps in learning are narrowed and that the children settle quickly back into the routines and new rules of school.

Will my child remain with their teacher for 2 years from September?

It is hoped that the younger children in each class will spend 2 years with the teacher which is a good solution to the issues of transitioning back into school following lockdown or even after a school holiday. We have been able to ensure half of the current Y1, Y3 and Y5 children will remain with their teacher from this academic year and will therefore be able to be role models for the new children in class. All classes currently have less than 30 children so are within our class bubble limit.



Rainbow Club: This week our theme was 'At the Seaside'. KS2 learned about lighthouses and enjoyed making their own model of a lighthouse. They also studied about the work of the Royal National Lifeguard Institute. We had a very good debate about which 3 pieces of kit we thought were the most important. It was also quite exciting using Google to watch a lifeboat being launched out to sea.

In KS1 Rainbow Club we have been learning all about the seaside! We practised using our prepositional language in maths and some of us solved some position problems too. We then went outside and practised using the vocabulary to give each other instructions. In English we read the story Meerkat Mail. We enjoyed learning all about meerkats and recording our favourite facts. In the afternoon we learnt the names of the five oceans and did some ocean-themed art.



Today we learnt about time in maths and we did some amazing writing about the seaside. We also read the story Mister Seahorse and discussed our favourite parts. We then had a very exciting afternoon. We designed our own 'seaside fairground' and played lots of different games!

Message from the Year 1 teachers: "This week, Foxes and Badgers bubbles have been looking at Paddington again! We have been writing lots of lovely sentences about Paddington and we even created our own word searches to challenge each other with. We also designed and made paper aeroplanes in science and then we had a competition outside to see whose travelled the furthest! Next week we have lots of exciting activities planned. Can you please bring an empty plastic bottle into school. If you have any netting spare (from oranges) we would also really appreciate this! Thank you."



Change of menu: As Thursday 23rd July is the last day of term for all pupils, we will be having our fish fingers or cheese and tomato pizza and chips options



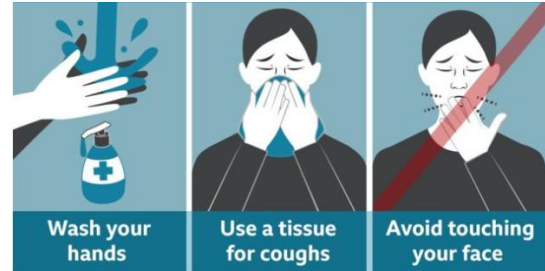
Reminder: All children in school must have a named water bottle with them and if the sun is out and the weather is warm they will also need a sunhat and sun cream either applied before the start of the day or with them which the child must be able to apply to themselves.



Stop the germs: Please could parents remind their children of the importance of good hygiene routines. There are some great handwashing videos on YouTube that use song and rhyme to encourage children to stay germ free.

Encourage your child to wash their hands with hot soap and water for twenty seconds:

- ✓ before leaving home
- ✓ on arrival at school
- ✓ after using the toilet
- ✓ after breaks and sporting activities
- ✓ before food preparation
- ✓ before eating any food, including snacks
- ✓ before leaving school



Nottingham City Libraries Summer Programme: Below is the Libraries summer programme of events happening via their social media channel and on their website.

There are lots of amazing things happening including storytelling from Nicky Rafferty and John Kirk retelling the classic twits(only available live on the day!) and Poet Chris White showing some of his illustrations and creating lots of silliness and Johnny from Johnny and the raindrops performing too.

School's Out Fun Day!

Are you ready for a day packed full of silliness and fun...of course you are!
Start your summer with this online day of fun!

10AM: Chris White
Get your pencils out and join writer and illustrator Chris White for a silly, snappy Summer Reading session!

11AM: Storytime with Stacey
Let us entertain you with a story called Show and Tell by Rob Biddulph. Learn why biggest isn't always best and then create your own crazy creature.

12PM: Nicky Rafferty
Listen to a charming story about a King and how he uses stories to become a better ruler. Then gather some stories from family and try out retelling them yourself.

1PM: Councillor Trimble
Launches the Online Library summer activities programme and reads the classic Katie Morag and the Big Boy Cousins by Mairi Hedderwick.

2PM: John Kirk
Watch this exclusive interactive performance live – don't miss the one opportunity to watch! Storyteller John retells Roald Dahl's classic story – The Twits!

3PM: Music with Johnny
Join Johnny from the band Johnny and the Raindrops for some body-moving, heart-warming, brain-expanding live music.

Monday 27 July 10AM - 3.30PM
A Facebook Event: @NottinghamLibraries
Warning: This day may contain an awful lot of silliness!

**NOTTINGHAM CITY LIBRARIES
SUMMER OF FUN NEWSLETTER**

This summer Nottingham City Libraries is sadly unable to offer our usual summer programme of activities.

So instead we have developed a brilliant range of activities for children to take part in and enjoy online. There's something for children of all ages!

You can find details of all the activities and events listed in the newsletter on our website:
www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/sof

Our libraries are starting to reopen and you can keep up to date here:
<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/coronavirus>



To celebrate the start of the holidays and to officially launch our programme on Monday 27 July 10am – 3pm we have an exciting day of entertainment lined up.

We've storytellers and stories, illustrators, music from Johnny of Johnny & the Raindrops and an exclusive interactive retelling of Roald Dahl's The Twits. For the full line-up and times see the website.



This year the Summer Reading Challenge has gone online. To take part in Silly Squad, children need to sign up online to unlock digital rewards, activities, games and video content as well as rewards for reading anything they like – from library eBooks to comics at home or listening to books read live online - whatever makes you happy!

Silly Squad has already started and will run until September. Just visit the Silly Squad to get started. A grown up will need to help with signing up.



This summer Nottingham City Libraries is challenging you to read as many books as you can, and for every 6 books you read and review, you can enter a draw to win some fantastic prizes!

Starting Saturday 11 July right through to Saturday 12 September, Love to Read is open to children of all ages, little ones can get help from grown-ups or older brothers or sisters.

The more books you read, the more times you can enter, and the more times you enter, the greater chance you have of winning! You can enter online or submit your reviews on paper.

You can review anything you like including:

Books you have at home
E-books borrowed from the library
Stories you have listened to as part of StoryParks
Stories you listened to, from libraries and Storytime with Stacey.
Joining Silly Squad and reviewing these books too!

Stories, crafts and activities



Enjoy Storytime with Stacey every Monday morning at 11am then try out our special craft ideas and explore lots more related activities. There will be a different theme every week.

You can see the full programme and videos so far on the website.

You can see Storytime with Stacey on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamLibraries>