



Attendance for the whole school for last week was **98.2%**

If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725
Green is good! – Let's make sure all our classes this academic year are in the green and hit our target of **96.5% or above**

Seahorses 95.8%	Dolphins 96.5%	Foxes 98.7%	Badgers 98.7%	Hares 100%
Flamingos 100%	Toucans 94.9%	Parrots 97.9%	Lions 98.7%	Tigers 100%
				Jaguars 97.4%

Congratulations to the Hares, Flamingos & Tigers who achieved 100% attendance and have won £10 for their class money bank!



Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots Launch Day: On the 16th September 2021, we will be having a Numbots/TTRockstar launch day! They are apps children will use in school, and at home, to help their number fluency. On the day we will make sure all children have their logins and usernames and will be reminded how to use the apps. They can also practice using them. We hope you will help us get into the spirit by sending your child dressed up as a Robot or Rockstar to celebrate - the crazier the better!

Reminder of drop off and collection times and locations from September 2021:

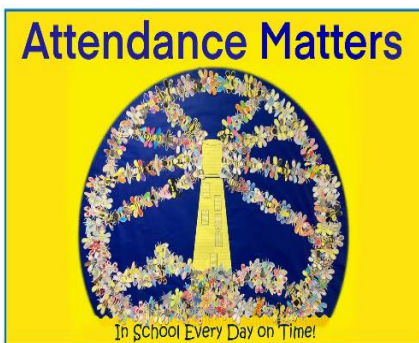
- The school day will officially start for all children at 8:45am with gates and doors opening from 8:40am for pupils to go straight into class.
- The school day will finish at 3:30pm Monday - Thursday and **12:50pm on Fridays** when school will continue to close after lunch for all children apart from those attending Rainbow Club
- Drop off and collection point will remain the same, apart from collection for year 5 & 6. Year 5 & 6 parents/carers will now collect from the KS2 yard along with the parents from Year 3 & 4

Year 4 Sleepover Thursday 7th October: Exciting news, Year 4's will be invited to a school sleepover where they get to enjoy team games, a camp fire and sleeping over in school! Please complete the online form if you would like your child to attend, please be aware that places are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis <https://forms.office.com/r/sQ4qpaAG57> Please follow this link <https://bit.ly/3tIHEHv> to a video explaining the event and use this form <https://bit.ly/2X1jPhD> to reserve a place. If we have more requests than spaces available, we will draw names out of a hat.



Friday Afternoon Rainbow Club: If you believe that your child is eligible to attend Rainbow Club on Friday afternoons and you would like to reserve a place, please contact the school office.

Year 5 & 6 Children Walking Home Alone: At Heathfield we give parents/carers of children, in Year 5 & 6, the option to let their children walk home alone at the end of the school day, without younger siblings. If you would like to give your consent for your child to walk home alone for certain days or the whole week, please complete this form. <https://forms.office.com/r/Zy0hfaNHpB>



All pupils are expected to achieve the attendance target of at least 96.5%

Holidays in Term Time Will Not Be Authorised

Families taking a holiday during term time are at risk of legal action and/or a Penalty Notice being issued

Attendance

- It is the parents' responsibility to contact school on the first day of their child's absence
- School will attempt to contact parents by text or telephone if the reason of absence has not been reported by 9.20am
- If school has not been informed of a child's absence by the following day, then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised
- If a child is absent for 3 or more days, parents may be asked to provide medical documentation to support the number of days taken for an absence and/or a home visit may be carried out

Did you know that...

- 1 day off in a school week will mean that your child has only achieved 80% attendance that week?
- 5 days of absence in a 6-week half term means that your child has only achieved 83.4% for the half term!
- Attendance below 90% means that your child is in the persistent absentee category and could result in a referral for legal action to be considered!

Poor attendance is considered a safeguarding concern.

Please help us to get all pupils into school every day and on time!

PARENT LITE APP: As a school, we always need to ensure that your contact details and your child/children's information is up to date and accurate should we need to contact you for any reason. To support this we have a new convenient way for you to access, review and request changes to the data held on you and your children.

An activation email to access the parent app at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC has been sent out this week. Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact your school if you require a replacement after this date. If you have not received this please contact the school office so that we can check we have your correct email address on our system.

Getting started with the SIMS Parent Lite App

1. We will send you an activation email to the email address we have on record for you, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account
2. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password
3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent Lite**
4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

This half term we are focusing on our well-being area of **Connect**

This week each class has engaged in activities that promote, build and strengthening relationships and friendships, getting to know each other in the new class and finding out interesting things about each other.

Humans are sociable beings, being around others and spending time with our friends and families is really important for our well-being and positive mental.

Why not start a conversation with your child about the important people in their life and things that you can do to connect with others.



Covid protocols at Heathfield

We are being cautious as we reopen as we want to keep our children and staff as safe as possible while there is still a high risk of transmission in the community. Our protocols remain in place from last academic year. The only difference to the children is we are enabling teachers to set their rooms how they wish them to be rather than the older children having to sit in rows. This is encouraging social skills and friendships but will continue to be reviewed if we get any covid cases in school.

Please follow this link to see the protocol document. <https://bit.ly/3DLuQog>



The Local Authority has also issued a revised Covid 19 Risk Assessment detailing the control measures needed in school. Please read these relevant points carefully as they are for the benefit of the whole school community.

- Pupils, parents / carers and any visitors, such as suppliers, are informed not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus:
 - a new, continuous cough
 - **or** a high temperature
 - **or** has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Note: Although there are other symptoms associated with the Delta variant, these three symptoms are still only used in determining whether someone must self-isolate.

- if your child has symptoms, you must arrange for a PCR test and report the result to the school. In the event that you undertake an LFD test and the test result is negative, this **does not allow** them to return to school earlier than the 10-day self-isolation period allows.

- Parents, other over 16s and other eligible individuals in households are encouraged to access the vaccination programme
- The [latest NHS/PHE test and trace information](#) has been shared with parents.
- Self-isolation of close contacts will only be undertaken on advice from NHS Test and Trace where they are over 18 **and** have not received both vaccinations (applies from 16th August 2021).
- Parents/carers' drop-off and pick-up protocols that minimise adult to adult contact are in place. Parents/carers are instructed not to congregate in groups on, or directly outside the school premises