



Attendance for the whole school for last week was 91.3%					
If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725					
Seahorses 78.2%		Dolphins 90.2%		Foxes 85.4%	
Badgers 86.5%		Hares 91.5%			
Flamingos 92.9%	Toucans 93.7%	Parrots 94.6%	Lions 95.8%	Tigers 94.4%	Jaguars 97.3%
Congratulations to the jaguars who achieved 97.3% attendance and have won gold, Lions who have won silver and Parrots who won bronze.					

PE Uniform: As we now allow pupils to wear their PE uniform to school for the entire day on the days they have PE, or attend Rainbow Club on a Friday, it is important that they wear the correct PE uniform. This ensures the children look smart, stay warm and are able to access all the activities. We have had a PE uniform in place for several years now and have tried to make it as simple and affordable as possible.

From the new year, any children who are not wearing the correct PE uniform, without a note or call from their parent/carer to give a valid reason, will receive a reminder letter to take home. If the issue is not corrected after two reminders the class teacher or myself will call the child’s parents/ carers to request that the issue is addressed as soon as possible.

Our PE uniform consists of completely plain and unbranded black joggers/leggings/shorts, white t shirt and black jumper/hoodie. Examples are shown in the images below.

We request that these items are unbranded to avoid children feeling under pressure to wear a particular brand.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Mr Hicks



Winter Raffle: We are currently putting together hampers for a winter raffle. If you would like to donate any unwanted and unused gifts or items towards this we would be most grateful. Alternatively, do you have contacts with any companies who would like to donate a prize or gift for the raffle. Donations can be handed into the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Key Stage One Christmas Assemblies: This year, each Key Stage One class will be holding a Christmas Assembly for parents/carers. To ensure we keep everyone safe, we will be asking parents/carers to socially distance in the hall and will be limiting the number of tickets available. Please note the dates below for your child's class. Each child will be allocated one ticket, please speak to your child's teacher if you need a second ticket



Badgers - Tuesday 7th Dec 2:30pm
Hares - Wednesday 8th Dec 2:30pm
Foxes – Thursday 9th Dec 2:30pm

Nursery Christmas Storytelling: We will be inviting in the parents of the Seahorses class on Tuesday 14th December at either 11.15am or 3.00pm to listen to the pupils tell the story of Dear Santa.



Reception Christmas Storytelling: We will be inviting in the parents of the Dolphins class on either Monday 13th December at 2.45pm or Tuesday 14th December 9.00am to listen to the pupils tell their own version of Dear Santa.

Christmas Songs with Years 3-6: Join us on the KS2 yard to listen (and join in!) with festive Christmas Songs on Thursday 16th December at 3pm.



Theatre Trip: On Thursday 16th December, the Dolphins class are going to watch the performance of The Gingerbread Man at the Lakeside Theatre. We will be leaving school at 1pm and returning by 3.15pm. This trip will cost around £15 a child, however, with funding provided by school we can reduce this price to £3 per child which includes the theatre ticket (normally £10) and the coach there and back. Please give consent and payment through the School Gateway App by 1st December.



We have a limited number of extra tickets we can offer to parents. If you would like to join us, please give your name to the office by Thursday 18th November. We will then pull names out of a hat and contact you if you are successful to arrange a payment of £5. Parents with tickets will need to be able to accompany the children to and from the theatre on the coach.



Band Connect is an exciting new ensemble which will teach students from year groups 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 how to play the basics on the keyboard/piano, guitar/bass and drums. No experience is necessary, just a passion to learn! Students will also learn how those instruments connect and work together in a band setting, and start to develop song writing skills on both instruments and using music tech.

We feel this will be a very popular ensemble, so to find out the level of interest please pass this short questionnaire onto the pupils/parents of year groups 4-8. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER.

Thank you so much for your support!

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Packed Lunches, Snacks and Drinks: Please note that children should only be bringing in water in their drinks bottles, this ensures that any spillages can be cleaned up quickly and promotes our 'Healthy Schools Award' status. In addition, please ensure that children only bring healthy snacks to school for break time, not sweets, chocolate or crisps. Similarly, packed lunches should not contain sweets or fizzy drinks, please provide a healthy balanced lunch for your child.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

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

'BE Active'

Physical activity has a huge potential to enhance our wellbeing. Even a short burst of 10 minutes' brisk walking increases our mental alertness, energy and positive mood. Participation in regular physical activity can increase our self-esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety.

This week we looked at being active with little movement and the children joined in with a balancing activity that really tested their core strength and resilience! How long can you balance on one leg without falling?



Children in Need: Thank you to everybody who helped make our pyjama day a great success by donating and joining in with all of the activities. Our total raised at the Scotland Road campus was an amazing: £306.52.

We have some unclaimed items left behind from the cake donations; a pink plate with daisies, a rectangular metal tin and a boots tote bag. They are waiting in the office for their generous owners to collect them. Thank you

Lost Property: On Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next two weeks, lost property will be available to collect from under the shelter in the Key Stage 2 playground. Any unclaimed items after this time will be given to charity

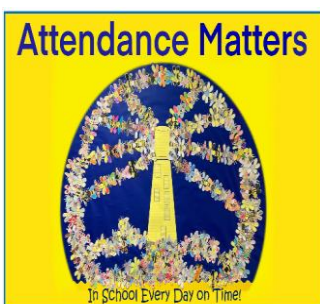


All pupils are expected to achieve the attendance target of at least 96.5%

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

Contacting school on the first day of your child's absence prevents unnecessary texts or phone calls being made and avoids staff having to carry out a home visit.

Poor attendance is considered a safeguarding concern.

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

Mental Health Support: The website <https://nottalone.org.uk/> is a great resource providing local mental health advice and help for young people in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. The website covers a wide range of subjects from Family Separation and Mental Health to Bereavement and Depression

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations: As you will be aware we have had to rearrange the flu session, due to the immunisation team being redeployed to help with the Covid Vaccination Programme. They will now be coming to Scotland Road on **14th December 21** in the morning. All consents previously been completed by parents will to be carried forward. If you originally consented to your child having the vaccine but no longer want them to have it, you must contact the immunisation team and leave your contact details with them.

School Aged Immunisation Team

✉ SAIS@nottshc.nhs.uk

☎ 07920 182032 (SPA)

Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
School Aged Immunisation Service
Mansfield Woodhouse Health Centre
Church Street
Mansfield Woodhouse
Nottinghamshire
NG19 8BL

Thank you to all the parents/ carers who have already completed the Flu Vaccination consent form. There is still time to consent if you haven't already and you would like your child to be vaccinated, please follow this [link www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu) and use our school code **NG122442S**



week.

Friday Afternoon Rainbow Club: If your child has been attending rainbow club last term, they may continue to do so this half term, up to the Christmas break. If you did not sign your child onto Rainbow club last term but will need to access it going forward, please complete the form below (one for each child). In a change to last year, we are requesting that eligible children attend every session. This will help us ensure the correct number of staff are available each

Previously we have only allocated places for the weeks that a parent/carer was working. However, children will be allocated a place if their parent/carer is working on at least one of the Fridays of that half term.

[Link to form - https://forms.office.com/r/EnDD67CRg7](https://forms.office.com/r/EnDD67CRg7)

Please note that as we are now using Microsoft Forms to collect responses, evidence of contracts and rotas must now be emailed to rainbowclub@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk to secure a place.

Parents of children who have been invited to Rainbow Club as they are in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant funding will continue to attend every Friday afternoon.

Please contact the school office if you need further clarification.

Covid protocols at Heathfield

We are continuing to ensure risk assessments are being followed in school and we are regularly reminding children to wash their hands and where possible to keep their distance from others. The cold weather and return to the 'flu season' is always a tricky time of year so please look after yourselves and each other.

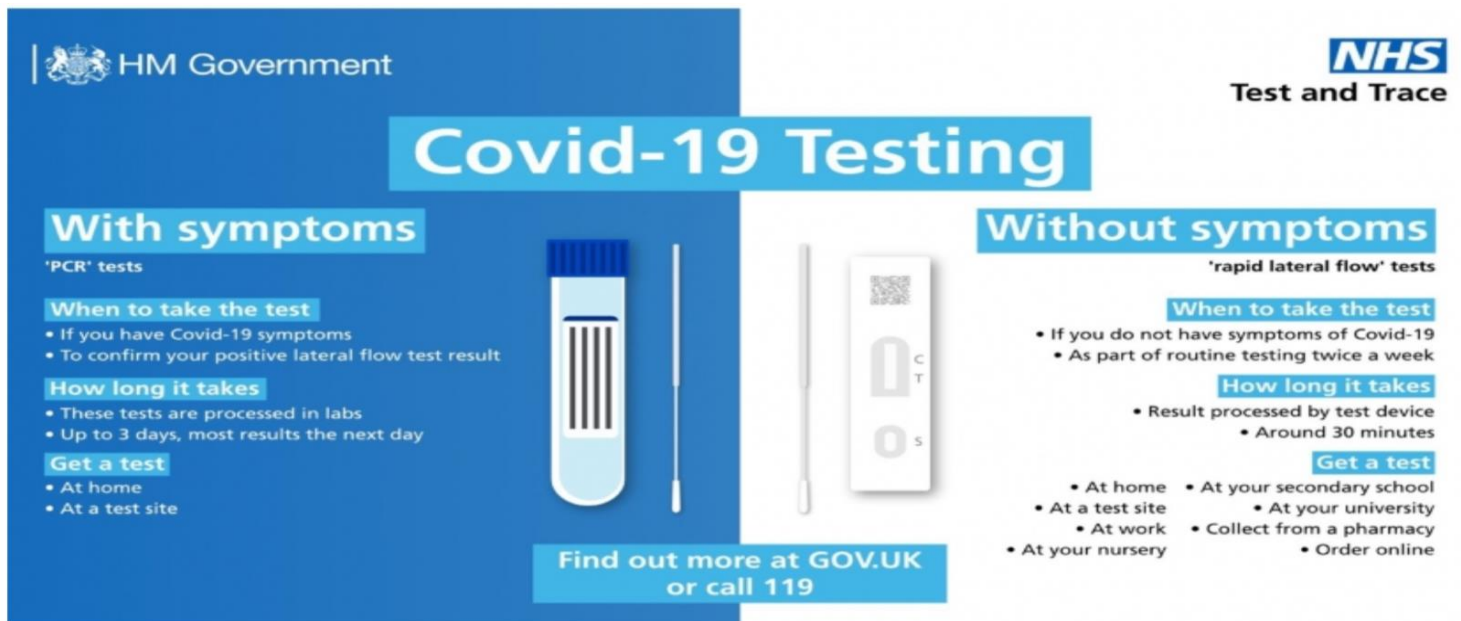
If your child has the typical symptoms of:

- a cough,
- loss of taste of smell or
- a high temperature

then you should take them for a PCR test and isolate.

A few of our more recent cases have continued to show the Delta variant symptoms of **flu like symptoms or a sore throat**. For peace of mind we recommend getting a PCR test if you or your child has these symptoms. As the winter season usually brings coughs and colds we do ask that you take responsibility in ensuring any such symptoms are checked out.

A negative Lateral Flow test **will not** enable a child to return to school earlier than the 10 day isolation period.



The infographic is titled "Covid-19 Testing" and is part of the NHS Test and Trace campaign. It is divided into two main sections: "With symptoms" and "Without symptoms".

With symptoms: This section is for "PCR" tests. It includes the following information:

- When to take the test:**
 - If you have Covid-19 symptoms
 - To confirm your positive lateral flow test result
- How long it takes:**
 - These tests are processed in labs
 - Up to 3 days, most results the next day
- Get a test:**
 - At home
 - At a test site

Without symptoms: This section is for "rapid lateral flow" tests. It includes the following information:

- When to take the test:**
 - If you do not have symptoms of Covid-19
 - As part of routine testing twice a week
- How long it takes:**
 - Result processed by test device
 - Around 30 minutes
- Get a test:**
 - At home
 - At your secondary school
 - At a test site
 - At your university
 - At work
 - Collect from a pharmacy
 - At your nursery
 - Order online

At the bottom of the infographic, it says "Find out more at GOV.UK or call 119".

Non-Uniform Day Competition: To try and encourage as many parents as possible to read our newsletter, each week we will be adding a link, to a VERY quick survey, at the end of the newsletter.

Once you have read the newsletter, click the link, add your name and click on your child/children's class. The class that has the highest percentage of parents/carers read the newsletter will win a non-uniform day the following Friday! Winner will be announced in Monday's assembly!

Here is the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/1byaALtnE0>