10TH DECEMBER 2021 SCOTLAND ROAD CAMPUS



Attendance for the whole school for last week was 95.1% If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725

Seahorses		Dolphins	Foxes	Badgers	Hares
94.9%		97%	90.6%	98.5%	96%
Flamingos	Toucans	Parrots	Lions	Tigers	Jaguars
97.7%	94.5%	94.9%	96.9%	94.8%	95%

Congratulations to the Badgers who achieved 98.5% attendance and have won gold, Flamingos who have won silver and Dolphins who won bronze.



Christmas Jumper Day: Heathfield's Christmas Jumper Day will be on Wednesday 15th December, the same day as our Christmas dinner Do not feel that you need to go out and buy a jumper, we love to see home decorated jumpers. You may donate £1 to Save The Children using the schoolgateway app, bring the £1 in to school or donate to the foodbank (see below). Children may also wear their Christmas jumper on the last day of school, Friday 17th December.

<u>Food Bank Donations</u>: For familes that are already strugglung, Christmas can be an incredibly tough time of the year. The Mesopotamia Charity, over the road from school, runs a food bank that supports families in our local community. They are in urgent need of donations to ensure they can support as many families as possible. They will accept any food donations but are short of some particular products:

- UHT Milk
- Tinned food, particularly pasta and spaghetti hoops
- Sugar

If you are able to help in any way, please bring in your donations into school for your child to pass on to their teacher, we will then gather them all up and deliver them to the food bank at the end of next week.





Thank you for your ongoing support.

Government Plan B announcement: The Prime Minister set out new regulations for England in regards to wearing of face coverings and working from home if possible. School will remain open as normal and our covid risk assessments continue to be adhered to daily. The children are still remaining in their phase bubbles and therefore the planned events next week should still be going ahead with the staff taking on additional measures to avoid unnecessary mixing of classes etc. Face masks are required if you visit school or come into the main office reception area.



Please reinforce good hygiene routines at home and if you or your child are showing ANY of the typical Covid symptoms you are advised to get a PCR test asap. **Children and staff can only return to school with proof of a negative PCR test**. We want everyone to have a happy, safe and healthy Christmas break so we need to do all we can now to stop the spread of germs in the community. Your help will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

<u>Flu Immunisations</u>: The Nurses will be here on **Tuesday 14**th **Dec**. 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 and use our school code **NG122442S**





<u>Winter Raffle:</u> We are currently putting together hampers for a winter raffle, a food hamper, a toy hamper and a pamper hamper. If you would like to donate any unwanted and unused gifts or items towards these 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. Thank you to everybody who has already kindly donated.

Each ticket for our Winter Raffle costs £1 - you can purchase as many tickets as you like using our schoolgateway app. from 8th December. We will text you when your tickets are ready to collect from the school office. All proceeds will go towards experiences and activities for the children in our school.

The 1st Prize is a Christmas Food Hamper, 2nd Prize Toy Hamper and 3rd Prize Pamper Hamper. Other prizes include;

Nintendo DS, Playmobile set, Spiderman scooter, Clarins gift tin, 4 Clarins bags, M&S iPhone/iPod dock, 7-day easy rider card, Clip and climb tickets, 2 Savoy cinema tickets, 3 Christmas eve boxes, 10 small toiletry prizes, 7 selection boxes.

Christmas Party Dates: Each phase will have a Christmas party in the afternoon of the following dates -

Foxes, Badgers & Hares: Monday 13th December

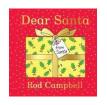
Parrots, Toucans & Flamingos: Tuesday 14th December

Seahorse & Dolphins: Wednesday 15th December (Morning Seahorses are invited back to the party at

2pm and will need to be collected at 3.30pm.)

Lions, Tigers & Jaguars: Thursday 16th December

On the day of their party children may come to school wearing their party clothes. Please ensure that they have sensible shoes and will be warm enough.



<u>Nursery Christmas Storytelling:</u> 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. A letter will be sent home on Monday with your child with more information.

<u>Reception Christmas Storytelling:</u> 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.

To enable social distancing, we have to limit the numbers so children will be allocated one ticket for an adult to come and watch. Dolphins parents/carers will have the choice of which performance they would like to attend and will need to collect a ticket for their chosen date from the school office. Tickets will be available to collect from the school office from Monday 6th December. Wrap up all warm, we will be performing in the Foundation Playground.



<u>Theatre Trip</u>: 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. If you have volunteered to help with this trip please be advised you will need to wear a face covering for the coach journey and inside the theatre in line with Government guidelines. We also politely request that you have a negative lateral flow test result prior to the trip.





To see the full "Keeping Well This Winter" leaflet, please follow this link. https://bit.lv/3GovGro

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

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 competed 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

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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 and use our school code NG122442S



<u>Flamingos, Parrots and Toucans:</u> On Friday 7th January 2022, we are so excited to be going to see Beauty and The Beast at The Playhouse in Nottingham. <u>All of Year 3 and 4</u> will be leaving at 1pm, travelling by coach from school and coming **back to school at 4.30pm** (traffic depending).

Please give your consent for this trip on the school gateway app

Parent/carer support needed! On **Friday 7**th **January** 2022, <u>all</u> Year 3 and 4 are going to the Pantomime at the Playhouse! We are so excited about it, but need parent/carer helpers to come with us. Can you help? We are leaving school at 1pm and will be **back at 4.30pm** (traffic depending). Please let the school office know if you can ASAP. Thank you.

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://bit.ly/3EJ7qQh

<u>Mental Health Support:</u> 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



<u>Friday Afternoon Rainbow Club</u>: 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

week.

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

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.

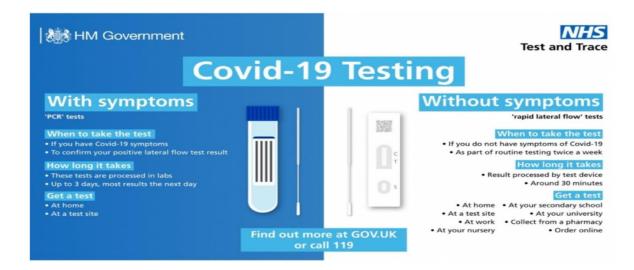
If your child has the typical symptoms of:

- 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.



Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

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



BE Active'

Being active is great for our well-being and this needs to be balanced with healthy eating and lots of good sleep!

Being active doesn't need to be high energy and lots of running around! Taking time for a leisurely walk, stretching, swimming and doing activities like yoga are all great ways to be active but at a

slower pace

Eating eat a variety of colourful fruits and vegetables every day will help us all to be healthy. By using a rainbow as a guide, you can ensure that children benefit from a wide range of vitamins and minerals. No single fruit or vegetable provides all the nutrients that kids need. By breaking produce down into colour groups of red, orange, yellow, green and purples you can make eating fruits and vegetables fun and easy for kids! Even at a very young age, kids can easily grasp the concept of eating a rainbow.

Attendance Matters!

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



Friday Attendance

Did you know that **essential learning happens every Friday** and not bringing your child to school at the end of the week will have a serious impact on their learning and attainment!

Key Stage 1: years 1 & 2

Spelling and phonic tests are done on Friday as well as the big write of the week. It is also the day when they learn a stand-alone unit of maths; missing these lessons each week means your child is missing out on an entire unit of the curriculum area.

Lower Key stage 2: years 3 & 4

- English, Reading and Maths are all taught in morning slot, so missing the Friday morning means missing core subjects. This means your child will have to catch up on Monday while also trying to complete the next sequence of learning.
- Friday maths lessons are a stand-alone unit and it was clear on the recent maths papers who had missed these units of the curriculum.
- Homework is also given out on Fridays.

Upper Key Stage 2: years 5 & 6

- Homework is handed out on Fridays so those not attending don't get their homework. Those that complete the homework weekly appear to make more progress than those who do not.
- ♣ A different unit of maths is taught on Fridays; missing these lessons each week means missing out on an entire unit of the curriculum area.
- Children with poor attendance are often behind the rest of the year group in reading, writing and maths.

Please remember to contact school on the first day of your child's absence, this 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!