



**Attendance for the whole school for last week was 92.5%**

**If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725**


<b>Seahorses</b> 92.1%	<b>Dolphins</b> 93%	<b>Foxes</b> 95.4%	<b>Badgers</b> 93%	<b>Hares</b> 90.6%
<b>Flamingos</b> 96.3%	<b>Toucans</b> 93.3%	<b>Parrots</b> 97.7%	<b>Lions</b> 95.8%	<b>Tigers</b> 97.2%
				<b>Jaguars</b> 95%

Congratulations to the Parrots who achieved 97.7% attendance and have won gold, Tigers who have won silver and Flamingos who won bronze.

**Time to say goodbye:** We are sad to announce that Miss Dickson will be leaving us at Christmas. Having been a highly valued member of staff for over ten years, she has had a huge impact on the schooling of hundreds of our pupils, especially those who have engaged with our choir or who play an instrument. She is going to be sorely missed by the pupils and staff and we all wish her the very best on her next adventure. Miss Dickson has spoken to her class today to let them know that this will be her last term at Heathfield.

**A Big Welcome:** We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff to Heathfield. Miss Clarke has been with us for a couple of weeks now and will be taking over the Flamingos class from January until the end of the school year. She has impressed during her time in school and will already be a familiar face to the children in Year 3 & 4. Over the next two weeks she will be spending time in the Flamingos class and liaising with Miss Dickson to ensure a smooth transition for the pupils. Welcome to Heathfield!





**Christmas Dinner Menu**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Roast Turkey, Gravy & Stuffing  
With Pigs in Blankets

Or



Roasted Quorn, Stuffing & Gravy  
With Quorn Chipolata or Yorkshire Pudding

With  
Roast Potatoes  
and Vegetables of the season

pudding

Christmas Pudding  
Or  
Chocolate Mousse Christmas Stars

*Merry Christmas!*

**Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Your child should have come home this week with a copy of our Christmas Dinner menu. To enable us to help the kitchen with their preparations and to give them an estimation of numbers if you would like your child to have a dinner on this day, please complete and return the reply slip at the bottom of the menu letting us know of their choice of either turkey or Quorn no later than **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. If you do not pick a choice for your child we will assume that they will be bringing a packed lunch in from home on this day.

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





**Winter Raffle:** 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 8<sup>th</sup> December. We will text you when your tickets are ready to collect from the school office.

The 1st Prize is a Christmas Hamper, 2nd Prize Toy Hamper and 3rd Prize Pamper Hamper. There will also be various other prizes. All proceeds will go towards experiences and activities for the children in our school.

**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

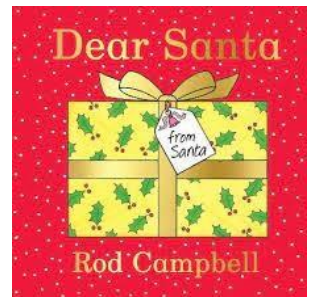
**Key Stage One Christmas Assemblies:** This year, each Key Stage One class will be holding a Christmas Assembly for parents/carers. To ensure we keep everyone safe, we will be asking parents/carers to socially distance in the hall and will be limiting the number of tickets available. Please note the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



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

**Nursery Christmas Storytelling:** We will be inviting in the parents of the Seahorses class on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Reception Christmas Storytelling:** We will be inviting in the parents of the Dolphins class on either Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm or Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December. Wrap up all warm, we will be performing in the Foundation Playground.



**Theatre Trip:** On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 or speak to the school office.



**Flamingos, Parrots and Toucans:** On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022, we are so excited to be going to see Beauty and The Beast at The Playhouse in Nottingham. All of Year 3 and 4 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<sup>th</sup> January 2022**, all 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.

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

**Foxes, Badgers & Hares:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Parrots, Toucans & Flamingos:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Seahorse & Dolphins:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (Morning Seahorses are invited back to the party at 2pm and will need to be collected at 3.30pm.)

**Lions, Tigers & Jaguars:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Matters

## Attendance

### 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 to the local authority for legal action to be considered!



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!**



**Packed Lunches, Snacks and Drinks:** Please note that children should only be bringing in water in their drink 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.

**Lost Property:** On Tuesday and Thursday at 3.30pm next week, 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.



## Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

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

**'BE Active'**



**KIDS ARE MADE TO PLAY**

Physical activity can help greatly with maintaining mental wellbeing. "Feel-good" chemicals in the brain, known as endorphins, are released by the brain during physical activity and help to improve mood, energy levels and even sleep. Together, these positive effects help to improve self-confidence and resilience. Kids who get active every day are also better sleepers.

This week we have also been looking at kindness. Studies show that kindness makes children happier, reduces stress, and improves self-esteem. Kind actions activate the joyful area of the brain, and boost well-being.

**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**



**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

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/EnDD67CRqZ](https://forms.office.com/r/EnDD67CRqZ)**

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](mailto: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 or 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.

# Covid-19 Testing

## With symptoms

'PCR' tests

### 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

'rapid lateral flow' tests

### 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 a test site
- At your nursery
- At your secondary school
- At your university
- Collect from a pharmacy
- Order online

Find out more at [GOV.UK](https://www.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/h3F68WJdXD>