



**Attendance for the whole school 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**

<b>Seahorses</b> 94.5%		<b>Dolphins</b> 97.3%	<b>Foxes</b> 91.9%	<b>Badgers</b> 94.8%	<b>Hares</b> 94.4%
<b>Flamingos</b> 88.3%	<b>Toucans</b> 92.9%	<b>Parrots</b> 93.9%	<b>Lions</b> 98.5%	<b>Tigers</b> 94.3%	<b>Jaguars</b> 96.8%

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

**Parents Evening – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** - Our parents evening this term will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We will be offering face to face or telephone call appointments. Your child’s teacher will be in touch over the next week or so to arrange appointments. Look out for a text message via the School Gateway app.

**Seahorses Parents Evening:** Seahorses class will be offering parents evening appointments on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. Please look out for a booking slip in your child’s book bag.



**Dolphins Church Trip** :Apologies, we have had to move the date of our trip to St Leos to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. The class will be split into 2 groups. One group will go in the morning at 9am and the other will go at 1.30pm. If you are available to help us at either of these times please let the class teachers know!

**Early Birds Breakfast Club:** We are pleased to announce the reopening of our Early Birds Breakfast Club after almost 2 years! The club is completely free and will run every morning from 8:15am. There is no need to book a place, simply wait at the office door to be let in. Children will be offered a free breakfast and have the chance to socialise with their friends before starting the normal school day. We are, unfortunately unable to accommodate nursery children.



All children should enter the club by 8:30am. If you arrive after this time then you will have to wait until the gates open at 8:40am and drop your child off as normal. We are unable to serve breakfast after 8:30am as it takes time to tidy away before the start of school.

If your child attends the paid breakfast club and you wish to change your booking with them, you must give them 2 weeks’ notice of any changes.



**Coming Soon: My Cultural Box**

Over the coming months each child will be asked to create a cultural box to share with their class. Teachers will send out more information when it is your child’s turn to share their Cultural Box.

**No Nut Zone:** A severe nut allergy can be life threatening. Since we have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy, it is essential that children who have an allergy do not come into contact with nuts or nut products. With this in mind we ask that all parents and carers follow our 'No Nuts in School' rule.

We ask that parents are particularly vigilant with pre-wrapped foods and spreads. Please check the ingredients before sending these to school.



**MAGNA Trip - Year 5&6:** On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022, Year 5&6 will be visiting MAGNA Science Adventure Centre in Sheffield. This visit has been organised with the aim of supporting the science work that children have been learning about in Year 5&6 this year. Children will have time to explore the interactive, hands-on exhibits (Air, Earth, Fire and Water) as well as each class taking part in an interactive workshop. School will be paying for the majority of the costs for this trip, however, we are asking for a £5 contribution which can be paid via the school gateway app. More information will be sent home on a letter with your child.

**Reading at home in KS1:** KS1 have recently purchased a wide selection of fully decodable reading books for children to take home which will support their Read Write Inc. Phonics learning in the classroom. Over the next few

weeks, your child will come home with a book that is linked to the phonics group that they are in at school. All Book Bag Books include notes for parents and carers on how to help their child at home with phonics so please read this section to help answer any questions you might have.

We will be changing these books for children regularly so it is important that your child brings their book bag every day to allow teachers to change the books as and when required. With this in mind, please ensure your child returns the book they have been given to the school as these are an expensive resource and do need to be shared with all the children in KS1. If you have any questions about the phonics books, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help. Finally, don't forget to sign your child's rainbow reading card when you have read with them!



**Friday Rainbow Club:** The same criteria applies for entry to Rainbow Club this half term, if your circumstances haven't changed your child will stay on the register. If your circumstances have changed and you need your child to join the club, please speak to the office. If you no longer require your child to attend and you can collect them at 12:50pm then please speak to the office and the registers can be updated. Friday is still a school day and the children receive 2 register marks. Friday attendance has dropped recently so remember your child is missing 3 hours of quality learning time if you do not bring them to school on Fridays. There is no expectation that the uniform is purchased from school; supermarkets have affordable alternatives. However, we do expect the correct uniform colours.



We have lots of lost property around school so please ensure all items of clothing are named. Thank You!

## Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

This half term we are focusing on our well-being area of **'Take notice'**

**'Take Notice'** is about paying attention (on purpose) to what is going on around you and how you feel, in the present moment.

### FIND THE ODD ONE OUT



It is sometimes hard to see how just 'Taking Notice' can help us feel happier and healthier. Taking time to focus on the here and now can help us:

- Enjoy life and appreciate what we have
- Understand ourselves better
- Stay Calm
- Think about how to approach challenges

**Uniform Reminder:** Over the last few weeks there have been less and less children in the correct uniform. Please remind yourself of our expectations.

School Uniform	PE kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White, pale/navy blue or yellow polo t-shirt</li> <li>• Navy, grey or black trousers, skirt or dress</li> <li>• Navy blue jumper, cardigan or school fleece</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul> <p><b>NO novelty hairbands (unicorn horns/cat ears etc)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plain white t-shirt</li> <li>• Black joggers, leggings or shorts</li> <li>• Black jumper or hoody</li> <li>• Trainers</li> </ul> <p><b>NO football kits</b>  <b>NO colourful tracksuits</b>  <b>NO denim</b>  <b>NO badges or Logos</b></p>



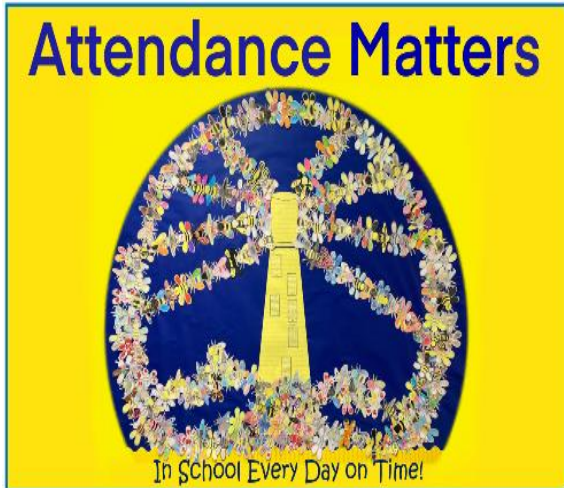
**Polite Request:** When dropping off and collecting your children please don't park illegally on Scotland Road. If you park on the double yellow lines you are putting the children's safety at risk. The swimming bus is repeatedly unable to drop the children off safely.

# Attendance

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



Did you know that, if your child's attendance falls below 90% the following actions are likely to happen...

- ✚ Text to inform you that your child's attendance is below 90%
- ✚ Letter to state the actions if your child's attendance continues to remain below 90%
- ✚ A telephone or face to face meeting with your child's class teacher, or attendance lead
- ✚ A meeting with the Head of School
- ✚ Referral to Education Welfare Service

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!

### Covid protocols at Heathfield

Pupils, parents / carers and any visitors, such as suppliers, are informed not to enter the school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus:

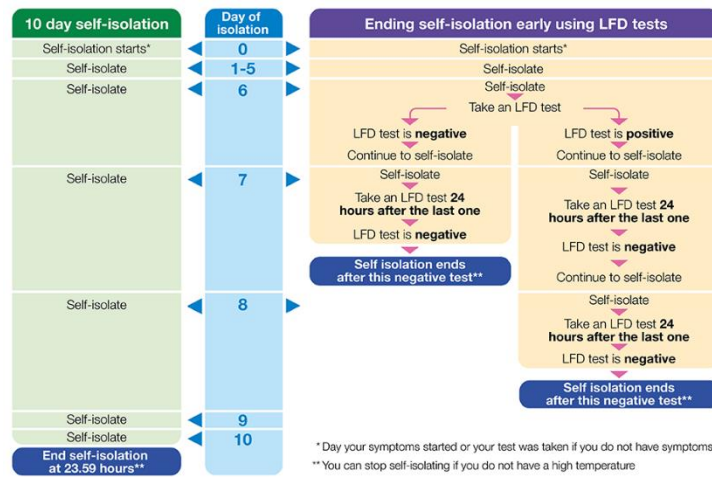
- a new, continuous cough
- **or** a high temperature
- **or** has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with:

- a new, continuous cough
- **or** a high temperature
- **or** has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

they must:

- be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus.
- Their self-isolation may end early with:
  - a negative PCR test or two negative LFD tests on days 6 and 7 (or later). This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parent or carer discretion. (subject to change again next week)
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**If you are not fully vaccinated and are a close contact of a positive case then you should self-isolate for 10 days. Please try to find an alternative person to bring your child to school if you are having to isolate. Thanks.**

The Government may be reducing the isolation period even further for those who are fully vaccinated next week to 5 days with a negative lateral flow result on day 5 and day 6. We will update this guidance next week.

Whilst the Government keep changing their rules, Heathfield have been putting the same safety measures in place since March 2020.

- Children are required to wash their hands regularly, maintain distance where possible and to ensure they are being considerate of others.
- Staff are continuing to teach safely and have ventilation in the classrooms, cleaning regimes between shared resources being used and generally stay in their phase bubbles.
- Lunchtime staff work hard to ensure tables are thoroughly cleaned between sittings for all children’s safety.
- School continues to operate a ONE-WAY system in the morning and home time and most parents/carers observe this. Please continue to maintain a social distance whilst on the school site and wear a face covering if you are unable to maintain a distance.

**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/BZs4S4h7XC>