27TH JANUARY 2022 SCOTLAND ROAD CAMPUS



| Attendance for the whole school last week was 92.3% If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725 | | | | | | |
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| Seahorses 89.8% | | Dolphins 92.4% | Foxes 88.4% | Badgers 94.1% | Hares 94.2% | |
| Flamingos 95.8% | Toucans 90.7% | Parrots 95.4% | Lions 97.3% | Tigers 94.8% | Jaguars 82.8% | |

Congratulations to the Lions who achieved 97.3% attendance and have won gold, Flamingos who have won silver and Parrots who won bronze.

What's Been Happening in School:

| Year 1 & 2 | In English this week, Year 1&2 began planning a non-chronological report about dinosaurs. We also looked at other non-fiction dinosaur books to help inform our writing. In Math's this week Year 1s have been looking at related addition and subtraction facts up to 20. Year 2s have been focusing on division in specific dividing by 5 and 10, they have also looked at odd and even numbers. In Topic this week the children have learnt about Oceans and Continents, sang a dinosaur song and then come up with their own actions. |
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| Year 3 & 4 | In English this week, Year 3 & 4 have started to plan their non-chronological reports about water in Africa. We have looked at the features of non-chronological reports and how to include these in their writing. Year 4s have been looking at comparing, ordering and rounding decimals this week in Maths. Year 3s have been focusing on short division. They have even started looking at remainders! In Topic this week, the children have been designing and creating their African masks, using the traditional masks of different tribes as inspiration. We will be showing the masks to the parents in our African Showcase! |
| Year 5 & 6 | In English this week, Year 5&6 have started planning their narrative. They have engaged thoroughly and focused on including a range of sentence types within their writing. The stimulus for their work is a short clip from the film Cast Away, focusing on the events of a plane crash. Year 5s have demonstrated resilience in Maths, when investigating different strategies to answer word problems. Year 6s have learnt how find the percentage of an amount – including reasoning and problem solving questions. In Topic, the children have designed, created and evaluated their bridges; they have been discussing which bridges are the most efficient, economic and elegant. |

<u>Parents Evening – Wednesday 2nd February -</u> Our parents evening this term will be on Wednesday 2nd February. We will be offering face to face or telephone call appointments. Please email your child's teacher if you have yet to receive a link to book an appointment.

<u>Seahorses Parents Evening:</u> Seahorses class will be offering parents evening appointments on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd of February.

Dolphins Church Trip: Apologies, we have had to move the date of our trip to St Leos to Tuesday 1st 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.

<u>No Nut Zone</u>: 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 22nd 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.





<u>Polite Request</u>: 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.

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 White, pale/navy blue or yellow polo t-shirt Plain white t-shirt Navy, grey or black trousers, skirt or dress Black joggers, leggings or shorts Navy blue jumper, cardigan or school fleece Black jumper or hoody **Trainers** Black shoes NO novelty hairbands (unicorn horns/cat ears etc) NO football kits NO colourful tracksuits NO denim

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



It is the parents' responsibility to contact school on the first day of their child's absence

NO badges or Logos

- 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!

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 connected to mindfulness – a popular meditation practice that encourages people to notice and accept their current thoughts and feelings, whilst staying in the present moment (which means trying not to focus on the past or future).

Why not take a look at this video which helps to explain the benefits of mindfulness!

What Is Mindfulness? - YouTube

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:

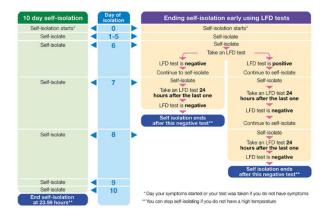
- o a new, continuous cough
- o or a high temperature
- o r has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with:

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

they must:

- o be sent home and advised to follow <u>'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u>, 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 5 and 5 (or later). This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parent or carer discretion. (subject to change again next week)



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/s3W24kuSFp