



Attendance for the whole school for the last week before the holiday was 92.9%					
If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9155725					
Seahorses 87.8%		Dolphins 97.2%		Foxes 90.9%	
Badgers 91.1%		Hares 92.3%			
Flamingos 90.7%		Toucans 99.2%		Parrots 98.8%	
Lions 94.6%		Tigers 88.4%		Jaguars 87.2%	
Congratulations to the Toucans who achieved 99.2% attendance and have won gold, Parrots who have won silver and Dolphins who won bronze.					

Foxes, Badgers and Hares: KS1 will be having a DINOSAUR DAY on Monday 10th January. Come dressed as a dinosaur for the day, we would love to see your homemade costumes.



Early Birds Breakfast Club: Before the first lockdown we used to run a free drop-in breakfast club in the hall each morning from 8:30am. We have a provisional date for this to restart on Monday 17th January but this will all depend on the most up to date government guidance on the pandemic. To enable us to plan for the club you will have received a text message with a short survey so we can see the potential level of demand for each day Please complete the online form asap so that we can staff the club correctly and ensure we have enough food and equipment. If you have not already had a chance to fill in the form please follow this link to do so: <https://forms.office.com/r/BVTpT7vC3n>



Jungle Day EYFS: Children in Dolphins and Seahorses will all be taking part in our Jungle Day on Wednesday 12th January where they will spend the day hunting for animals in our class jungle. DRESSING UP IS NOT COMPULSORY! However, if you would like to come to school like an explorer wearing dark or camo clothes, or bring some explorer props with you, you are very welcome!

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!



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.

KS2 Choir after school club: Sadly, the Young Voice concert that was taking place in February has been postponed. We are waiting for confirmation of a new date possibly around April/May time. Therefore, Choir after school club will not take place this half term and will restart after the February half term.



Year 4 PGL Residential: Monday 28th March-30th March 2022. Would you like your child to take part in a fun, activity based residential? There is more information in the link below (or texted out). Please let us know if you would like your child to have a place by filling in the linked form by Friday 14th January <https://forms.office.com/r/X1uF33Ak48>



Parent Lite App As a school, we always need to ensure that your contact details and your child/children's information is up to date and accurate should we need to contact you for any reason. To support this we have a convenient way for you to access, review and request changes to the data held on you and your children.

An activation email to access the parent app at your own convenience via smartphone, tablet or PC will be sent out this week. Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact your school if you require a replacement after this date. If you have not received this please contact the school office so that we can check we have your correct email address on our system.

Getting started with the SIMS Parent Lite App

1. We will send you an activation email to the email address we have on record for you, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account
2. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password
3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent Lite**
4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk

The Gruffalo Menu

Thursday 20th January 2021



Gruffalo's Hunters Chicken
with
Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn

Or

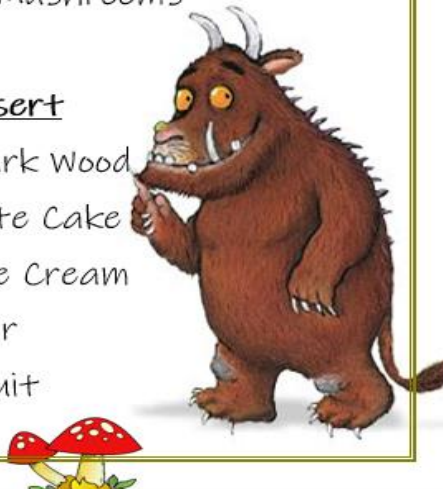
Mouse's Vegetarian All-Day Breakfast
with
Beans and Mushrooms

Dessert

Deep Dark Wood
Chocolate Cake
With Ice Cream

Or

Fruit



Change of menu: On Thursday, 20th January, we will be having a special Gruffalo menu. There will be 2 choices on the day: Hunters Chicken or a Vegetarian all-day breakfast.

Meals will cost £2.15 for children in Nursery and KS2 who are not in receipt of free school meals. Children in Dolphins, Foxes, Badgers and Hares will not have to pay as they are part of the government's universal free school meal scheme.

If your child is a Seahorse, please inform the office or a member of the Nursery staff of your child's dinner choice for that day. All other children can tell their teacher at morning register on Thursday.

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.

Uniform Reminder: Over the last few weeks there have been less and less children in the correct uniform. Please remind yourself of our expectations and ensure the correct uniform is in place again by 4th January.

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

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!



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.

Covid protocols at Heathfield

Because of the increased risk in our school community and the changes to guidance for England we are asking anyone with symptoms to get a PCR test and self isolate until you receive the result.

Typical symptoms are:

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

Some new symptoms of the Omicron variant include:

- Headaches
- Night sweats
- Scratchy sore throat

A negative Lateral Flow test **will not** enable a child to return to school earlier than the 10-day isolation period but we do still recommend that these are used as an indicator for peace of mind.

Visit the NHS website for information on the vaccination programme: [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/covid-19/vaccination)

Any visitors who come into school are required to wear a face covering unless exempt.

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



Congratulations to all our pupils who achieved 96% and above attendance last half term, their badges will be given out soon (certificates for our nursery children).

There will be a different colour badge to collect each half term for children with attendance between 96% - 100%.

Please remember

- 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

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!

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/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RGw8iocv6kquk_8WueyVImIrfDJ-MwJLjosHM5wMk6hUNU5SRDZIUzVLUEM4TEM4QTg4TFFKWEVLUC4u

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield: This half term we are focusing on our well-being area of - 'Take notice'

Can you spot the panda?

This week we have launch our "Take Notice' area of well-being. Take time to be still, reflect, and become aware of your surroundings. Reflecting on what is happening in the moment will help you appreciate what matters to you. Be aware of your thoughts and your feelings.

We have tasked our children to take notice of the world around them and how this affects how they feel. Notice how a sunny, cold day feels physically and emotionally and how this might affect the way we think too!

