



**Attendance for the whole school in the last week before half term was 92.4%**

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

<b>Seahorses</b> 92.9%	<b>Dolphins</b> 96.3%	<b>Foxes</b> 92.3%	<b>Badgers</b> 97%	<b>Hares</b> 93.5%
<b>Flamingos</b> 91.2%	<b>Toucans</b> 90.4%	<b>Parrots</b> 83.8%	<b>Lions</b> 96.9%	<b>Tigers</b> 89.6%
Congratulations to the Badgers who achieved 97% attendance and have won gold, Lions who have won silver and Dolphins who have won bronze.				

**What's Been Happening in School:**

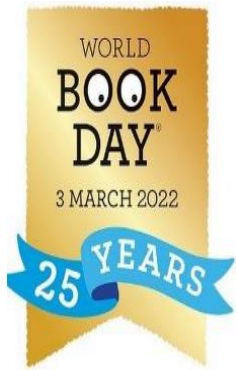
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	This week in English Y1&2 began reading The Secret Path this week's lessons focused writing expanded noun phrases. In Maths this week Y1 have been ordering numbers up to 50. They have also begun counting in twos and fives. Y2 have been working on shapes and worked on their addition and subtraction skills. At the beginning of the week to introduce our new half term topic 'into the woods' the children went on a nature walk around the school. In geography this week we looked at directions using a compass and in DT we looked at how puppets are made.
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	Year 3&4 began their virtual reality topic this week and have started reading Troofriend. We have been using the book this week to gather ideas for our own narrative from the point of view of an android and trying to write in the style of a robot. In Maths, Y4s have been continuing their times tables practise and learning tips and tricks to remember them. Y3s have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions. In science, Y3&4 are learning about electricity, where it comes from and safety precautions to take.
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	At the beginning of the week Y5&6 visited the Magna Science Centre. They enjoyed learning about different scientific processes and matters such as, air, fire, water and the earth. This half term, Y5&6 are learning about the Ancient Greeks. In English, the children have used a range of resources to research Greek Mythological Creatures. Their research will be used next week to write a non-chronological report about their chosen creature. Y5s learnt how to order fractions (with the same numerator or denominator and different denominators). They have also been introduced to visual representations of improper fractions and mixed numbers. Y6s have practiced varied fluency, reasoning and problem-solving questions about ratio. To hook the children into our new topic, they have learnt about different Greek inventions and prepared a presentation for Dragon's Den. Furthermore, they have looked at historical artefacts and discussed what period they were from, and the similarities and differences between them.

**Dolphins and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks:**

If your child is in the Dolphins class or Year 6, they will have been given a letter for you regarding the school nurse's visit on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Every year the height and weight of Reception and Year 6 children in schools in England is measured. This is called the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). It is important to know how children are growing so that we can provide the best support. Trained health staff from Nottingham CityCare Partnership carry out the measurements. Children are measured in a private space away from other children and will be fully clothed only taking off their shoes and coats.

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to. If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child to be measured, please tell your school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this important programme.



**World Book Day 2022 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**: On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day! This World Book Day is very special as it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this annual event. As part of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, we will be completing lots of exciting activities at school all around the love of reading. This will include finding out what your child's teacher has been enjoying reading for the last 25 years!

To help celebrate the event, children are free to dress up as a character from a book on the day. However, this is not a requirement, and we always say that a home-made outfit is more cost effective and more personal.

As part of the day, your child will receive a £1 book voucher to either receive a free World Book Day book (which will be available in many supermarkets, as well as book shops) or £1 off any book in participating shops.



**KS1 TRIP TO CONKERS!** On Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> children in **Foxes, Badgers** and **Hares** will be going on a trip to Conkers Adventure Park to bring their topic 'Into the Woods' to an end. We have arranged for the children to have two ranger led activities on the day and full access to the all the other

areas of the park. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school at the slightly later time of 4.30pm to allow the children to experience as much of the park as possible.

Whilst the full cost of the trip, including transport, is £16 per child, we are only asking for a parent contribution of £3 per child. You can give your consent for this trip and pay via the Schoolgateway app. If you are unable to access the app on your phone you can access can via the website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

Children will need suitable outdoor clothing for the day and a packed lunch that should be in a rucksack they can carry. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch provided you will be able to order this on the app when you provide your consent.

Further details will be sent out nearer the time. If you would like to volunteer as a parent helper on the day, please see your child's class teacher.

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**Friday Rainbow Club:** The same criteria apply 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.



**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.

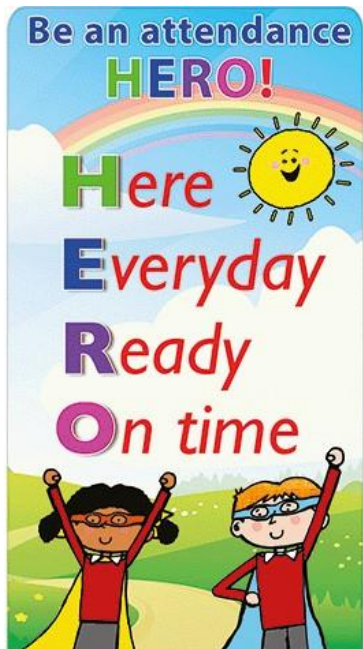


All children should enter the club by 8:30am. If you arrive after this time then you will have to wait until the gates open at 8:40am and drop your child off as normal. We are unable to serve breakfast after 8:30am as it takes time to tidy away before the start of school. If your child attends the paid breakfast club and you wish to change your booking with them, you must give them 2 weeks' notice of any changes.

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

## Attendance

We would like to welcome Mrs. Zoe Anderson to our attendance team. She will be based at Scotland Road and will be sending out the morning absence texts with a follow up phone call to families who have not managed to contact school with a reason of their child's absence for that day.



### 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

***Next week we will be giving out badges/certificates to children who achieved 96% and above attendance for the Spring 1 term***

## Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

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

### 'Give'



Any acts of kindness, whether small or large can make you feel happier and more satisfied about life. Seeing yourself, and your happiness, linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you. Do something nice for a friend, thank someone, smile, volunteer your time, join a community group, look out, as well as in.

This week we are encouraging the children to do random acts of kindness. From helping out at home, to looking out for each other and passing a smile, by giving time and attention to others not only makes them feel good, it also helps us to feel good too!

# Heathfield Well-Being Newsletter

## Spring 2022

Hi – we are Heathfield Well-Being Ambassadors and part of our role is to promote well-being in our classrooms and around school. We think it is really important that everyone looks after themselves and each other. This half term our 5 ways to Wellbeing focus is 'Give'

# Give

### What is giving?

- Giving can do a lot and can make someone's day better
- Giving is not hard and it doesn't cost a thing

### Who can you give to?

- You can give to anyone you like
- It's not hard to give
- You can give to people that really need it (homeless)
- Some hospitals might need it too

### Examples of giving:

- If you have any clothes, toys etc. you can take them to a charity shop
- You could just do something simple like a smile or giving your time to someone
- Maybe you could just help around the house, it's that easy
- You can also give not just to humans but to animals too (like laying out bird food for birds)

**Hope you enjoyed this newsletter made by the Wellbeing Ambassadors**

# FREE Football Training for girls!

Are you a girl in year 3, 4 or 5 who wants to play in a new girl's football team?



Pythian FC are starting a brand-new girls' team and are running open sessions for you to come along.

No matter whether you've ever kicked a ball before or you play already with your friends, we want you to come and have fun and try out for our squad!

The open sessions will run every Wednesday throughout March 2022, from 6pm onwards at Melbourne Park, NG8 5HJ.

For more information contact:

Sarah (Club Secretary) 07772 260373

Mark (Team Manager) 07846 833479

Or email the club: [PythianFC@gmail.com](mailto:PythianFC@gmail.com)



## 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 5 and 6 (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.

**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/3talOfQ>