# **HEATHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

### KERSALL DRIVE CAMPUS



	Attendance for the whole school for the week commencing 26th September was 92.4% 🙁					
	Jellyfish AM, PM and FT 94.6%  Hedgehogs 91.3%  Owls 92.3%  Peacocks 89.6%  Eagles 97.8%		Turtles 98.2%	Octopus 85.5%		
			Squirrels 88.8%	Rabbits 95.2%		
			Pelicans 96.2%	Falcons 93.8%		
	Panthers 88.1%	Cougars 90.7%	Pumas 88.5%	Leopards 95.2%		

Congratulations to the Turtles who achieved 98.2% attendance and have won Gold, Eagles who have achieved Silver and Pelicans who have achieved Bronze certificates.

<u>Key Dates:</u> Reminder that we break up next **Friday 14**<sup>th</sup> **October** for the 2 week half term. Children return back to school as normal on **Monday 31**<sup>st</sup> **October** 

Thank You!: As you may be aware, Heathfield received its first Ofsted inspection since 2016 on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The inspection was incredibly thorough and we will share the final report with you once we have received it. The pupils were great and exemplified every aspect of our Heathfield Pledge over the two days. We would both like to thank all the parents and pupils who replied to the online surveys, the responses were overwhelmingly positive and it was great to see that 100% of those who replied (99 people responded) said that their child was happy at school and 94% would recommend Heathfield to another parent.

Thank you for your continued support at the start of this new academic year.

Mr Hicks and Miss Dickens - Co-Headteachers

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What's on this Wee	hat's on this Week at Kersall Drive:					
Monday 10th Tuesday 11th		Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th		
		EYFS 'Express		EYFS 'Pop up Gallery'		
		Yourself dress up		in F2		
		Day' – What do you				
		want to be when		End of term for 2 weeks		
		you are older?				

What's Been Happening in School:					
	Year 1 & 2	This week in English we have been retelling the story of 'Cinderboy'. In Maths, Year 1 have been focusing on part- part whole models, focusing on addition to 10. Year 2 have been focusing on fact families and securing knowledge of addition facts to 20. In topic, the children have been evaluating their puppets in DT and have practised retelling their stories using their puppets. In RE we have been focusing on friendships and what makes a good friend, linking this to Christianity and the story of 'The good Samaritan'.			
	Year 3 & 4	Last week in Year 3 and 4, we have been finalising our writing of the 'Iron Man' positive and negative setting descriptions - the children have created some fantastic pieces of work using various text features and a broad range of exciting vocabulary! In Maths, the Year 3s have been estimating amounts on number lines and counting on in 50s and 100s, meanwhile the Year 4s have been focusing on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 as well as identifying angles. In Topic, we have been planning, designing and creating our own inventions using a range of resources, exploring how sound works and also discussing the stories and ideas included in Buddhism.			
	Year 5 & 6	In year 5 and 6, we have started our Black History Month work in English by looking at the features of a non-chronological report and researching different black artists. The children have loved finding out information about Lubaina Himid (artist), Charlie Phillips (photographer), Yinka Shonibare (artist) and Virgil Abloh (designer). In maths, the year 5s have been rounding numbers up to 1,000,000 and how we			

can use rounding in everyday life. In Friday maths, we have looked at lots of different 2D shapes and their properties. The year 6s have been learning about factors, multiples, prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers and in Friday maths have been learning about translations. As our Planet Earth topic continues, the children have been looking at classifying different animals and their life cycles in science, where our food comes from in DT, how rivers are formed in geography and practiced drawing animal eyes in art.



<u>Harvest Festival Thank You:</u> Thank you for your wonderful donations for our Harvest Festival celebrations. We had a fantastic assembly on Thursday. Eleanor and Darryl from Bulwell United Reform Church visited and told all us about the importance of Harvest. Can you remember what each letter stands for? Nigel from Bestwood and Bulwell foodbank also visited our assembly and sends his thanks for your kind donations.

<u>Join our Governing Board:</u> Our Governing Board would like a member of the Kersall Drive parent community to join the team. Being a Governor of a school is a rewarding opportunity and will give you insight into the decisions we make to make Heathfield a place where we are 'Thriving Together'.

Governors meet once a half term on a Wednesday evening and come into school during the day for School Improvement meetings and Link Governor visits. If you



think you would bring new skills experiences and a Kersall Drive perspective to the Governors then please have a chat with Miss Dickens/Mr Hicks about it or email

admin@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk to express your interest.

### What do governors do?

Governors offer strategic guidance, rather than getting involved in the operational aspects of a school. This

- Working with other board members to plan the school's strategic direction.
- Overseeing the school's financial performance ensuring money is well-spent.
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account.

A governor's relationship with the school's leadership team involves challenging existing processes to drive school improvement. Governors usually attend around six meetings per year. Although becoming a governor requires drive and commitment, you'll enjoy many professional and personal rewards, including carrier development opportunities and the chance to support young people's futures.

<u>EYFS Pop up Gallery:</u> On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, children in Jellyfish, Turtles and Octopus will be having a pop-up gallery to show the work we have been doing. Parent/carers are invited to come at 2:55pm to look. Morning nursery parent/carers can come at 11.30am.

Year 3 and 4 Creswell Crags: As part of our next topic 'Rock 'n Roll' focusing on the Stone Age, we will be visiting Creswell Crags and taking part in a 'On The Hunt' day.

Activities include: Life in the Ice Age Cave tour, Stone Age Safari, Survival Skills and a gorge walk. Children will need to dress in their school uniform with warm, waterproof footwear (e.g. boots) and clothing (coats, scarves, gloves, hats) and bring a packed lunch.





We need your help! If you are able to help us on the day and join us on the trip, please let the school office know or tell your child's class teacher. There is a voluntary contribution of £2 for the trip.

Your child should come to school at the normal time (8.40am) for register and we should arrive back to school for 4:15pm.

- Eagles and Peacocks will go on Monday 31st October (the first day back after half term)
- Pelicans and Falcons will go on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

We would like you to use the Schoolgateway app to give consent for your child to attend the trip and to make the £2 contribution. Any child in receipt of free school meals can order a school packed lunch at the same time. If you have any questions regarding the schoolgateway app please speak to a member of the school office.

<u>Year 5 and 6 Swimming:</u> After October half term, Panthers and Pumas will no longer go swimming as it will be the turn of the Leopards and Cougars classes. Children in these classes should have come home with a letter today with more information on. Please make sure that your child has the correct swimming costume.

- Cougars will go swimming on a Tuesday afternoon and will start from Tuesday 1st November
- Leopards will go swimming on a Friday afternoon and will start from Friday 4th November

Year 5 and 6 visit to the Black Country Museum: As part of our Victorians topic next half term, we will be visiting the Black Country museum in Dudley on Thursday 24th November. In order to make the most of the visit pupils need to be at school for 8:10am to leave at 8:15am. Furthermore, we will be departing from the museum at around 2:15pm which means we will be back at school later than

the usual 3:15pm. We estimate this time to be between 4pm/4:15pm.



For this trip we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.

This contributes to the cost of the coach, the visit to the museum, a workshop and a show. We would like you to use the schoolgateway app to give consent for your child to attend the trip and to make the £5 voluntary contribution. Any child in receipt of free school meals can order a school packed lunch at the same time. Please speak to Miss Hunt or your child's class teacher if you have any questions about anything linked to this trip.

<u>Year 5 and 6 Area Band</u>: We are really excited that Heathfield will be hosting an Area Band this year. Area Bands are beginner orchestral groups open to young people in city schools. These bands are open to all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who have been learning an instrument in school and are continuing with lessons. Area Band sessions include a combination of full rehearsals, small group activities, performances, singing, movement and improvisation. Instruments include violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar and more!

It will happen every week on **Thursday at Scotland Road**. It is a fantastic opportunity to join with other pupils and play in a larger group with professional music tutors helping them with it. **We will organise the transport of children to Scotland Road and Area band will finish at 5pm so we would ask that you pick up your child from Scotland Road as we will not be able to arrange for them to return to Kersall Drive.** 

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to be involved in making music with others and gain additional skills for their instrument. I do hope that your child will attend as they have potential to become a confident musician.

If you wish to sign your child up for Area Band at Heathfield, please fill in the link below <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/iaAV7Eq3VR">https://forms.office.com/r/iaAV7Eq3VR</a> before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Hunt. We will join rehearsals the **first Thursday back after half term**, **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

<u>Year 6 Secondary School Applications:</u> A reminder that applications for secondary school MUST be made by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** If you need a copy of the letter that was recently sent out please see the office. If you do not apply by then your child is at risk of not having a school place in September 2023.

Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations: Unfortunately, we had to move the date to Tuesday 1st November: If you have already completed the online consent form, there is no need for you to complete it again. The free seasonal flu spray is offered to all children and young people in Reception and Year 1-Year 6 classes. Even if your child received this last year it is recommended, they have it again this year or they won't be protected. It is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

It is important every child has a completed form which states if you would like them to receive the flu vaccination spray or not. You must complete an online consent form even if you do not want your child to have the flu vaccination.

The form can be found through this link <a href="https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu">https://www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu</a> or by scanning this QR code. The school code for Kersall Drive Campus is NG122442K. The form will close at 3pm on Monday 31st October.

If you decide you want to withdraw consent you must email sais@nottshc.nhs.uk at least 24 hours before our school vaccination session is due. The nasal spray may not be suitable for some children, for more information visit <a href="www.nhs.uk/child-flu">www.nhs.uk/child-flu</a> or pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Please note: If any of the following happen after completing this form you must contact the School Aged Immunisation Service: if your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, has started steroid tablets for asthma or has had this vaccination anywhere else. If you have any questions or need support to complete the consent form, please contact 07920182032 or email sais@nottshc.nhs.uk



<u>Polite Request</u>: Please ensure that you do not send your child to school with products containing nuts, including chocolate spread. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies which means we must keep Heathfield Primary a **NUT FREE ZONE**.

<u>Change of menu on Wednesday:</u> On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October the green dinner option will be changed and will be Roast Beef with Yorkshire Puddings instead of Roast Turkey. All other dinner choices for the day remain the same.

<u>Midday Supervisor Vacancies</u>: We have Midday Supervisor vacancies across both of our campuses working for one hour and 25 minutes per day between 11:30am and 1:20pm. If you or anyone you know are interested in these please collect an application form from the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

<u>After school clubs on offer after half term:</u> The following after school clubs start after October half-term on these dates

Day of the	Year	Activity	Time	Staff	Link to sign up form
week	groups				
Monday –	Y3, Y4	Craft Club	3:15-4:00	Mrs Gwynne and	https://forms.office.com/r/nrjfnAPM7j
starts 31st Oct				Mrs Fitch	
Wednesday -	Y1, Y2	Multi Sports	3:15-4:15	Notts County	https://forms.office.com/r/dXZE1MXXDR
starts 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	,	•		Coaches	

If your child would like to take part in any of the above clubs please click on the link next to the club they would like to do before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October. A text will be sent out to you to confirm if your child has a place or not. Keep an eye out on future newsletters for more after school clubs being announced.

### After-School Clubs continuing after October half-term

- Year 5 and Year 6 Netball Club with Miss Parmiter on a Tuesday
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Choir with Miss Hunt on a Tuesday
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Football with Mr Cruickshank on a Thursday

### Clubs that will stop after October half-term

• Year 5 and Year 6 Dodgeball with the Notts County Coaches on a Wednesday

Attendance



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

<u>Holidays in Term Time Will Not Be Authorised</u> Families taking a holiday or an unauthorised leave of absence during term time are at risk of legal action and/or a Penalty Notice being issued

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

- School will attempt to contact parents by text o 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

Please contact school on the first day of your child's absence, this 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 Connect

A simple act of kindness not only makes them feel good but helps us to feel good too! This week we are encouraging our children to carry out random acts of kindness, from giving compliments, sharing a smile or helping out in the classroom or at home can really brighten up each other's day.

Let's connect and colour our world with kindness!







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Is your child entitled to Free School Meals? If so, check out our FREE Fun and Food offer this October Half Term!

The next School Holiday offering is the **October Half Term** and runs from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

- Session places are limited and must be booked in advance using the contact details given by each session provider.
- Not eligible for Free School Meals? Some places are available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the session providers to ask about available places.

There are also other activities taking place across the city, check <u>Holidays Activities</u>. You can also find out more <u>here</u> or book places, at the <u>Ask Lion website</u>

Don't miss out! Be the first to know about free Holiday Activity Clubs and supermarket e-vouchers. Click here to subscribe to the Nottingham City Council newsletter

<u>Food Banks:</u> As the Cost of Living crisis continues to worsen we want to remind everyone in Nottingham that food banks are happy to help **anyone** who needs it. It doesn't matter why you need help.

You can get a food bank voucher from Nottingham City Council's customer hub, Children's centres, GPs, health visitor, citizen's advice and other routes. Please don't ever feel like you've failed or that you are too ashamed to ask for help — it's there to help all of us and you can pay it forward by making a donation in the future to help someone else. As well as food banks, Nottingham has quite a few social eating cafes offering very cheap or free hot meals — see where your nearest one is here.



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THE TOY LIBRARY at Mellish Sports Centre

Open access indoor & outdoor games, challenges, & exciting crafts for young people aged 5-13 Years

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NEW INDOOR VENUE AT MELLISH SPORTS CENTRE Kemmel Rd, NG6 9FH

Highbury Vale - Bulwell

EVERY MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL 3.30PM-5.30PM

Text or WhatsApp: 07309 668 335 FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE FREE PLAY SESSIONS Membership forms must be completed for Young people to stay and play unaccompanied



For more info contact The Toy Library: 0115 975 3898 Email: admin@toy-library.co.uk or check our Facebook page