### INHEATHFIELD NEWS

27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 - SCOTLAND ROAD CAMPUS



90% and below

### Attendance Traffic Lights 91% - 94%

95% and above

Attendance for the whole school this week was 91.1%						
Seahorses	Whales	Dolphins	Foxes	Badgers	Hares	
71.8%	88.6%	85.1%	94.2%	92.5%	90.8%	
Flamingos	Toucans	Parrots	Lions	Tigers	Jaguars	
93.1%	94.6%	94%	91.5%	95.2%	97.6%	
Congratulations	s to the <b>Jaguars</b> w	ho achieved 97.6%	attendance and h	ave won Gold, the	Tigers who won	
		Silver and the Tou	icans won Bronz	e		
	Let's get	all our classes in the	e <b>green! #Thrivin</b>	gTogether		

### Key Dates:

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 - School Closed to the majority of pupils due to strike action. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - The Last Day of this half term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – The First Day of the new term Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Dolphins, Whales & Yr. 6 height & weight checks Wednesday 15th March 2023 - Parents evening

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 23	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 23	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 23	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 23	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 23
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### What's Been Happening in School:

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Year 1 & 2	In English this week we have been learning facts about the Great Fire of London. We looked at new vocabulary, read and sorted facts into chronological order and looked at past tense verbs to support the writing of our recount next week. In Maths, year 1 have been looking at numbers 15 – 20 and one more and one less. Year 2 have been completing the work on money and looking at change given from certain amounts. We looked at what the fire service do to help us. We found out that they help put out fires, help with flood support, first aid, support with accidents on the road and that they need to stay fit and healthy. We cannot wait to find out more about our topic! The Foxes also went to Vernon Park for their attendance prize!
Year 3 & 4	In Maths this week, Year 3 have been learning to multiply and divide by 8. They have worked hard to learn quick tricks for remembering their 8 times tables such as using their 4s to help. The year 4s have been learning about tenths, hundredths and related decimals. In English, we have been focusing on descriptive writing. We have spent our lessons building good descriptive vocabulary, learning about prepositions and practising our fronted adverbials. In topic, Parrots have been drawing and painting their own version of the Hokusai Wave. For Science, Toucans have been investigating how matter can change state by melting chocolate – delicious! Flamingos have built their very own volcanos, ready to create an eruption next week!
Year 5 & 6	In English this week, Y5/6 have been planning their narratives based on Marlon's perspective in Pig Heart Boy. We are looking forward to writing these next week! In maths, Y5s have been finishing off their division topic, ready to put all of our operations together to solve some word problems next week. Y6s have continued with their work on decimals and practising some arithmetic. In computing, we have been designing our own logo for a health centre/ gym; we will also be creating a persuasive poster to go with it. With only two weeks to go until the half term break, we still have plenty more to pack in to finish our Bodies topic!

<u>Strike Action</u>: You should have received a text message on Wednesday containing a link to a letter about the Strike Action by NEU members on Wednesday 1st February 2023. Here is the link in case you missed it: <u>https://bit.ly/3wuylaM</u>

Children who we know are entitled to benefits based Free School Meals will have also been sent a separate link via School Gateway to order a packed lunch grab bag which can be collected on the day. If you think that you should have received this text but did not, please speak to Jane in the office.



<u>Year 4 Castleton Residential</u>: If you have booked and paid for the Y4 Castleton Residential in March, there is a parent/carer workshop explaining more about itineraries, kit lists and FAQ's. Please come along on **Monday 6th February** at **3.15pm** in the School Hall. Thank you

<u>Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6:</u> On Tuesday 28th February the height and weight of Reception and Year 6 children will be measured. This is called the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). 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. Your child should have brought home a letter this week explaining the process in much more detail. Please speak to the office if you did not receive one or would like a replacement.

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, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight, please tell your school as soon as possible.

<u>Conduct on Campus</u>: All staff are approachable and expect be treated with respect as we are all working hard in school for your children. We are all role models to your children and so ask for consideration of how you address school staff so that any issues can be dealt with swiftly. Governors have agreed a new Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, which can be found on our school website <a href="https://bit.ly/3WMkFb8">https://bit.ly/3WMkFb8</a>

**<u>Parent Lite App</u>**: 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 for you to access this app at your own via smartphone, tablet or PC will be sent out next week to any parents who have not already registered. *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 <u>www.sims-parent.co.uk</u>

<u>Head Lice</u>: We have recently had outbreaks of head lice in school. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. If you do find evidence of head lice or their eggs in your child's hair please ensure they are fully treated before they return to school. Thank you for your continued support.



<u>World Thinking Day:</u> If your child is in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts they are welcome to wear their group uniform to school for the day on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** to mark World Thinking Day and to reflect on the theme 'Our World: Our Peaceful Future'. It is normal school uniform for all other children.

<u>Free School Meals</u>: Parents and carers could **save up to £437** per year by checking if their child is eligible for free school meals. All primary school children in reception, year one and year two are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, free for all children in Government funded schools.

If you receive benefits, your children may be entitled to continue having Free School Meals after year two. Please check your eligibility and apply here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>

Scarlet Fever Advice: Please follow this link for advice from the Health Security Agency re scarlet fever symptoms: https://bit.lv/3FEt6Ad

Support for our families: Our Local Councillor, Linda Woodings, has made us aware of a fantastic website for Nottingham residents - Ask Lion - https://bit.ly/3FWUPMm that offers practical advice and support on a wide range of topics including cost of living support, access to food, free activities for children and lots more.

Nut Free snacks and Packed Lunches: 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 a NUT FREE ZONE.

**Invacuation Practice:** At school we hold regular fire drills to practice evacuating the building in an emergency. Schools are now required to practice invacuation procedures so that we are prepared for any event in the community that should require all children to be brought into school quickly and the building secured. This will be signaled through the sound of a klaxon We appreciate that practicing such a procedure will be new for our pupils and may cause them to ask questions. We would like to reassure you that we will handle this in the most appropriate manner to try and limit the impact on the children. We hope, that by practicing invacuations on a more regular basis, the pupils will become accustomed to the process. We hope that by letting parents/carers know in advance of us carrying out an invacuation drill, you will be able to reassure your children should they come home with any concerns.

## Attendance Updates

# **NEW COMPETITON! 'FULL HOUSE FRIDAY FIVER!'**

All classes that achieve 100% attendance on a Friday, will earn £5 for them to spend on something for their class. There are 3 Fridays left...that's a potential £15! Make sure you are here!



If you do need any support with attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me

## **#ThrivingTogether**



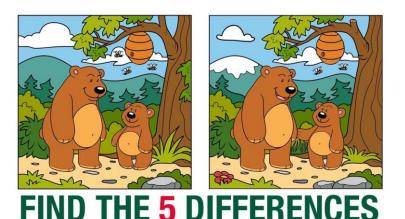
Let's all get in the green!

Mr Battison

## Positive Mental Health and Well-Being at Heathfield

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

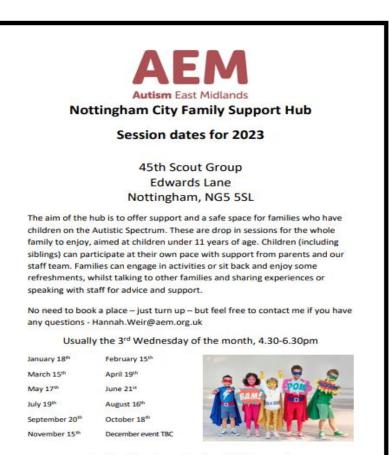
## 'Take notice'



'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



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