

# Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

## Weekly News – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Thriving Together

Knowledge • Nurture • Enrichment

### End of Term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

We have had a fantastic Autumn Term. We can't believe it has come to an end already! The children have been Thriving Together through Knowledge Nurture and Enrichment. Our staff team have worked wonders on the curriculum, learning opportunities and of course the end of term parent events and shows. Have a lovely break over the festive period and we will reopen to all children on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

### Arbor - Our New App for Parents – Download Ready for the New Year

In the new year we will be moving away from using the 'School Gateway' app to start using Arbor. The Arbor app will offer a more user friendly interface and greater functionality for parents/carers and school. This transition is a huge piece of work for the school office and we appreciate it will take parents/carer time to adapt to the new system. To ensure you are ready to move in the new year, please take a couple of minutes to download the Arbor app (using the links and QR codes to the right). We will be sending out login information as soon as we return in January. If you have any questions please contact the school office.



HEATHFIELD PRESENT A NEW  
'FESTIVE' **ATTENDANCE AND ON TIME** (8:45am) CHALLENGE

# CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

Beginning on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, be at school **EVERYDAY and ON TIME** until the end of term and be entered into the **£10 Voucher Raffle** (one voucher for each Year group). *Mr Battison*

### Important dates coming up:

18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Songs & stories @2.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Christmas Party @ 1.30-3.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & Y1/2 Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Christmas Party
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Reopens THURSDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y2 Walesby Residential

Whole School Attendance: 93.1%



Attendance Champions of the week...

Scotland Road – Badgers 96.9%  
Kersall Drive – Leopards 96.1%

### Ofsted



We have reviewed our draft report and have returned it to the inspection team for final publishing. We believe it will be coming out to parents/ carers in early January all being well.

We look forward to sharing it with our school community and beyond!

### Early Birds Breakfast Club



We offer a FREE breakfast club each morning in the hall from 8:15am. This does not need to be booked in advance and often helps families with their routines and to get the children in to school early. **If you often bring your child to school late (after 8:45) please try Early Birds so they are not missing out on important learning.**

## Cost of School Dinners



Our school meal prices have remained as low as possible for as long as possible but with increases to all food and service charges we will need to start to increase our prices from February 2024. Our school meals from 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 will be **£2.35** This will increase again in April 2024 and September 2024 to bring us closer in line with costs.

**If your child is in Year 1 to Y6, ask them who this is...**



The children have been learning important messages about staying safe with the NSPCC.

Our children feel safe at school and know who their safe adults are... talk to them at home about how to stay safe in the community and ONLINE!

**We know many children will get tablets or games consoles for presents – have you made sure they will be safe at home?**



## **THANK YOU**

We have been collecting foodbank donations to give to Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank for Christmas – your generosity will help others!



## **Positive Mental Health and Well-Being**

This half term we are focusing on our well-being area of **BE Active**.



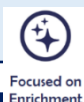
### **How to keep kids active in winter**

Exercise is essential, no matter the season. It helps kids maintain strong muscles and bones, builds cardiovascular strength and improves mental health. It's important to keep a positive mindset about staying active, especially Outdoor winter activities for kids

\*Take family bike rides or walk \*Make a nature collage \*Shoot basket, throw a baseball, jump rope or scooter ride \*Have backyard relay races. \*Enjoy the snow. If you're lucky enough to have some snowy days, make the most of them.

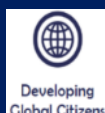
## **Year 2 Walesby Residential**

Payments are now due for this overnight trip to Walesby, Sherwood Forest. A meeting will be arranged in the new year for all parents to attend.



## **Extra Curricular Clubs**

Please use the form links below to sign up for the afterschool clubs next term.



## EYFS

### This Week...

F2 have been busy practising Christmas songs and our special version of "Shark in the Snow" to perform to you next week. Remember to join us at 2.30pm on Monday! We have also been busy making Christmas cards to send home to you.

In F1, we have been busy learning to retell Dear Santa to our families. Please come and join us on Monday at 11.20 (AM children) or 2.45 (PM and full time children) to hear us tell our story and sing some songs.

### Next week...

our EYFS Christmas party will be on Tuesday 19th December. Please remember to wear party clothes and give £1 contribution to your teacher towards the party.

Morning nursery children are invited to come back and join us 1.30-3.15 to come to the party too!

***SAVE THE DATE: Please join both F1 and F2 on Monday 18th December for some festive fun to share some Christmas Songs and let us retell the stories we have learnt this half term. F2 will be at 2.30pm and F1 will be at the end of your child's session. Please can all children wear a Christmas Jumper on this day.***

## KS1

### This Week...

After a busy time last week, we have had another busy one this week. The beginning was spent rehearsing songs and dances ready for our show. We got the opportunity to practise it on the stage which was very exciting- then it was SHOWTIME! Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and see 'The Perfect Present' the children loved getting the opportunity to perform for you. We completed our week by following instructions to make salt dough decorations that we look forward to painting next week.

### Next Week...

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** KS1s Christmas Party will on the afternoon of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Children are invited to bring party clothes (named) in a bag that they can get changed into on the day. We will be having a little disco and party games.

**TOY DAY:** Children are invited to bring in a labelled toy of their choice (no tablets, games consoles etc) to share with their friends on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the end of our 'Toys' topic.

### Changes to KS1 PE days in Spring Half Term

KS1 Hedgehogs, Owls, Rabbits and Squirrels will now need to be in PE kits on Wednesday and Friday.

KS1 Badgers, Foxes and Hares will need to be in PE kits on Monday and Wednesday.

## Year 3/4

**This Week...** Year 3 & 4 have been busy recapping their knowledge and skills from this half term by writing a recount about our Tudor Day last week. They have been describing the different activities they got up to from making Tudor purses to learning Latin phrases. In Maths, year 3s have been consolidating the written method for addition and subtraction. Year 4s have been finding factor pairs using their times table knowledge. In History we have learnt about crime and punishments in the Tudor period, including being burnt at the stake and being put in the stocks! In Science we learnt about the sun, UV rays and how to keep our skin and eyes safe from sun damage. In DT, we have created our very own Tudor style crowns, we can't wait for you to see them!

### Next week...

our Christmas Party is on Wednesday 20th December, please remember to wear your party clothes! Please note that after Christmas the PE days for Eagles, Falcons, Pelicans and Peacocks will change to Mondays and Fridays, NOT Tuesdays.

## Year 5/6

**This Week...** Year 5&6 have enjoyed finally writing their postcards they've worked so hard towards this week. It's been so impressive to see how they've adapted to different characters, and reflected this through their vocabulary choices and style. In maths, Y6 have moved onto fractions which is very exciting and will provide more opportunity for them to continue embedding their times table knowledge they need to keep working on! Y5 are continuing with multiplication, and will soon find themselves doing short and long multiplication which will definitely require secure times tables - get practising Y5 and Y6. The children have continued to hone their football (class dependent) and are finding themselves getting more aware of strategies they can use to get the ball or keep the ball; they are now enjoying applying this to actual games of football. The children who have been swimming have enjoyed developing their strokes, and becoming more confident at travelling through the water.

### Next Week...

We will be engaging in lots of Christmas fun, and will particularly enjoy our party on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th. Don't forget your £1 for food and your party outfit!

# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS NEXT HALF TERM



Focused on  
Enrichment

Football, Music and Drama clubs will continue

## Scotland Road Year 1/2 Multisports on a MONDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/ueGvWvhR0B>

## Scotland Road Year 3/4 Beginners Chess on a MONDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/TC96d9UQxT>

## Scotland Road Year 4 Timetable Rockstar Club on a TUESDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/qQTvdFZSnu>

## Scotland Road Year 3/4 Indoor Circuits & Games on a TUESDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/c7V5J5it1t>

## Kersall Drive Year 1/2 Design Club on a TUESDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/3UCJbg9MKn>

## Kersall Drive Year 3/4 Drama Club on a TUESDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/qe9cb1hxhG>

## Kersall Drive Year 3/4 Book Club on a THURSDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/p5qNDbDQFN>

## Kersall Drive KS2 Sewing Club on a THURSDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/PCPpiEPSWD>

## Kersall Drive Year 1/2 Multisports on a FRIDAY

<https://forms.office.com/e/TCgVWGbgjy>



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# Admissions open for 2024

APPLY NOW



Was your child born between  
1st September 2019 &  
31st August 2020?

You need to apply for a primary school  
place before the closing date of **15th January 2024**.

Over 98% of applicants that applied on time received  
their first or second preference. **Dont miss out!**



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