

Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

Weekly News – 11th January 2024

Thriving Together

Knowledge • Nurture • Enrichment

Our Ofsted Report - If you haven't seen them already, please find below the links to all the documents linked to our brand new Ofsted report!

Ofsted Letter from Co-Head Teachers - <https://shorturl.at/bjIPR>

Letter from Julie Nicholson, Chair of Governors - <https://shorturl.at/eryE1>

Ofsted Report – <https://shorturl.at/xCHV0>

Feedback collated by Co-Head Teachers during meetings with inspectors - <https://shorturl.at/jzNWO>



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



We are 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/carers time to adapt to the new system.

Please take a couple of minutes to download the Arbor app (using the links and QR codes to the right). If you have any questions please contact the school office.



Arbor first time sign in instructions

1. Download the app and click 'forgot your password'



Happy, Safe & Confident

Log in

Enter your email address

Enter your password

[First time logging in?](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

Log in

2. Enter your e-mail address that you provided to school and click 'request password reset'



Forgot your password?



Don't worry! Just tell us the email address you use to log into Arbor and we'll send you an email with a link to reset your password.

Unsure which email address to use?

Contact your school administrator and they will help you out.

Enter email address

Request password reset

3. You will receive an e-mail with a link to set up your password.

Important dates coming up:

15 th Jan	KD Walesby info meeting @ 3.30-4pm
1 st Feb	Y2 Walesby Residential
9 th Feb	End of term
19 th Feb	School Reopens
4 th -6 th Mar	Y4 Castleton Residential

Whole School Attendance: 92.6%

SR 93.3%

KD 92.0%



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.**



Including Everyone

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 5th February 2024 will be **£2.35**

This will increase again in April 2024 and September 2024 to bring us closer in line with costs.

Castleton Residential

Thank you to the Year 4 parents who attended the Castleton residential meeting. Once deposits have been paid, you will receive a pack of information and medical/dietary forms to fill in.

Payments will be available via School Gateway app.

YEAR 2 RESIDENTIAL TO WALESBY

We still have places available for our 1 night stay at Walesby Forest on Thursday 1st February 2024! This is an exciting opportunity for the children that will include activities such as indoor climbing, low ropes, assault courses, a cave maze, orienteering and more.



DON'T MISS OUT! Speak to Mrs Precious at Kersall Drive or Miss Mundy-Gill at Scotland Road to find out more!



Coming up! **My Cultural Box**

Over the coming months each child will be asked to create a Cultural Box to share with their class. Teachers will send out more information when it is your child's turn to share their Cultural Box.

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being

This half term we are focusing on our well-being area of **'Take Notice'**

Taking Notice is all about being aware of what is happening around and within you at **this** moment in time; in other words, what is happening right now!

Take a moment to close your eyes and listen: What can you hear? Can you smell anything? Can you sense the air moving around you? Can you feel your heart beating? How are you feeling at this moment?

Why is Taking Notice so important for our well-being?

Too often, we feel there is too much to do and not enough time to do it in. Sometimes our thoughts get muddled and we have lots of different feelings that get mixed up and make us feel anxious.

By taking time to stop and take notice of one thing that is happening right now, all those thoughts

and overwhelming feelings stop for a moment in time and we begin to relax and feel better.

This week our children are on the lookout for our **Happy Feelings Monster** – what does feeling happy mean to you?





'Good attendance, including punctuality, is essential for all pupils. This gives them the best possible life chances following statutory education. In order to achieve this, children need to attend school regularly and be equipped to learn. Children cannot learn if they are absent from school.'

<http://heathfieldprimary.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Pastoral-Handbook-Pages-23-24-dragged.pdf> - please read this document for more details

Contact Mr Battison or Miss Papp if you have any questions or concerns.

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 have received tablets or games consoles for presents – have you made sure they will be safe at home?



Attendance League winners

November & December 2023

SR: Badgers 97.67%



KD: Leopards 96.3%



Congratulations!!!

School Uniform

Uniform is now available to purchase via the Just School Wear Website

<https://tinyurl.com/nhwfw3p>

Uniform is important to create school identity and to ensure all children are included.

Polite reminder: school PE uniform should be a white t-shirt and black/navy leggings/joggers and a black hoodie/jumper. Please note that Crocs are not suitable for school and not part of our uniform policy.

EYFS

This Week...

In F1, we have been learning all about winter this week. We have looked at wintery pictures, and talked about what we might see in the winter. We have said what we like doing in winter. We have had lots of new children start with us this week who have settled into our classrooms really well!

In F2 we have been learning all about our teeth and how to have good oral hygiene. We have written instructions about how to brush our teeth properly, and read facts about the effects of sugar on our teeth.

Next week...

F1 will begin to read *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. We will make our own stick people, and describe the characters in the story. We will focus on the vocabulary stick and character.

F2 will begin to learn the story of *The Little Red Hen*. We will focus on the vocabulary knead, dough, bread and learn to retell the story using actions and a story map.

KS1

This Week...

This week both Year 1 and Year 2 have been immersing themselves in poetry. They have been reading lots of poems about different animals and spotting the common features such as rhyming words. Towards the end of the week Year 2 have challenged themselves and tried to write their own rhyming poems. In maths Year 2 have begun their multiplication and division unit. We have been using language like groups and lots of. Year 1 have begun their place value to 20 unit- counting and learning more about those bigger numbers. In Science we looked at what makes something a living thing and in Geography we explored the points of a compass.

Next Week...

We will begin to explore the story 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark'. We will also be designing a scarf for Percy the Park Keeper.

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.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct kit and it is appropriate for the time of year!

Year 3/4

This Week...

We have been learning about our new topic, Nigeria. We started our new class book 'Children of the Quicksands' and thinking of questions to ask the author Edua Traore... who will be visiting us virtually! We have loved learning new vocabulary linked to the Nigerian landscapes.

In Design and Technology, we have been learning about African masks, their symbolism and how we can design our own effectively. We will be making them over the next few weeks.

Next week...

We will be delving more into geography, understanding longitude and latitude and the positioning of Nigeria.

Year 5/6

This Week...

Year 5&6 are now fully immersed in the land of Eerie-on-Sea (the setting of *Malamander*) where we have met Herbie Lemon, and Violet Parma who are already getting themselves into lots of drama. We've explored the text, thought about what good setting descriptions look like and really picked apart sentence structures to improve our punctuating and purpose. We have discovered where the Titanic sits in history, and thought about the experiences of the different classes aboard the ship. Furthermore, we've learnt what ports are and identified some different key ports of the UK. We also revisited RSHE from previous years.

Next Week...

We will investigate properties of materials and organise them in different ways as well as do our mid-year assessments to see what we can remember from what we've learnt so far!

Special Space Menu

18th January 2024

Rocket Hot dog

Or

Flying Saucer Quorn Burger

With

Alien Fries

And

Cosmic Beans or Stella Peas

For Dessert

A Ring of Saturn Chocolate Cookie

