

Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

Weekly News – 19th 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.



As part of our ongoing work on developing our children's awareness of the huge array of careers and jobs in our country, KS2 at Scotland Road had an assembly delivered by a radiographer. Katie kindly came to talk to us about her job which is working with patients who need radiotherapy for cancer treatment. She works in a team and told us all about the skills she needs including compassion, good people and communication skills. She loves her job and the children were very interested and asked lots of good questions. Katie even brought in a Lego model of a treatment room! She showed us some masks that children sometimes wear if they are having treatment too. Katie will soon be visiting Kersall Drive to deliver the same assembly.

Whole School Attendance: 94.1%



SR: Foxes 100%

KD: Eagles 97.6%

Important dates coming up:



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| 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 |
| 28 th Mar | End of term |
| 15 th April | School Reopens |
| 24 th May | End of term |
| 3 rd June | School Reopens |
| 24 th June | INSET day – school closed to all pupils |
| 1 st July | INSET day – school closed to all pupils |
| 8 th -10 th July | SR Y6 London Residential |
| 10 th -12 th July | KD Y6 London Residential |
| 25 th July | End of term |
| 26 th July | INSET day – school closed to all pupils |
| 2 nd Sept | School Reopens |

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: Thank you for signing up to our Y4 Castleton Residential. There are only a few places left for Scotland Roaders, so please sign up ASAP to get a place. Kersall Drive places are all now taken, but if your child really wants to take part, please sign up on our reserve list at the school office.

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being

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



'Take Notice' is about paying attention (on purpose) to what is going on around you and how you feel, in the present moment.

It is sometimes hard to see how just 'Taking Notice' can help us feel happier and healthier. Taking time to focus on the here and now can help us:



- Enjoy life and appreciate what we have
- Understand ourselves better
- Stay Calm
- Think about how to approach challenges

Mobile Phones in School



Please make sure that your child is not bringing a mobile phone into school. The only pupils who may be allowed to bring a phone with them, if their parents/carers feel it is appropriate, are those who have been allowed to walk home alone. In this case the phone must be immediately handed to the child's class teacher when they arrive in the morning.

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!



EYFS

This Week... F1 have started to learn all about Stickman. We have looked closely at the pictures in the book and said what we can see. We have also introduced the word character to describe the people in a story. We have been on a stick hunt and made our own Stickmen. In F2, we have started to learn the story of The Little Red Hen to retell. We have learnt about the different characters, and had a go writing speech bubbles to show the repetitive phrases they say in the story.

Next week...

F1 will continue to learn about Stickman and learn to retell parts of the story using a story map to help us. F2 are going to innovate the story of The Little Red Hen to make our own version. We are also going to try eating a variety of different breads and need your help! Please could you send in some bread for us to try that is special to you and your family, it might be some bread linked to your culture or country, or just some that you enjoy eating as a family. We would like to try as many different breads as possible! Please could you send some of your chosen bread into school for next Wednesday, 24th January.

KS1

This Week... It was assessment week in KS1 this week! Both Year 1 and 2 undertook assessments in Reading and Maths. These will help us see where there may be gaps in children's learning and inform our future planning so we can help all the children to make the progress they are capable of. We will be able to share this information during parents' evening alongside us knowing what your child can do from what we see in the classroom every day.

This week Year 1 began to look at the picture book 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' whilst Year 2 began to look at the chapter book 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' creating noun phrases before exploring the new vocabulary of the text.

In Geography the children have been applying the compass skills we learnt last week to create a map with instructions of Percy the Park Keepers Park. In Science we have been sorting animals by the habitat they live in e.g. coastal, pond, woodland and urban. Finally, another group began to make their scarfs for Percy the Park Keeper!

Next Week...

More exploration of our new English Texts.

Continuing to make our scarfs for Percy the Park Keeper in DT.

In Science we will continue to look at living things and their habitats and how they come to depend on them.

Year 3/4

This Week... we have been learning more about Nigeria through researching key information on the internet. Using Ipads, we have been safely searching and finding out facts such as population, languages, religion and landscape. We're building so much knowledge! Ask us a fact to share with you.

In PE lessons, we have been learning basketball skills: how to dodge, block and dribble. All of Year 3 and 4 have completed their reading and maths tests this week. We will be able to share more information with you about their attainment in the up and coming parents evening.

Next week...

Author Efua Traore is visiting us virtually to talk about our class book, 'Children of the Quicksands'. Please encourage your child to think of questions to ask.

Year 5/6

This Week... It's been a very busy week in Y5&6 with us completing our mid-year assessments! These are to help us indicate the learning the children have remembered and see where the gaps are so we can help to move their learning forward, and make more progress. We will share information relating to these assessments during parents' evening alongside us knowing what your child can do from what we see in the classroom every day. The children have really risen to the challenge, and worked hard to build their resilience and test technique.

We've continued our sentence structure focus in writing with us practising different ways to extend sentences, but also making sure we are consistent with our punctuation - a big target for lots of us! Reading more of Malamander everyday is really helping us to be inspired with the words and structures we use in our writing.

In PE, we are doing Basketball and exploring different attack and defence techniques, and the Jaguars also enjoyed their first swimming session! Many classes have also begun our Properties of Materials unit in science by exploring materials and their properties through mini experiments. The others will start soon!

Next Week...

Y6 can you please make sure you've returned your letter regarding the Choices and Consequences trip

More science experiments!
PSHE sessions on cyber bullying and online safety.

Writing our descriptions (considering the purpose!)