

# Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

## Weekly News – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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School Attendance: 91.4%



KD: Pelicans 98.2%

SR: Toucans 97.8%

### Photo Orders



Photo orders will be collected from school on **Wednesday, 4th December**.

To avoid delivery charges, please ensure your orders are handed into school by **3:30pm on Tuesday, 3rd December**.

You can still order photos online after this date, but they will incur delivery charges to your home. Thank you!

### Afterschool Lighthouse Club Closure Dates

Please note that Lighthouse Club (our paid-for afterschool club) will be closed on the following dates at both **Scotland Road** and **Kersall Drive**:

- **Friday, 20th December 2024**
- **Friday, 4th April 2025**
- **Friday, 25th July 2025**

*If you have already paid for any of these sessions, a credit will be applied to your Arbor account.* We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.



### Winter Raffle

If you have any unwanted, new and unused gifts, toiletry sets or beverages, or if you or your employer are able to offer anything we could add to our raffle, we would be most grateful. Please bring all donations to our school office. Thank you!

### Black Friday Uniform Sale

**Commencing 4pm on 29<sup>th</sup> November** for one week only we are holding a flash sale on our remaining uniform stock held in school. **All remaining stock will be reduced by 15%.** Stock can be purchased via the Arbor app School Shop, so grab yourself a bargain and hurry while stock last. Limited availability – sizes and pricelist on page 7.

### Important dates coming up:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	SR Lions Class Assembly @2.45pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	KD&SR Year4 Resident.meeting@3.20pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	Christmas in the City – Choir
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec.	KD Y3/4 Parents Workshop @2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	SR Y3/4 Parents Workshops @2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD & SR Year 1 Movie Night @3.15-5pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD & SR Year 5 Trip to University of Nott
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	SR Y3/4 visit to St. Leo's Church
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	SR KS1 Performance @ 9.30am & 1.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Owls & Squirrels Performance @9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Hedgehogs & Rabbits Winter Performance @ 1.45pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD & SR Winter Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Christmas in the City – Area Band
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	SR Dolphins & Whales Xmas Show@2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Hedgehogs & Rabbits Performance @9.30am
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Owls & Squirrels Performance @1.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Octopus & Turtles Xmas Show @2pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	SR Seahorses Christmas Singsong
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Turtles & Octopus Theatre Trip
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	SR Dolphins & Whales Theatre Trip
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	KD Jellyfish Christmas Singsong
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	End of term
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	School reopens
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	Young Voices Concert in Sheffield
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	KD & SR Year 4 Magna Trip
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	KD & SR Year 3 Magna Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	End of term
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	School reopens
4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School reopens
7 <sup>th</sup> May	SR Year 2 Residential
14 <sup>th</sup> May	KD Year 2 Residential
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School reopens
16-18 June	SR Year 6 London Residential
23-25 June	KD Year 6 London Residential

## YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION MEETING

**Date for your diary: Monday 2nd December**  
**(Kersall Drive hall and in Scotland Road hall)**  
**from 3.20pm-3.40pm**

Parents/Carers are invited to attend to learn more about the Year 4 Residential which will be in March. If you are unable to attend, please let Mrs Wellsman or Mr Charles know so that they can pass the information onto you. Thank you

## YEAR 2 RESIDENTIAL!

*The Year 2 Residential trip to Sherwood Forest YHA is officially open! Please sign up on the Arbor app under 'trips'.*

Remember, as well as giving permission, you must also complete an OV4 form.

Thank you to everyone who attended our information evenings. If you need any more information, please contact Miss Wilkins (Key stage1 phase lead) or your child's class teacher.

## Christmas Church Visit: Parent Helpers Needed

As part of our Christmas celebrations, the children will be visiting the church to take part in festive activities. We would greatly appreciate any help from parents or carers to assist with walking to and from the church and participating in the activities.

**Visit Schedule:**

- **Tuesday, 10th December**
  - **Scotland Road:**
    - Year 3: 9:15–10:15am
    - Year 4: 10:15–11:15am
  - **Kersall Drive:**
    - Turtles & Octopus: 1:30–2:30pm
- **Tuesday, 17th December**
  - **Scotland Road:**
    - Dolphins & Whales: 9:30–10:30am
  - **Kersall Drive:**
    - Year 3: 1:00–2:00pm
    - Year 4: 2:00–3:00pm

If you're able to join us, please let your child's class teacher know.

## YEAR 1 MOVIE NIGHT!

We would like to invite all year 1 children to our Late Night Movie Night!

On **Thursday 5th December**, we are inviting the year 1 children to stay at school to watch a film - including snacks and hot chocolate!

Both Scotland Road and Kersall Drive Year 1 children will be invited to stay from 3:15pm to 5:00pm.

If you would like your child to attend, please sign up on the **Arbor App! (Activities => Clubs)**

## YEAR 5 TRIP TO UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

Y5 will be going on a trip to the Uni of Nottingham on **Thursday 5th December** for a Sport and Nutrition Discovery day.

***Please access the Arbor app to give permission for them attending this trip.***

The trip is within school time, but please make sure your child is not late as we will be leaving straight away to arrive at the Uni for 9:30am. All children will need a packed lunch.

We are looking for one or two helper per class so please speak to the class teacher if you can help. Thank you

## Reception Theatre Trip

This year, F2 are going to watch ***The Ugly Duckling*** at Nottingham Playhouse

**Tuesday 17th December: Turtles & Octopus**  
**Wednesday 18th December: Dolphins & Whales**

***We will travel by coach to and from the theatre. The total cost of this trip is over £20 a child, but school are subsidising the cost so we are only asking families to pay £5 per child towards the cost. Please pay this on Arbor.***

We will have some limited spaces for adults on this trip, these tickets will also cost £5. If you would like to come with us, please give your name to the office and we will contact you to let you know if you have a space and how to pay for your place.



### *Year 3 & 4 Science Trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre!*

In January, we will be taking Year 3 and 4 on a trip to Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham. The children will be taking part in a lot of fun science experiments all linked to their science topic: Forces.

**Year 4: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January**

**Year 3: Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

School is paying over £2400 for this trip to cover transport costs and enrichment activities at the Science Centre so we are asking parents for a voluntary contribution of £7 per child to cover the cost of tickets for this trip. This can be paid in full or in instalments via the Arbor app. ***Please use the Arbor app to give consent for your child to attend this trip.***

Kersall Drive Parents: Breakfast Club Staff  
Vacancy

**We currently have a vacancy for a staff member to join our Breakfast Club team.**

**If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Ms. Thomas at [diane.thomas@heathfield.nottlineham.sch.uk](mailto:diane.thomas@heathfield.nottlineham.sch.uk). Thank you!**

### **WATER BOTTLES**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EACH DAY.**

**KINDLY NOTE THAT CUPS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR DRINKING WATER AFTER LUNCHTIME.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**



**Homemade Christmas Decorations Needed for Broad Walk Community Garden in Basford**

Nottingham City Council are asking for children to make weather-proof Christmas tree decorations for their new Christmas tree at Broad Walk Community Garden. They will need to be weather-proof, plastic or wood and be able to hang from a tree. Why not recycle and make them from plastic bottles?

***Please bring them to school by Monday, 2nd December. Thank you.***

### **Reminder: Please Label Your Child's Clothing**

We kindly ask that all parents and carers label their child's clothing, as we've noticed a number of jumpers and coats being misplaced. Labelled items make it much easier for us to return them to their rightful owners.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

### **Wellbeing at Heathfield**

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

### **'BE Active'**

Physical activity has a huge potential to enhance our wellbeing. Even a short burst of 10 minutes' brisk walking increases our mental alertness, energy and positive mood. Participation in regular physical activity can increase our self-esteem and can reduce stress and anxiety.

This week why not look at being active with little movement, try a balancing activity that really tests your core strength and resilience! How long can you balance on one leg without falling?



## Nursery & Reception

**This Week...** F2 have started to learn to retell the story Shark in the Dark by Nick Sharratt. We have developed actions to help us with our retellings. We have also been spotting triangles and making pictures using 2D shapes. We have also begun to practice our songs for our Christmas performance Shark in the Snow!

In F1, we have been learning all about the differences between day and night with Night Monkey Day Monkey by Julia Donaldson. We also enjoyed Twinkle Day, looking at lots of different light sources.

### Next week...

F2 learn about shadows and F1 start to think about Christmas by reading Dear Santa.

### Christmas Show Shark in the Snow

**Dolphins & Whales: Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December @2pm**

**Octopus & Turtles: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December @2pm**

### Nursery Christmas Songsong

**AM children @11am, PM & FT children @2.30pm**

**Seahorses: Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Jellyfish: Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

## Year 1/2

**This Week...** In Key Stage 1, we have had a very busy week! We have been practising our play and reading through our lines. In maths, Year 1 children have been looking at subtraction and fact families involving subtracting. In Year 2, we have been sorting 3D shapes and identifying vertices, edges and faces.

During English, we have been retelling our descriptive sentences of The Great Explorer! What a journey Tom has taken! In Art this week we have also begun our clay penguin sculptures.

### Next week...

we will paint our clay penguin sculptures and begin our Polar Animals writing.

### ***Key Stage 1 Winter performances:***

***Hares, Badgers & Foxes: 10th December***

***@9.30am & 1.45pm***

***Owls & Squirrels: 10th December @9.30am***

***& 12th December @1.45pm***

***Hedgehogs & Rabbits: 10th December @1.45pm***

***& 12th December @9.30am***

## Year 3/4

**This Week...** Year 3 & 4 have been busy writing their mini-narratives based on a short animation. It was about a cloud who made lots of different baby animals for a stork to deliver, but the stork had a nasty shock when the animals turned out less than cuddly! The children really enjoyed writing about it and were keen to show off all the grammar knowledge they had acquired over the last half term. In geography, we have been discussing what we'd take with us in an earthquake emergency... understanding the importance of survival and keeping safe. We looked at real-life examples around the world where large earthquakes have happened and their devastating effects.

### Next week...

**Parent/Carer Invite - help us make and explode a volcano!**

**KD – Tuesday, 3rd December**

**@2.30pm**

**SR – Thursday, 5th December**

**@2.30pm**

## Year 5/6

### **This Week...**

Year 5&6 have been busy exploring shapes and angles and working on being more mathematical in their understanding and explanation on them.

In English, we've been writing our non-chronological reports about our own creatures focusing on using paragraphs, adverbials, expanded noun phrases and possessive apostrophes.

There has been lots of science going off to help us understand how our bodies work. Year 5 enjoyed their first visit from the Uni of Nottingham in relation to their trip next week, whilst Year 6 have continued the GREAT project.

### Next week...

Y5 visit the Uni of Nottingham on Thursday (please ensure you've given permission on Arbor).

Y6 should have signed up for London so we can get booking!



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# Leave of Absence and Unauthorized absence

Changes from August 19<sup>th</sup>

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

As you know, attendance is a high priority at Heathfield and greater emphasis has been placed on it by the government. Firstly, I'd like to thank you for ensuring we have good level of attendance.

I would like to highlight new statutory attendance guidance from the Department for Education which comes into effect from the 19th August, 2024.

### **Key Changes:**

#### **Five Consecutive days:**

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

#### **Ten sessions (or 5 days) of unauthorised absence in a ten-week period**

Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions (or 5 days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

#### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of irregular attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

#### **Second Offence (Within 3 years)**

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days

#### **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)**

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parents future DBS certificate, due to a 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance.

# Our Safeguarding Team



## Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

Miss Dickens



Co-Headteacher

## DSL Deputies:

Mr Hicks



Co-Headteacher

Mrs Abasspour



Deputy Head  
Inclusion

Mr Battison



Deputy Head  
Pastoral Support

Mr Padley



Deputy Head  
Teaching & Learning

Mrs Baker



Learning Mentor  
(Mon, Thurs, Fri)

Mrs Dyer



Safeguarding Officer

Miss Papp



Learning Mentor

Link Governor: Pete Cumberland

At least one member of the DSL team is available at all times during the school day if you are concerned about a child.



We use **MyConcern** for our reporting and record keeping. This can be accessed **out of school hours** to report a concern to a DSL.



We use **Smoothwall** monitoring for all school devices.



We work with the Police and other agencies to support families experiencing Domestic Violence

**Out of Hours & referrals:** Nottingham City Council Children and Families Direct 0115 876 4800

SAFEGUARDING OUT OF HOURS



# ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

IF SCHOOL IS NOT OPEN WHO CAN YOU SPEAK TO?

**Police 999 or 101**

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should call the Police 999 immediately.

Alternatively, if you feel the child is a risk of abuse or neglect, but not in immediate need of protection, you should call the Police on 101.

**Nottingham City Children's Social Care 0115 8764800**

If you make the decision to contact Children's Social Care please call 0115 876 4800 or e-mail [candfdirect@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:candfdirect@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

## Talk to the NSPCC

For advice and support about a child, or to report a concern, talk to us. It's free and you don't have to say who you are.

**0808 800 5000**

[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) [nspcc.org.uk/helpline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/helpline)

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

School out of hours email: [safeguarding@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk)

## Need to talk?

We aim to deal with any queries or concerns as soon as we are aware of the issue, so please speak to us. Please speak to your child's teacher first.



Teachers have more time at the end of the day for conversations as this does not impact on learning time. If you want to speak to the class teacher please wait until the other children have been dismissed.

You can also email your child's class teacher directly using:

[classname@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:classname@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk)



## **Black Friday Sale on School Uniform – One Week Only!**



Starting at **4pm on Wednesday, 29th November**, we are holding an exciting **Black Friday sale** on all remaining uniform stock held in school!



### **What's on Offer?**

- **Discount:** 15% off all remaining stock
- **How to Buy:** Purchases can be made via the **Arbor app School Shop**
- **Hurry:** Limited availability—grab a bargain while stocks last!

A full list of sizes and prices is below. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to save on uniform essentials!

	<b>Stock Level</b>	<b>Price after 15% discount</b>
<b>Navy Polo Shirts</b>		
Small	1	<b>£5.95</b>
Medium	2	
Large	1	
3 – 4	3	
5 – 6	1	
9 - 10	9	
11 – 12	13	
<b>White Polo Shirts</b>		
Small	2	<b>£5.95</b>
3 – 4	3	
5 – 6	9	
7 – 8	9	
9 – 10	10	
11 – 12	6	
13	2	
<b>White PE T-Shirt</b>		
3 – 4	1	<b>£5.95</b>
<b>Cardigans</b>		
3 – 4	8	<b>£8.72</b>
5 – 6	1	
<b>Jumpers</b>		
3 – 4	9	<b>£8.72</b>
13	1	
<b>Reversible Jacket</b>		
11 – 12	1	<b>£10.63</b>
<b>Fleece</b>		
7 - 8	1	<b>£10.63</b>

# Miss school... **MISS OUT**

## Coming to school when you are a bit under the weather

**Feeling a little sniffly? Don't worry, your child can still learn!**

Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development.

+ If you're unsure, consult your local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice. Let's prioritise their education and well-being together!

#backtoschool #healthykids #education







# Bulwell Forest Garden

Austin Steet, Bulwell, NG6 9HE

£3 per child

Activities 2pm-4pm

Free with HAF Voucher

5pm Close

## Winter Wonderland

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th Dec



Santa with gift 0-11 years. • Soup and hotdogs  
Festive Play • Woodland Crafts  
Carols round the Campfire



Pre Sale tickets for NG6 residents only available from Bulwell Forest Garden

Friday 22 and Sat 23 November  
and on the HAF portal



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**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**



## Making Sense of Autism

Gain a better understanding and awareness of autism and the way it affects children

### For Parents/Carers and families

#### Who is this training for?

This is a raising awareness module for anyone working in schools. This includes teaching and support staff, office and ancillary staff, caterers, caretakers, transport staff and governors.

#### What will you learn?

- Enhance your understanding and awareness of autism and how autism can affect children in schools
- Know the importance of understanding the individual child and their profile of strengths and needs
- Identify potential barriers to learning for autistic children
- Begin to make reasonable adjustments in the way you support autistic children
- Reflect on the information you need to collect for creating a one-page profile

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 2024  
5 – 6.30pm



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research



Enhances  
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Free resources  
and frameworks  
linked to Ofsted



Optional  
certification

Hub name Nottingham City Autism Team

Date Monday 9 December 2024

Time 5 – 6.30pm

#### Details



Microsoft Teams – just click the link or scan the QR code to join

[Join the meeting now](#)



Terms and conditions available on our website:

<http://www.eduserve.co.uk/additional-needs/inclusive-education-service/igs-training>

FREE

#### Book your training now:

No booking required – just click or scan to join!

