

Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

Weekly News – 6th December 2024

Thriving Together

Knowledge • Nurture • Enrichment

Whole School Attendance: 92.8%



KD: Hedgehogs 100%

SR: Flamingos 97.4%

BLACK FRIDAY UNIFORM SALE

Extended for one more week till Friday, 13th December.

All remaining stock is reduced by 15%.

Uniform can be purchased via the Arbor app School Shop, so grab yourself a bargain and hurry while stock last. Limited availability.

Winter Fair:

Wednesday, 11th December
at 2.45-4pm

Donations Request: Children's Gifts & Cakes

If you have any unwanted, new, and unused children's gifts, we would greatly appreciate your support.

We are also welcoming cake donations on Wednesday to help with our event.

Please bring all donations to the school office.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Christmas Dinner

The most magical time of the year is here and we are excited to invite you to our festive lunch! Join us on Wednesday, 18th December. Full menu on page 7.

Important dates coming up:

10 th Dec.	SR Year 3&4 visit to St. Leo's Church
10 th Dec.	SR KS1 Performance @ 9.30am & 1.45pm
10 th Dec.	KD Owls & Squirrels Performance @ 9.30am
10 th Dec.	KD Hedgehogs & Rabbits Winter Performance @ 1.45pm
11 th Dec.	KD & SR Winter Fair
11 th Dec.	Christmas in the City – Area Band Children
12 th Dec.	SR Dolphins & Whales Xmas Show @ 2pm
12 th Dec.	KD Hedgehogs & Rabbits Winter Performance @ 9.30am
12 th Dec.	KD Owls & Squirrels Performance @ 1.45pm
13 th Dec.	KD Octopus & Turtles Xmas Show @ 2pm
17 th Dec.	SR Seahorses Christmas Sing-song
17 th Dec.	KD & SR Year 1&2 Christmas Party
17 th Dec.	KD Turtles & Octopus Theatre Trip
18 th Dec.	SR Dolphins & Whales Theatre Trip
18 th Dec.	KD & SR Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper & KS2 Songs around the Tree
18 th Dec.	KD & SR Nursery & Reception Christmas Party @ 1.30-3.15pm
19 th Dec.	KD Jellyfish Christmas Sing-song
19 th Dec.	KD & SR Year 3&4 Christmas Party
20 th Dec.	KD & SR Year 5&6 Christmas Party
20 th Dec.	End of term
6 th Jan.	School reopens
8 th Jan.	Young Voices Choir Concert in Sheffield
21 st Jan.	KD & SR Year 4 Magna Trip
23 rd Jan.	KD & SR Year 3 Magna Trip
29 th Jan.	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
14 th Feb.	End of term
24 th Feb.	School reopens
4 th April	End of term
22 nd April	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
23 rd April	School reopens
7 th May	SR Year 2 Residential
14 th May	KD Year 2 Residential
23 rd May	End of term
2 nd June	School reopens
16-18 June	SR Year 6 London Residential
23-25 June	KD Year 6 London Residential
30 th June	INSET day – school closed to all pupils

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL

Please register your interest for your child to take part in the Year 4 Residential to Hagg Farm here <https://forms.office.com/e/JPnqPesHWP> . If you were unable to attend the parent/carer workshop, please speak to your child's class teacher for further information or the school office for an information pack. We will contact you to let you know your child has a place by **Friday 13th December. We will then require non-refundable deposits of £20 to secure your place, paid by the 20th December.** Thank you

YEAR 2 RESIDENTIAL!

Our Year 2 Residential Trip to Sherwood Forest YHA is still open! We had lots of responses through our initial interest form of children wanting to attend, however we have had less responses to officially sign up.

This is a fantastic FREE opportunity for children to attend their first sleepover with school! Please use the 'Trips' section on your Arbor App to sign up.

You will also need to complete an OV4 form from your child's class teacher. If you need any information please contact Miss Wilkins. Thank you.

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.

Head Lice – Important Reminder

Please **check your child's hair regularly** and treat it if you spot any signs of head lice. Combs and treatments are available from pharmacies or supermarkets, or you could try this method:

Wet Combing for Head Lice and Nits

Head lice and nits can be effectively removed using **wet combing**.

What You Need:

- A fine-toothed detection comb (available online or from pharmacies)
- Ordinary shampoo
- Any type of conditioner

Steps to Wet Comb:

1. Wash the hair with shampoo.
2. Apply **lots of conditioner** to the hair.
3. Use the detection comb to comb through the entire head of hair from **roots to ends**.
4. Comb thoroughly, section by section.
5. Repeat the process to ensure no lice are missed.

Timing:

- **Short hair:** ~10 minutes
- **Long, frizzy, or curly hair:** ~20-30 minutes

Treatment Schedule:

- **Day 1, 5, 9, and 13:** Wet comb to remove lice and any newly hatched nits.
- **Day 17:** Check again to ensure the hair is lice-free.

This systematic method helps to catch lice at every stage of their life cycle.

Thank you for helping us keep head lice under control!

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.



As always, we are keen to support those in our community who may be struggling at this time of the year. ***If you would like to make any food donations, we will make sure they are passed on to food banks in our local area.*** Thank you for your support.

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, 21st January

Year 3: Thursday, 23rd 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.nottingham.sch.uk. Thank you!

Governing Board Parent Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent to join our fantastic Governing Board at Heathfield - if you are interested please email

headteacher@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk

by Friday 13th December indicating why you are interested in this role and what skills you are able to contribute to the successful partnership with school.

Allergies, Packed Lunches & Snacks

As a school, we try hard to make sure school is a safe and supportive environment for all – including those children and staff who have particular allergies.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to guarantee and enforce an allergen-free environment as we cannot monitor all packed lunches and food that comes into school.

However, if you child brings a packed lunch to school, please consider what goes into it as we want to minimise risk as much as possible.

When making your child's packed lunch, please consider how balanced or healthy it is. Whilst we wouldn't want to dictate what is in a child's packed lunch, share packets of crisps, chocolate bars or bags of sweets are clearly not appropriate for a school packed lunch. Children should also only bring in water to drink with their packed lunch and throughout the day.

For a break time snack, children can bring in a piece of fruit. ***Crisps, chocolate or anything else is not appropriate for a morning snack.***

Wellbeing at Heathfield

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

'BE Active'

KIDS ARE MADE TO PLAY

Physical activity can help greatly with maintaining mental wellbeing. "Feel-good" chemicals in the brain, known as endorphins, are released by the brain during physical activity and help to improve mood, energy levels and even sleep. Together, these positive effects help to improve self-confidence and resilience. Kids who get active every day are also better sleepers.

If you can be anything in the world – Be Kind! Studies show that kindness makes children happier, reduces stress, and improves self-esteem. Kind actions activate the joyful area of the brain, and boost well-being.



Nursery & Reception

This Week... In F2 this week, we have been innovating the story Shark in the Dark to create our own versions. We have thought of different things Timothy Pope may have seen through his telescope and mistaken for a shark! We have also been practising our Christmas Performance Shark in the Snow ready for you to come and watch next week. In F1, we have unwrapped presents that have matched the presents given in Dear Santa by Rod Campbell. We have also been learning to retell the story and started singing some Christmas songs too!

Next week...

[Christmas Show Shark in the Snow](#)

Dolphins & Whales: Thursday, 12th December @2pm

Octopus & Turtles: Friday, 13th December @2pm

[Nursery Christmas Singsong](#)

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

Seahorses: Tuesday, 17th December

Jellyfish: Thursday, 19th December

[Nursery & Reception Christmas Party: Wednesday, 18th December in the afternoon. If your child attends morning nursery, they are invited back to join us for the party from 1.30-3.15pm. £1 donations welcome!](#)

Year 1/2

This Week... Key Stage 1 have been busy practising our Winter Performances this week. We are so excited for you to come and see it! Please remember your costume and your lines ready for next week. In between our practises, we have been looking at non-fiction texts about polar animals. Hopefully we can recall lots of facts for you! In maths, year 1s have continued to look at addition and subtraction, focusing on using number lines and missing numbers. In year 2, we have begun our addition and subtraction too, looking at making number sentences from maths pictures. In our PE lessons we have been creating dances using weather movements.

Next week... we will be performing our play! We will be writing up our own non-fiction texts on polar animals. We will also be continuing with our history and geography learning surrounding Explorers.

[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

[Christmas Party: Tuesday, 17th December](#)

(£1 donations welcome)

Year 3/4

This Week...

A big thank you to those of you who were able to come to our Volcano workshop! We really enjoyed seeing you and the children loved exploding their volcanoes! We have been learning about how to make earthquake-resistant structures, researching and designing our own. We have learnt about some of the famous structures around the world including the tallest, called Burj Khalifa in Dubai. In English, we have started our non-chronological reports about extinct animals.

Next week...

we will be finishing our non-chronological reports about our own 'made-up' extinct animals.

Scotland Roaders will be visiting St. Leo's church.

[Christmas Party: Thursday, 19th December](#)

Year 5/6

This Week...

We have got stuck straight into our story writing unit this week inspired by the music video for the song Titanium. We worked collaboratively to think of vocabulary to match the video and begun to look at different figurative language features. In maths, Y6 have been working hard to master division including being introduced to long division whilst Y5 have begun to explore multiples and factors. Y5 had a great visit to the Uni of Nottingham and enjoyed a range of sporting activities and a chance to experience what a university is like.

Next week...

heart dissections to help us apply our knowledge of what we have learnt about how it works.

[Christmas Party: Friday, 20th December](#)
(£1 donations welcome)



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Leave of Absence and Unauthorised absence

Changes from August 19th

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

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 nspcc.org.uk/helpline

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

School out of hours email: 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.

Class Teacher or
Teaching Assistant

Phase Leader

Deputy Headteacher

Co-Headteachers

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

Let's stir up some Festive Fun!

Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024

*Traditional Roast Turkey, Yorkshire
Pudding and Chipolata
or
Vegetable Sausage*

Served with

*Roast Potatoes
Carrots & Gravy*

Festive Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits



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





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 9th
December 2024
5 – 6.30pm



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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](#)



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