

Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

Weekly News – 31st January 2025

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Whole School Attendance: 93.2%



KD: Rabbits 99.1%

SR: Jaguars 95.5%

RAMADAN

If your child has chosen to fast during Ramadan this year, please inform the school so that we can ensure all staff are aware and make any necessary adjustments to support them. You can do this by calling the school office or emailing your child's class email address. Thank you for your cooperation.

Waterproof clothing – donations request

Please could you have a look at home for any outdoor, waterproof clothing that you no longer need. We would like donations of wellington boots, waterproof jackets and water proof trousers ages 3-7. Donations can be left with the office at both Scotland Road and Kersall Drive. Thank you!

National Child Measurement Programme

On Tuesday, 25th February 2025, school nurses are coming to measure the height & weight of Reception & Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Please follow this link for the letter containing all the necessary details. <https://tinyurl.com/3jjdvbve>
A paper copy will be sent out early next week.

Please contact the school if you **DO NOT** want your child to take part.

Important dates coming up:

14 th Feb.	End of term
24 th Feb.	School reopens
25 th Feb.	KD & SR Reception & Year 6 Weigh & Measure
26th Feb.	PARENTS' EVENING
24-26 Mar.	SR Year 4 Hagg Farm Residential
26-28 Mar.	KD Year 4 Hagg Farm Residential
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
25 th July	End of academic year 2024/2025

PARENTS' EVENING

On Wednesday, 26th February, it is Parents' Evening. You will be able to book a 'Guardian Consultation' meeting with your child's teacher through the Arbor app from Monday.

This is not a drop-in session, it is a scheduled appointment with the class teacher.

Please book an appointment to hear about your child's learning and progress at the mid-year point. Thank you

POLITE REMINDER:

Please ensure that all your contact information, including address, phone number, and other details, are up to date. Keeping this information current helps us stay connected and reach you when needed. Thank you for your cooperation!



Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies!

The time has come to order the year 6's leavers' hoodies! This year, we are taking online responses so please follow this link to complete the form:
<https://forms.office.com/e/wcgA2zUH6p>.

Hoodies will cost **£18.90** each. They will come in your child's choice of colour with the names of each site's year 6s on the back (one design for SR and another for KD) and the school logo on the front.

If your child would like a hoody, please make sure you complete the form and pay through Arbor before **28th March**.

Kindly note that we can only order hoodies we have received payment for, so please make sure you pay to avoid disappointment.

We will not be taking orders after the deadline date. Thank you

YEAR 2 RESIDENTIAL REMINDER!

Thank you for your fantastic responses to our Sherwood Forest YHA overnight stay.

We now require all OV4 forms to be handed in. Please ask your child's class teacher for a form to complete. We cannot take the children on the residential trip without this form.

Thank you so much for all of your interest in our free trip! We are so excited to go!

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TO HAGG FARM

*Monday 24th March – Wednesday 26th March
2025 Scotland Road*

*Wednesday 26th March – Friday 28th March
2025 Kersall Drive*

Thank you to those who have signed up to our Year 4 Residential to Hagg Farm. The sign-up opportunity has now closed. We will be sending our packs to you shortly with relevant information and OV4 forms to complete.

Wellbeing at Heathfield

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

'Take Notice'



Ways to Take Notice:

In our busy daily lives, we rarely take time to stop, pay attention to what is going on right now, and appreciate the world around us. It may be difficult to know how to begin to take notice.

A good place to start is with our five senses: smell, sight, hearing, touch and taste.

This is a lovely activity that you can do anywhere, at home or out and about. You never know when you might discover something new or catch sight of something wonderful.

Nursery & Reception

This Week...

F2 have continued to learn to retell the story of The Little Red Hen, and have changed the animals in the story to make their own version. They have also written some simple sentences imagining what the characters would say.

F1 have been learning all about the Lunar New Year and finding out how people celebrate it. The children have learnt about the story of how the years got their animal names and discovered this year is the Year of the Snake. They have made lots of different snakes this week, printing them, in the playdoh, using maths manipulatives to make patterns on snakes.

Next week...

F1 start to learn about The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson and F2 will begin to use the story of The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle to learn about healthy food choices.

Year 1/2

This Week...

Key Stage 1 have started looking at The Body Book! It is a non-fiction book that teaches all about our bodies. We have learned lots of interesting facts and will begin to write our own non-fiction text about the body - focussing on the lungs, heart and bones. See if we can remember any information at home!

In maths, Year 2 have focussed on exchanging in maths, when we add and subtract numbers - we found this very tricky! In Year 1, we have been ordering numbers to 20.

In our topic lessons, we have continued to look at self-portraits and we have been learning about Mary Seacole in History.

Next week...

we will begin to write our non-fiction writing. We are going to be creating our own 'Body Books' using the information we have learned. We will also have a science quiz!

Year 3/4

This Week...

We have been using grid references in learning about our local area, along with map symbols. We have been learning about past railway stations and the rise of the automobile, too. We were fascinated about how cars looked and were advertised in the 1920's!

In RE, we have been learning about how Buddhism has the 8-fold path, thinking and discussing ways how people can be kinder to one another.

Next week...

we will be writing persuasive adverts to visit Magna. We have lots of experience now, and many of our own reasons to write about!

Year 5/6

This Week...

Year 5&6 have been working so hard this week, and I've heard so many amazing things from different teachers about the maturity they are showing. In maths, we've been having a real focus on problem solving and it's great to see the children using their toolkits. We also begun a new writing unit which involves us writing an explanation text linked to Wallace and Gromit inventions. In history, we've learnt about how significant the lace industry was in Nottingham, and there has been a lot of computing going on in which the children have learnt how to use TinkerCad (a great app to build 3D models).

Next week...

Transport and housing in history.

More electrical fun in science!



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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