

# Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

## Weekly News – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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**WELCOME BACK ☺ Happy New Year to all of our children, parents and staff.**

A short 2 day week has helped with settling back into routines. The children have been focusing on a story this week – ask them which one and what they have been doing!

Attendance is low at the moment – please ensure your child attends each day unless they are unwell. School should be notified of any absence on Day 1. Thank You!

### 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



### Year 4 Castleton Residential

A parent/carer meeting will be held to share information about the Year 4 Castleton Residential on:

**Monday 8th January, 3.15pm (hall) - Scotland Road**

**Tuesday 9th January, 3.15pm (hall) - Kersall Drive**

The meeting should last no longer than half an hour. You will be able to sign your child up for a place with a non-refundable deposit of £20 via Arbor app. Thank you

### Important dates coming up:

8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SR Y4 Castleton info meeting @3.15pm
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	KD Y4 Castleton info meeting @3.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SR Walesby info meeting @ 3.30-4pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	KD Walesby info meeting @ 3.30-4pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y2 Walesby Residential
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Reopens
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Castleton Residential



Whole School Attendance:

**90.7%**

Congratulations to our Winners of **Christmas Countdown Challenge** being at school Every Day and On Time in December. They each received a £10 voucher!

Look out for our next incentive...



### 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.**



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 will be **£2.35**

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

## 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.



## **Year 2 Walesby Residential**

Information Evening - A parent/carers of children attending Year 2 Residential to Walesby on Thursday 1st February- Friday 2nd February are invited to an information evening to find out key information about the trip e.g. kit, activities and timings.

**Thursday 11th January 3:30pm (hall)- Scotland Road**  
**Monday 15th January, 3.30pm (hall) - Kersall Drive**

The meeting should last no longer than half an hour.

## Relationship, sex and health education - Y5&Y6 RSHE

The first full week back (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> January), Y5&Y6 will be revisiting some previous RSHE topics to ensure they have the right information, and know who they can speak to if they have any questions/worries.

The topics we will cover are:

- Puberty including periods
- Feelings/emotions

Please speak to your child's individual class teacher if you have any questions regarding the content, or exactly when it will be covered during that week (as each class may not do it at the same time).

Thank you for your continued support.



**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?**



## Positive Mental Health and Well-Being

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



Take time to be still, reflect, and become aware of your surroundings. Reflecting on what is happening in the moment will help you appreciate what matters to you.

Be aware of your thoughts and your feelings.

Ask your children to take notice of the world around them and how this affects how they feel. Notice how a sunny, cold day feels physically and emotionally and how this might affect the way we think too!

## EYFS

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

In F1, we have welcomed the children back into Nursery and talked about what we did over Christmas and New Year.

In F2 this week, we have been learning about Romeo and Juliet and linked this to The Smeds and The Smoos by Julia Donaldson.

### **Next week...**

In F1 we are going to learn about signs of winter using the story Why I Love Winter.

In F2 we are going to use the story All the Nonsense in my teeth to think about oral hygiene and how to keep our teeth healthy and clean.

## KS1

**This Week...** Key Stage 1 had a super final week before Christmas! We enjoyed making Christmas cards and having our Christmas party. On the last day, we celebrated the end of our 'Toy Story' topic by bringing in our favourite toy to share with our class. All of the children have settled back into school brilliantly this week and they made a fantastic start on their new learning. In Maths, Year 1 consolidated their learning about shape and money from last half term. Year 2 have been learning about shape, focusing on the properties of 3D shapes. In the afternoons, the children started looking at our Shakespeare play, Romeo and Juliet. The children enjoyed learning about the key parts of the story and using their drama skills to create 'freeze frames'. Each class has also been focusing on a different story for 'Book Week' which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

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## Year 3/4

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

Each class have enjoyed their first two days back with a class book. Each class has read a different book (teacher choice) so ask your child what they have been reading and the activities they have done. In maths, we have been continuing learning about multiplication and division.

Thank you to all of you who came to our Tudor Day at the end of last half term, plus the Year 4 String performance.

### **Next week...**

We will be starting our Nigeria topic! You should have received a knowledge organiser and overview before Christmas. Ask your child's teacher if you would like an extra copy, or look on our website.

## Year 5/6

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

It's been individual book week these last two days with each class exploring their own picture book, or poem. Ask your child what book and activities their class did! We've also got straight stuck into maths with some arithmetic, adding and subtracting fractions and square/cube numbers.

### **Next Week...**

we will begin our Malamander (our new class text) journey, really immersing ourselves into the quality writing. We will begin to explore the Titanic, and also revisit some RSHE topics from previous years to build up our confidence in these areas.

# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM



Focused on  
Enrichment

**Football, Music and Drama clubs continue**

## **Scotland Road Year 1/2 Multisports on a MONDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/ueGvWvhR0B>

## **Scotland Road Year 3/4 Beginners Chess on a MONDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/TC96d9UQxT>

## **Scotland Road Year 4 Timetable Rockstar Club on a TUESDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/qQTvdFZSnu>

## **Scotland Road Year 3/4 Indoor Circuits & Games on a TUESDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/c7V5J5it1t>

## **Kersall Drive Year 1/2 Design Club on a TUESDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/3UCJbg9MKn>

## **Kersall Drive Year 3/4 Drama Club on a TUESDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/qe9cb1hxxG>

## **Kersall Drive Year 3/4 Book Club on a THURSDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/p5qNDbDQFN>

## **Kersall Drive KS2 Sewing Club on a THURSDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/PCPpiEPSWD>

## **Kersall Drive Year 1/2 Multisports on a FRIDAY**

<https://forms.office.com/e/TCgVWGbgiy>



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# Admissions open for **2024**

**APPLY NOW**



Was your child born between  
**1st September 2019 &  
31st August 2020?**

You need to apply for a primary school  
place before the closing date of **15th January 2024.**

Over 98% of applicants that applied on time received  
their first or second preference. **Dont miss out!**



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