



Heathfield Infants Newsletter



Welcome and Best Attendance

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break. The children have returned well rested and have settled back into school life with great enthusiasm. Best Attendance this week was achieved by Sea Turtles Class in Reception and Iguana Class in KS1. Well done!

What We Have Been Doing

This week the Nursery children have settled in really quickly after the holiday and embraced our new theme for the term of 'Animals'. We have been listening to animal sounds and playing 'guess the animal'.



We would like to remind everyone if you have not done so the closing date for applying for a school Reception place is Wednesday, 15th January 2020. If you would like some support with the application please talk to one of the team.

The Reception children have settled back really quickly after the Christmas break. We have loved hearing about who they have seen, where they have been and presents they received. In maths this week we have been looking at the different ways that we can add two numbers to make 5. In English our new book is about



an old lady and her dog so we have been talking about people who are older than us and people who are really old! You will have received a letter on Wednesday outlining the reading books that are coming home each day throughout the week. It is really important for your child to have a book bag in school every day so that they can have a new book to take home and please ensure that all books are returned. We will be holding a quick meeting

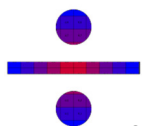
about our new reading books next Tuesday, 14th January at 9.00am in the Infant Hall and are really looking forward to seeing you all there.



This week Year 1 started a new Design and Technology unit 'Dips and Dippers'. We tasted a range of dips, rated them, and wrote descriptions about what they tasted like. In English we started a picture book called 'A River' by Marc Martin. We talked about the main character and what clues we could find about her from the pictures. In maths we worked on addition and subtraction within 50. In science we have been learning about the season of winter and discussed the number of hours of daylight we have. The children loved singing this song about the seasons:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zjpl6fgYSY&safe=active&app=desktop>

Year 2 came back rested and raring to go, which is a fantastic start to the new term. We have been learning about division and experimented with how to share equally, using multi-link and counters. In English we started a new text 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. We inferred what the main character Laszlo was feeling and why he might be feeling the way he was. We took part in a conscience alley to decide whether Laszlo should face his fears by going into the dark, or whether he should run away and then wrote down our own opinions about what he should do. In science we started a new topic on animals and thought about what all animals need to survive and used secondary resources to research this. Computing was very exciting this week, as we are using a brand new program called 'Scratch Junior'. The children worked in partners to give their character instructions to complete, then predicted what they thought was going to happen and why. We will continue to use this coding project for the rest of the half term.





Reception Reading Meeting – Tuesday, 14th January 2020

All Reception parents/carers are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, 14th January at 9.00am to receive information about supporting their child's reading. There will be a short talk and flyer you will be able to take away with you with suggestions about reading at home with your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

New School Menu and Special School Lunch 16th January 2020



Our new style school lunch menu is now available for you to peruse for the Spring Term 2020, along with the Primary Allergens Chart and information about our catering provider's 'Sugar Sheriff' initiative. On Thursday, 16th January we will be serving our special Italian menu for school lunch. If your child has a packed lunch and would like to change to a school lunch on this day, please let the school office know by 9.00am on Monday, 13th January. Remember that Infant School children are entitled to a FREE school meal. You can find all information on our website www.heathfieldschoolspartnership.org

Science Week – January 2020

We are excited to announce that Science Week will start on Monday 20th January 2020. It will be taking place in both the Infant and Junior schools. This year, the theme is 'Famous Scientists'. Throughout the week, children will be re-creating investigations that famous, real scientists carried out to help them make a particular discovery. They will also find out about how 'modern day' scientists have carried on their work today.



As part of Science Week, we have arranged for Fizz Pop Science to visit from Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th January. They will be running assemblies and workshops for all children from Reception to Year 6. Children will learn about a range of topics and themes appropriate to their year group, including Darwin's evolution, how rainbows are formed, and 'Hair Raising Electrons'. The workshops will provide an exciting and interactive opportunity for children to get involved in science. On Friday, 24th January, we are having a scientific fancy dress competition! We ask that children come into school in costume as a famous scientist or as themselves as a future scientist. We will be awarding prizes for the best fancy dress at the end of the day. We hope you are looking forward to Science Week 2020, which has very kindly been part funded by our wonderful PTA.

Absence Reporting

If you are reporting your child absent from school, please contact us by calling 0208 894 4074 by 9.00am on the day of absence, clearly stating your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

PTA Update

PTA Meeting - We would like to invite all parents/carers to our up and coming PTA meeting on Thursday 16th January 8.15pm at The Winning Post. We are looking for ideas and enthusiasm to take charge on events for the year and also help with rugby parking too. Everyone is welcome, so put the date in your diaries and join us for a drink and a chat as we would love to see you all there.



On Thursday 30th January we are holding the first of many exciting events being organised which will be Family Bingo, straight after school. More details to follow soon. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you on the 16th.

50/50 Draw - Please see below for the winning numbers for our 50/50 Draws:

December 2019
1st Prize – number 37
2nd Prize – number 3
3rd Prize – number 5

January 2020
1st Prize – number 8
2nd Prize – number 38
3rd Prize – number 14

We are excited to announce that our next donation to the school will be to update the Forest School area for all the children to enjoy!