



NEWSLETTER

Heathfield Infants Newsletter



Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was achieved by Dolphin Class KS1 and Sloth Class in Reception.

What We Have Been Doing



This week in Nursery we have been taking part in 'World Nursery Rhyme' week, singing a different nursery rhyme each day. These will be on Tapestry for you to enjoy and sing along at home. The children have really enjoyed this and have been developing their number knowledge, language and literacy skills.

Next week we will be looking at space, planets, the moon and the earth and will read the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. Can we please remind parents as the weather is turning colder, if your child is bringing in extra items such as hats and gloves, please name them all, to help us find them if they are lost. In addition, for safety reasons, we ask the children not to wear scarves as they can get caught and tangled during play and could cause injury.

The Reception children had an amazing time at Windsor Castle last Friday, from seeing the guards, looking at 'Queen Mary's Doll House', to finding the '5 naughty dragons' around the state apartments. All of the children were exceptionally well behaved and were fascinated by the fact that, because the standard flag was flying, somewhere in the castle was the Queen! If you have not yet looked at Tapestry there are some photos of our trip for you to see. This week was 'National Nursery Rhyme' Week so we have been posting our newly learnt rhymes on Tapestry for you. In maths we have been working out what is 1 more and 1 less than a number as well as consolidating our number recognition to 10. If you have any empty cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, plastic bottle lids or tubes, please can you send them into school so we can use them in our junk modelling.



In maths Year 1 have been using dienes to represent 'teen' numbers. The children have loved singing along to this song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrg3eHSYMFg&safe=active>

In English we have created aliens and their settings in preparation for writing alien stories next week. We have also used a 'zone of intensity' to decide if vocabulary is powerful enough to use in our writing. In Art we have been focussing on the artist 'Kandinsky'. We have looked at some of his paintings and answered questions about them. We used different sized paintbrushes to paint shapes and lines using primary colours. The children have had their second PE specialist gymnastic lessons. They learnt lots of different balances and how to link them into a sequence using a travelling move. These lessons take place on a Monday morning so please make sure all children have their PE kit in school every day.

This week Year 2 have applied their knowledge of money by adding amounts together and finding change. We realised that our written formal methods can be applied when adding and subtracting money, as well as when we are solving number sentences. In English and history we continued our studies about 'The Great Fire of London' and completed our fact files and shared what we learnt. Using drama to understand how characters felt during the different stages of the fire, we wrote a diary entry in the style of Samuel Pepys. We looked at paintings from the 'Great Fire' period to see what we could learn from them, and how reliable they were. The children were fantastic at recalling the key facts and are beginning to understand that our lives now are very different. Finally, in science, the children continued their understanding of how to keep our bodies healthy and organised different foods into food groups. Ask your child to share what they have learnt about this.



We are hoping to start our DT project soon where we will be creating houses in the style of 1666. If you have any spare shoe boxes or cereal boxes at home please send them in so we can begin our creations. The weather is turning a lot colder now, so please ensure that your child wears a warm coat to school, clearly labelled with their name.

Christmas Assembly – Year 1 and Year 2 – Tuesday, 3rd December – 1.30pm

The Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in our annual Christmas Assembly on Tuesday, 3rd December at 1.30pm at St Augustine's Church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for songs and listening to the Heathfield Schools' Partnership children's choir. If you do not wish for your child to attend for religious reasons, please write to Mr Clayton, Executive Headteacher with your request before Friday, 29th November 2019.

Christmas School Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

Our special Christmas School Lunch will be served on Wednesday, 18th December.

The meal is free of charge, but we do need to know how many lunches to order. **Please can you complete the form sent home with your child and return it by 9.00am on Friday, 6th December.**

Please return the form even if your child is having a packed lunch.



Due to the popularity of this meal, our catering company, who order the food, will be unable to accept any meal bookings placed after the deadline date.



Roast Turkey served with
Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Chipolata Sausage,
Cranberry Sauce Gravy, Carrots and Brussel Sprouts
VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE
Roasted Vegetable and Feta Parcel
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Chocolate Chip Christmas Cookie



School Attendance

We have two dedicated Welfare Officers that are on hand to check on the wellbeing of all children.

If your child has a cough, cold and/or sore throat, they can usually manage in school. If symptoms became worse they would be seen by one of our Welfare Officers and a call would be made home.

We have lots of tissues and hand sanitiser within school to keep bugs at bay. Most importantly, we have lots of supportive staff who will help monitor the children through the day.

If the doctor prescribes medication for your child for four times a day, we can manage one of these doses for you during the school day. Please complete a medication request form available from the Infant School Office.

Please do not keep your children away from school for **minor illnesses** as this has a **major impact on their learning**.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact Nikki Dufosse through the school office on 0208 894 4074 or mobile number 07483310207.

Morning Drop off

Please ensure you stay with your child until the bell goes. You must not leave your child in the circle unattended.

Safeguarding

Last week we had our termly Safeguarding week and all staff have attended one of our training sessions.

All staff and governors at Heathfield Nursery, Infant and Junior Schools, are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for children. All staff and visitors are expected to promote a climate where children and adults feel confident about sharing any concerns they may have about the safety or well-being of a child. All visitors, including parents and carers, are asked to ensure they sign in/out of school via one of the main offices if entering the building for any reason.

If you have a Safeguarding or Child Protection concern, please contact one of the school's safeguarding team: Ms Allman, Mrs Dufosse or Mrs Child via one of the schools' offices.

School: 0208 894 3525/ 0208 894 4074.

Richmond SPA: 020 8547 5008 / 020 8770 5000 (out of hours)

Hounslow SPA: 020 8583 6600 / 020 8583 2222 (out of hours)

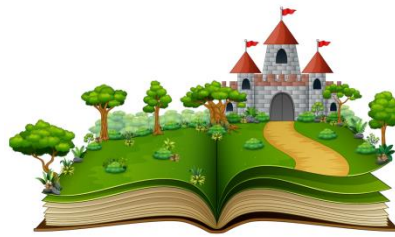
Emergency Services: 999; Non Emergency Police 101; NSPCC 0808 8005000

We need you!

This year we have signed up to 'Books For Schools' in partnership with The Sun newspaper. From Saturday 23rd November till Saturday 18th January, The Sun newspaper will start printing book tokens in the paper for us to collect.

We need to reach a target of **3,500** tokens to qualify for any free books.

Please help us to reach this target by posting all your tokens into the special boxes in the school offices.



Help us collect



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