



Heyford Park School Primary Newsletter



28th May 2021

Dear Families

I think it is safe to say that everyone is very much looking forward to a weeks break away from school. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and they have made us proud on a daily basis. We have had the pleasure of showing lots of visitors around the school over the last few weeks and the most common word used to describe the school is 'calm'. This is a testament of the hard work that the staff and children have put in to making sure we all follow the school values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' at all times whether they are in the classroom or walking around the school site.

As we are preparing for the last term of school can I ask parents and carers to remind themselves of the uniform policy which can be found on the website. On occasion some children are coming into school with incorrect uniform, can you please help the children prepare for their day by ensuring that they are smart and presented well, with the correct uniform including shoes. This all adds to the sense of community at Heyford Park and it is important that children are encouraged from an early age to show respect by following rules.

Unfortunately, this week we have had a few incidents where children have been gathering outside the school gates at the beginning of the day, this has mainly been children in Upper Key Stage Two. This has resulted in blocked pathways and unfortunately inappropriate behaviour by some children. The children have been spoken to about this, and we have explained the importance of showing our school values in and out of school, as well as being on time for school and not too early. It is important to remind parents and carers that your children are your responsibility until they enter the school site and are met by their teacher. This includes children that walk on their own to school, they should be trusted by parents and carers that when they do this they can be responsible. We have also reminded staff that it is important to be out to meet their class promptly as we are not currently encouraging parents to stay in the school grounds.

ATTENDANCE

As the children have been back in school since March 8th we have done our first attendance analysis of the year. The Government set 96% as a national bench mark for attendance, and therefore to help ensuring that our children are in school as much as possible, we monitor to see if children are falling below this mark. We especially look at children whose attendance falls below 90% and send letters to share our concern. This is purely to encourage attendance and we fully understand that children become ill and that we are in a pandemic – but it is important that you know of our concern and of course we are here to help if you need us. We will be reviewing again at the end of the summer term.



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MESSAGE FROM MISS CURTIS

Thank you to our eco-school council who have been creating a stationery recycling station for each classroom this week. The children (quite rightly!) identified that as a school we go through a huge amount of stationery and highlighted this a key area that they wanted to improve on. We will also be accepting any items from home that you wish to recycle (please see the poster attached for further guidance).

It is fantastic to work with such a passionate and proactive group of young people who are incredibly keen to make a difference.



PE NEWS

Sports Day

Our Primary Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 25th June. After more than a year away from fixtures and events there is a real buzz and excitement brewing about the day which is fantastic! As in previous years, the children will be representing their house team on Sports Day, and we would like them to wear a yellow, red or blue t-shirt to show this (this should be the same colour as the stripe on their school tie).

We would also like the Student Leadership Team of House Captains, Sports Captains and the Head Boy, Head Girls and their deputies to support at each of the Sports Day sessions, and they will spend all of the 25th June at the Specialisms Campus. Please speak to Mrs Osborne or Mrs Evans if you have any questions about this.

'Eat Them to Defeat Them'

Next term our school will be taking part in the 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' campaign, a national initiative to encourage healthy eating. There will be a focus vegetable each week and the children will be able to earn stickers for trying new foods or making an effort to eat all of their fruit/vegetables at lunchtime. The focus vegetables are shown in the image below.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS IN BROWN BEARS

Brown Bears have been learning about Hinduism as part of their RE this term. They learned about the celebration of Diwali, created rangoli patterns, made Diva Lamps and enjoyed sharing food and drink with each other.



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the following children who have received a certificate this week.

Year Group	Writing	Maths	Reading
Minibeasts	Harry – for his focus and independence with his writing.	Amairah – for her progress in maths including her careful counting.	Mikey – for working hard on his reading.
Tigers	Lily – for her exciting adventure story, which she wrote independently.	Connie – for using some excellent mathematical language talking about quarters and halves.	Daisy – who has been reading more and more fluently each week, doing lots of reading at home.
Kangaroos	Mahlia - for wonderful story language when writing her adventure story. She was poorly all week but still managed to write a lovely story yesterday.	Darla - for her excellent understanding of quarters of shapes and quantities.	Harry C - for becoming more independent when answering questions during guided reading and also for reading questions in maths and attempting his task independently.
Koalas	Amelia - for working hard on homophones this week. She is able to spot the different spellings and describe their meaning.	Seth – for working hard in maths this week and his increased independence when approaching questions.	Jacob - for improvements in his reading. He is working hard to read fluently and is using expression.
Lions	Ezmay – for her limerick writing.	Jamie – for trying his best to focus in maths.	William T – for reading every day.
Otters	Lucas – for writing a lovely poem.	Lleyton – for working hard in maths this week.	Jordan - for writing good book reviews in his reading record.
Pandas	Molly – for working incredibly hard on her innovation of Charlie and the chocolate factory.	Ellie – for challenging herself in her reasoning work in Maths.	Izzy – for pushing herself to develop her inference skills.
Brown Bears	Luke - Made real effort with his writing this week, focussed on working in a pair to research information for a biography.	Chloe - has tried very hard in her Pixl practice papers this week and is gaining confidence!	Evie - could win any award! Incredibly focused, hardworking and mature. She is currently reading a Bear Grylls adventure book.
Polar Bears	Courtney – for her fantastic biography.	Jack – for his effort in his tutoring session and the progress he has made.	Chloe – for her love of reading and being keen in guided reading.
Bumble Bees	Rafal, Lucy and Elsie for outstanding narrative prequels.	Annabel – for her outstanding determination and persistence with maths problems.	
Eagles	Erin – for embracing the Alan Peat’s sentences – incredible improvement in writing.	Noah – for his presentations and determination with drawing line graphs.	Mason – for his remarkable commitment to his reading.

Also the following children have received a Head Teacher’s award this week:

Minibeasts	Timur – for being so hard working and kind.
Tigers	Nela - for always being ready, respectful and safe inside and outside the classroom.
Kangaroos	Ike - for trying hard in all he does, becoming an independent learner and staying focused. He was a great coach in Maths this week when helping someone understand quarters of amounts.
Koalas	Isla – for her overall hard work and improvements. She has been working with more independence and is improving her handwriting.
Lions	Alfie – for his mission to improve in his spellings.
Otters	Mithra – for being a good role model.
Pandas	Patryk – for consistently showing our school values.

Brown Bears	Freddie - has not had the easiest week due to his arm being in plaster and has had to miss lots of football. He has however, not complained and just got on with it, working hard as always!
Polar Bears	Alba – for showing school values in everything that she does.
Bumblebees	Max – for embodying our school values.
Eagles	Raeya - for going above and beyond with her topic work this week.

We would like to also shout out to the Year 6 children who helped during an incident outside school yesterday. The children showed friendship and kindness to their friend and helped by remaining calm – well done!

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

It was a delight once again to enjoy quality time with the nominated children from Year 3 and Year 4 for Hot Chocolate Friday. The children were chosen because they are always going above and beyond and demonstrating our school values. Well done to Mayah, Ivy and Leo in Otters; Lottie, Poppy and Bea in Pandas; and Isla-Mary, Indie and Helden in Lions.



We hope you all have a great week and enjoy the sunny weather!
Best wishes and keep safe

Sarah Nickelson and the Primary Team.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday 25 th June	All day – see timings	Sports Day 9.30 – 10.45am Nursery and Reception 11.00 – 12.30pm Key Stage One 1.00 – 3.00pm Key Stage Two (please note change of time for end of the day for KS2)	Specialism Campus
Tuesday 29 th June		School Photos – classes	
Thursday 1 st July	6.00pm	New Reception Welcome Meeting	Officers Mess – Ballroom
Friday 9 th July	9.30am – 2.00pm	Transition day – all children visiting new classes	
		Reports to go out to parents	
Monday 12 th – 16 th July		Year 5 and 6 Bike-ability	
Wednesday 14 th July	2.00pm 6.00pm	Year 6 Summer Play	Officers Mess
Tuesday 20 th July	AM	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	Officers Mess
Wednesday 21 st July	12.15pm	END OF YEAR	