

Headlands Primary School: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Welcome back



We hope that you have had a super break over the summer and that the children are refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

We welcome all new Reception parents and children to school and hope that your child will be very happy at Headlands.

Reminder of the school website: <http://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/>

Polite reminder: **NO NUTS** please in pack ups or break time snacks.



We have a number of children in school who have a severe reaction to nuts. Please may you kindly refrain from sending in any nuts for your child's pack up or morning snack. Thank you.

Attendance



Good attendance is extremely important to enable your child to learn and achieve. Being in school every day allows consistency in their learning and helps them develop confidence and friendships.

We are aiming for above 90% attendance for each child from Reception to Year 6 and at Parents Evenings we will share and celebrate your

child's attendance.

From September the DFE have implemented new attendance regulations and schools are **NOT** able to authorise any holidays out of term time. Schools are not able to grant a leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. The need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Our term dates are on the school website for 2024-2025 so that family holiday's may avoid term time:

<https://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=48>

Encouraging and promoting good attendance is important for your child's wellbeing as well as academic development.

Message from Parent Forum: Welcome back to school everyone. Please remember to label all items of clothing 😊

School start and end times for September 2024



We had a great 'drop off' this morning and it was lovely to see smiling faces eager to get back to school and enjoy their learning.

Please drop off all children between **8.45-8.55** through the inner black gates on the Key Stage (KS) 1 playground with school officially starting at **8.55am**.

A member of staff will be on the KS1 inner black gate to welcome the children entering through the gate. The children will then walk directly to their classes through their allocated doors where the teacher will have a starter activity ready in their classroom. This reduces congestion in the corridors and enables a calm, quick and efficient start to the school day

with registration commencing at 8.55am. At 8.55am the inner black gate will be locked and any late arrivals will need to wait at the front office for admittance.

We would kindly ask that you wait at the inner black school gate until it opens at **3.25pm** for the collection of EYFS and KS1 children.

For those parents with children in EYFS/ KS1 and KS2 who may wish to collect all your children in one go, please come at the later time of 3.30pm as the younger children will be placed in a 'waiting area' until you arrive.

At **3.30pm** the Year 3/4 and 5/6 children will enter the playground and stand in their class area ready for collection. Please may Year 3/4 and 5/6 parents wait at the inner black gate to allow the rest of the school to exit.

Any Key Stage 2 parents wishing their child to walk out of the school gate at the end of the school day unaccompanied must confirm this in writing prior to starting the new term. An online form has been sent out to confirm your arrangements. Please complete and submit this form to confirm pick-up arrangements for September 2024-2025 even if you have previously given consent.

School dinners



Thank you for ordering your child's weekly school meal choices in advance as today's dinner service has run very smoothly. Dinners may be booked in advance for the half term and are charged at £2.55 for a paid meal.

Please remember to order your school dinner online using 'School Money' and if you have any problems, please email the school office for advice.

School uniform



The children have returned to school looking extremely smart- thank you. They take great pride in wearing our school uniform as it gives them a great sense of belonging.

You are able to purchase clothing from any outlet, however, for those wishing to have the school logo on their clothing, our official school uniform is supplied by 'Get Branded'

<https://www.getbrandedworkwear.co.uk/collections/headlands>

Forest School Sessions



We are very excited to announce that Mr Mulholland and Mrs Hicks will be leading Forest School sessions/ Outdoor learning activities every Monday afternoon across the whole school during the course of the year.

Your class teacher will send a text to inform you before their allocated sessions commence as they will need to bring in suitable outdoor wear as they will go into the Forest in all weathers.

SEND Talking Points



Do you have concerns about your child's social development or mental health? Are you concerned about your child's difficulties with specific aspects of the curriculum? If so, perhaps you may want to talk through your concerns/worries with Mrs Allington at 'SEND Talking Points', which will be held every **Tuesday morning, 10am-11.30am**. This is an opportunity for a 1:1 support phone-in session for you, as parents/carers, to discuss any queries about your child's development both socially and academically related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. To book a time slot, please email the school office with a preferred time and brief description of what you are wanting to discuss. Mrs Allington will then confirm your appointment in due course.

Something to think about...

We are hosting a Family Support Group at Headlands School in the Autumn Term run by Family Matters York. Whether you are new to school, or have been with us for a while, how about joining this free taster session to share and chat!

Please use the eventbrite link to sign up: [Free Family support session sign up link](#)

Working in Partnership



IS THE HEAT RISING IN YOUR FAMILY LIFE?

Family relationships have their ups & downs. Family life can be stressful causing us or our children to lose their cool!

Why not join our family support taster session to chat, share & learn ways to 'turn down the heat' in your family life?

Sign up for this **FREE** support session by contacting jenwootten@fmy.org.uk
07939 147259 OR on Eventbrite:
Family Matters York

THURS 10th OCT
9am cuppa;
9.30-10.30am session
Headlands Primary School

COMING SOON

'Handling Anger in the Family' support course

*Chat & share * Bite-sized tips & strategies * Know that you are not alone!

School ethos and values



We have a strong school ethos and values where all members are valued, honest, tolerant, have social responsibility, and promote high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour.

Below are our **core values**; attributes and behaviours that we want to help everybody at Headlands develop during their time at school. We believe that these behaviours will help children to become better lifelong learners and make Headlands a happy and supportive environment for learning.

RESPECT

Children and adults at Headlands show respect for one another, for themselves and for their environment.

RESILIENCE

Children and adults at Headlands persevere in the face of challenges and stay calm in stressful situations. They take risks and understand the value of making mistakes.

KINDNESS AND EMPATHY

Children and adults at Headlands are able to put themselves in other people's shoes and show concern and care for others, both within and outside of the school. They look after one another and can put others before themselves.

CREATIVITY

Children and adults at Headlands can think for themselves and find creative solutions to problems.

ASPIRATION

Children and adults at Headlands challenge themselves to be the best they can.

INDEPENDENCE

Children and adults at Headlands can resist distraction and make good decisions. They have the skills needed to work alone or as part of a group. They take ownership of their learning and know what they need to do to make progress.

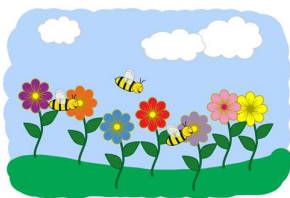
As a school we will be learning more about these values over the year.

Dates for your diary

03.09.2024: School re-opens

18.09.2024: PTA AGM 5pm at Headlands School

27.09.2024: School photographs



Best wishes,
Headlands Primary School