

Headlands Primary School: Monday 20th February 2023

Welcome back



We hope you have had a good half term and enjoyed the time together with family and friends. We hope the children are rested and ready to begin their next learning adventure!

What is my child learning about this half term?



The school's curriculum is published on the school website and an overview of the topics taught throughout the year is provided on each year groups web pages.

However, we thought you would like to know the wonderful topics coming up this half term for the children to enjoy. You can support your child at home through visiting the local library, researching on the internet or digging out any reference books.

EYFS: Inventions

Year 1/2: Fantasy Lands and Mythical Beasts

Year 3/4: The Water Cycle

Year 5/6: Rainforests

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.

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

The school's overall attendance figure from September 2022 to February half term was 96.01% which is above the National figure of 94% for State funded Primary Schools. At Parents Evenings we will share and celebrate your child's attendance.

Supporting children's wider personal development



This half term we are focussing on the school value: **Resilience**

Over the next week we will be exploring the word '**Adaptable**' in our class reflections and school assemblies.

National Education Union (NEU)

The NEU announced national and regional industrial action in England on the following dates: Tuesday 28th February (Regional), Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023.

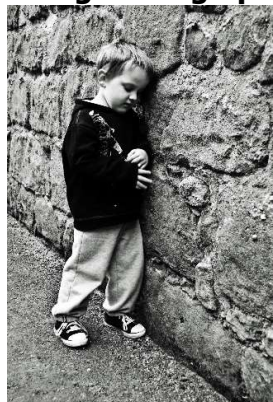
As a school we will do our best to negotiate through these scheduled strikes and will address each strike day, one at a time.

We are currently anticipating that all classes **will be open on Tuesday 28th February,**

however, please be aware that **this may change on the day** as NEU members are able to notify school on the morning of the strike. If members decide to strike, school will inform parents by 7.30am on the day which classes are affected and closed. Please have **contingency plans** in place for your child if we need to close their class.

Staffing levels may also impact our Parents evening appointments, and so we would also inform you via text by 9.30am if this was cancelled.

Safeguarding update from Mrs Johnson our Safeguarding Lead



Safeguarding is Everyone's Business. If you have a concern about a child, don't ignore it, report it. The Safer Children York website is designed to help you if you have any concerns about a child as a parent or carer and to point you in the right direction if you need any help or advice. They provide information on concerns such as online safety, exploitation, domestic abuse and include local resources that you can access. (link below)

<https://www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk/parents-and-public.htm>

In addition to the above website, the NSPCC has an excellent support page for parents. You can find advice on a number of topics such as tackling difficult conversations, mental health, separation and talking about racism.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

The NSPCC also launched their 'listen up, speak up' campaign. It includes a short training video providing support on spotting signs of abuse and how to report it.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2023/listen-up-speak-up-campaign-provides-training-to-spot-and-report-abuse/>

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of children you know, anyone can contact the York MASH team for advice. The MASH is a multi-agency team made up of representatives from a range of services, including Social Care, Early Help, Police and Health Professionals and is a single point of contact for all concerns about children. This partnership approach will make it easier to get children, young people and families to get the right level of support as quickly as possible.

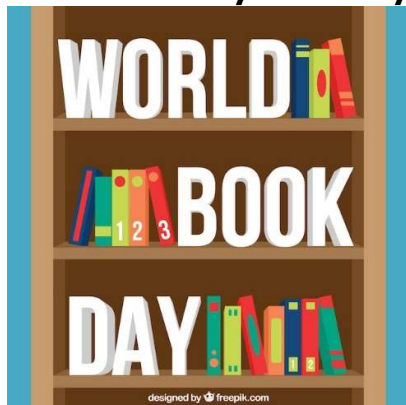
Phone: **01904 551900**

Email: **MASH@york.gov.uk**

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays contact the emergency duty team telephone: 01609 780780

If you are a member of the public contacting about your own family or a family you know, you can contact the MASH via the telephone number or email address above.

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March



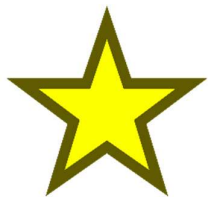
We are celebrating World Book Day with the children taking part in a number of activities designed to foster a love of books and promote enjoyment in reading. Our theme this year is **'Around the world'**.

As in previous years, the children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book if they wish.

To help families we are setting up a 'swap shop' in the main school office for

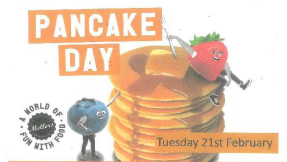


any unwanted 'costumes' to be used by other children. Please hand in any un-wanted 'costumes' so that other children may enjoy wearing them.



Special invitation to parents/grandparents: If you have spent some time living in another country and would be willing to retell their traditional tales, please contact your class teacher as we would love to hear them. Alternatively, please send in your story and we will share them with the children.

Pancake day : Tuesday 21st February



We are celebrating Shrove Tuesday in serving pancakes with a variety of delicious fillings and toppings for the children to enjoy.



Any children wishing to join school lunches for the day will need to book via School Money.

MAIN
Cottage pie
or
Cheese pastry

With
Seasonal vegetables

Jacket Potato
Cheese, Tuna or baked beans

Ham sandwich

PANCAKES
With a choice of toppings

Valentine's Day lunch

We celebrated Valentine's Day with special lunchtime treats. Thank you to Mrs Nunn and her fabulous team for making it so special.



'Take Note': Our wonderfully talented Headlands Choir!



'Take Note' will be performing at Joseph Rowntree Theatre on Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm. We wish them all the very best in their rehearsals and performance.

School vacancies

Headlands Primary School are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed person to undertake a TA2 role supporting a child with diabetes and lunchtime cover. Please refer to the school vacancies section of the website for further information:

<https://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/vacancies/>

Extra Curriculum Activities: Update



We have now updated and confirmed the extra curriculum activities for this term. Please go to the school website for more information:

<https://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/topic/school-clubs>

	Before school	After school (hall)	After school (field, forest)
Monday	Y4 to Y6 Hockey Club (ABC Hockey)		Y1 Wild Gardening Club, Mr Mulholland
Tuesday			5/6 School Football Team (Mr Bissett)* Y3/4 Wild Gardening Club, Mr Mulholland
Wednesday	Y3 to Y6 Tennis club (ABC tennis)		5/6 Girls' football (Mr Bissett)*
Thursday	KS2 Dance Club (Helen Brown)	KS2 Choir, Miss King	Y5/6 Astronomy Club, Mr Mulholland Rec to Y6, York City Foundation Football*
Friday			

Music Instruments and Band Tuition – Tuesday in school time

Free Voucher for term sessions from Local Drama Academies



We have kindly received vouchers for a free place at Helen O'Grady Drama Academy for one term and four weeks of free sessions for PQA Academy, York.

For further information please follow the links:

<https://www.helenogrady.co.uk/>

<https://www.pqacademy.com/academies/york/>



ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Any families interested are invited to email the school office before Friday 3rd March 12 noon and the child's name will be drawn out of a hat. The winning child will be informed on the same day.

Dates for your diary

20.02.2023: School re-opens

21.02.2023: Year 4 swimming 1/4

22.02.2023: Parents evening

28.02.2023: Year 4 Swimming 2/4

28.02.2023: Potential NEU Strike Day

28.02.2023: Parents evening

02.03.2023: World Book Day

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07.03.2023: Year 4 swimming 3/4

11.03.2023: Choir performing at Joseph Rowntree Theatre



Thank you for your on-going support.

Best wishes,
Headlands Primary School

Wigginton Grasshoppers Under 6's

The Wigginton Grasshoppers Under 6's (which includes reception and Year 1's) are on the lookout for children of this age to join our football club.

They offer a chance for the children to enjoy everything the beautiful game has to offer from regular fitness sessions, a chance to develop new and existing friendships and being part of a great team!



CALLING ALL FUTURE FOOTBALLING STARS



**Wigginton Grasshoppers are on the lookout for new
team members to join our reception & year 1 group!**

**If you are in Reception or Year 1 as of September 2023
then you are welcome to attend no matter ability or
experience.**

**Fun and structured training on Sunday mornings 9am to
10am at our community pavilion on Mill Lane,
Wigginton. £3 per session (paid in 10-week blocks)**

**Contact: Lee Hanson On: 07974149902 for more
details.**