

Headlands Primary School: Monday 6th November 2023

Welcome back



We hope you have had a lovely half term and are ready for our very busy and exciting half term.

Chickens



Thank you to the Bowling family for the delivery of chickens to Headlands. This has created much excitement.



Mr Mulholland and the wonderful 'Chicken Keepers' will look after them and we already we have eggs!

PTA Xmas design payment deadline extended



Due to the high volume of orders, the deadline for the PTA Xmas orders has been extended until Friday 10th November.

PTA Bag2School: Wednesday 8th November



Please drop off your bags at school on Wednesday 8th November 8.30-9.00am to the PTA members in the scooter area.

Last year we were able to purchase fabulous resources for the children from the proceeds.

School Dinners

The issues with the School Money website from last week have now been resolved. Thank you to those parents who checked with us and arranged a hot meal for today. The system is now working as normal and you can order hot meals for up to 15th December.

If you can't log in, please submit a support ticket on the Eduspot website:

<https://eduspot.co.uk/support/>

'Being kind online'



Regular 'check-ins' with your child about what they are texting and to whom, and what they are accessing on the internet is a great way to open up conversations with them about keeping safe on line.

At school we regularly talk about 'being kind on line' as part of our e-safety curriculum. Children tell us that some parents check their phones and specifically look at what they are writing in text messages and that helps them stop and think what is appropriate. Working together on e-safety can help children learn protocols and enjoy their social groups and online activities.

Virtual Book Fair: THIS WEEK!



Books, books and more books! Whether you're buying birthday gifts, a treat for your child or simply books to enjoy every day, there is something for everyone at this week's Virtual Book Fair

There is a huge range of brand-new books from which to choose, including board books, picture books, chapter books and hundreds of non-fiction titles, all at just £2.99 each!

To order: **Simply visit www.booksforbugs.co.uk/shop and choose your books**

Once you get to the checkout stage, please complete the billing details as normal but remember at the delivery details stage to add your **child's name and class** where prompted. The link shows you how easy it is to order <https://booksforbugs.co.uk/virtual-book-fair-info-for-parents/>

For the delivery address please put **Headlands Primary School** and the School's postcode **YO32 2YH**, this will remove all postage fees.

You can order up until **midnight on Sunday 12th November**.

All orders will then be dispatched, and we will let you know when you can collect from School. Buying through the Virtual Book Fair will also benefit School as we will receive a free book for every 5 x £2.99 books purchased, so every book counts!

Happy Shopping!

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.

Here are 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: People who help us

Year 1/2: Author study: Janet and Alan Ahlberg

Year 3/4: Super Sixties

Year 5/6: Around the world

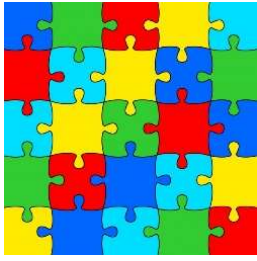
Supporting children's wider personal development



This half term we are focussing on the value **INDEPENDENCE**.

We will be exploring what this means to us in our time of class reflection and school assemblies.

PSHE



We are continuing to follow the 'Jigsaw' scheme of work during our weekly PSHE sessions.

This half term, our unit is: **celebrating differences**. On the website, in the curriculum area, you will find a key vocabulary for each of the year groups. Here you will also find further information about the scheme of work. If you have any further questions or queries, please contact Mrs Benson (PSHE lead)

Arriving promptly for school



School drop off is between **8.45-8.55am** with the school gate closing promptly at 8.55am. Lessons commence at 8.55am. Please ensure your child arrives on time as it allows them to have a calm and settled start to the day, with their coats and bags put away, and ready to start learning at 8.55am. It is really important that your child is ready to learn for the beginning of the first lesson. Thank you.

Having good attendance at school is really important for consistency of learning. The Government aims for **90% attendance** throughout the year for all children from Reception to Year 6. At our parents evening we will be sharing your child's attendance figure so far this academic year.

Parents Evening Autumn Term 2023

Thank you for booking your ten minute parent evening appointment via the online booking system. We are looking forward to seeing you at your designated appointment with your teacher to discuss your child's attainment and progress, and highlight areas which we can work on together.

For children in Year 1-6 writing and maths books will be placed outside the classroom. If you wish to view the books, please arrive five minutes beforehand. At your designated appointment time, please take your child's books into the classroom and hand them over to the teacher. As work is continuously shared on Seesaw in EYFS and due to the practical nature of the setting, there will be no books to view, so please arrive at your appointment time.

Key Stage 1 parents are asked to enter and exit via the KS1 playground entrance, Key Stage 2 parents may enter and exit through the main school entrance. For EYFS appointments please enter and exit through the EYFS door off the KS1 playground.

To avoid congestion in our narrow corridors, we would politely request that you wait outside the school building until your allotted time.

Remembrance Day



On Friday 10th November we remember those who have served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces in the UK and around the world.

Poppies will on sale all week in school for the children to purchase.

By donating to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal you will be helping to provide ongoing support to the Armed Forces community, ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten

2024 Reception places at Headlands Primary School: Deadline 15th January 2024



Admissions for Reception 2024 starters for Headlands Primary School is via the City of York Council website: <https://www.york.gov.uk/guide-parents-1/starting-primary-infant-school-first-time>

Any families interested in applying are invited to visit the school. Please make an appointment with the School Office.

The school prospectus is also available via the school website:

<https://www.headlandsprimary.org.uk/page/?title=School+Prospectus&pid=36>

Haxby Playgroup at Headlands Primary

Spaces are currently available at Haxby Playground which is based at Headlands Primary School. Please contact Jodie for further details on 01904 768966 or refer to the website:

<http://www.haxbyplaygroups.org.uk/>

Dates for your diary

06.11.2023: School opens

06.11.2023-12.11.2023: Virtual School Book Fair

08.11.2023: Bag2school collection 8.30-9.00 drop off in scooter area

10.11.2023: Deadline for PTA Christmas design items to be ordered.

15.11.2023: Parents evening

21.11.2023: Parents evening

23.11.2023: Parents evening



Best wishes,
Headlands Primary School



Autism Support for Parents from the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism

Wednesdays Autumn 2023



Fortnightly Topic Talks Autumn Term 2023:

Independence Wed 20th Sept 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Sensory Wed 4th Oct 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Siblings Wed 18th Oct 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Coping with demands Wed 8th Nov 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Autism & Adolescence Wed 22nd Nov 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Coping with Christmas Wed 6th Dec 10-11a.m. online & 1.30-2.30 p.m. in person

Fortnightly Phone line (mornings) and drop-in (afternoons) Autumn 2023:

Wednesday 13th Sept 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 27th Sept 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 11th Oct 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 25th Oct 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 15th Nov 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 29th Nov 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 13th Dec 9 a.m. -12 noon & 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.

Parent Group: Topic Talks virtual (a.m.) and repeated in person (p.m.)

Topic Talks led by the Specialist Teaching Team for Autism, including time for questions and peer support.

Virtual: 10-11 a.m. On Microsoft Teams. Due to confidentiality issues, we will be unable to discuss named children during this time.

In Person: 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF.

Parent/Carer Phone Line and Drop-in

The Specialist Teaching Team Autism are offering parents/carers the opportunity to talk to a member of the team regarding general issues and concerns about children/young people with autism.

Phone line support: 9-12 noon 20 minutes is allocated per phone call.

In person drop-in support. 1.30-2.30 p.m. at The YIKS All About Autism Hub, Clifton Children's Centre, (In front of Clifton Green School), YO30 6BF

To book a 20 minute phone line call or to book your virtual place on a Microsoft Teams Topic Talk session, please email your name stating which Topic Talks you would like to book to: parentcarerautismsupport@york.gov.uk. For phone support, we require your name and a contact telephone number for us to call you. We will send you a time slot for your 20 minute call. If we receive a high volume of requests we may need to allocate spaces on the session on a first come, first served basis. **This is an admin email address and we are unable to forward or respond to queries via this email. Bookings close the Thursday before the session.** For in person drop-in sessions, you do not need to book and you are welcome to simply arrive on the day. Please be aware, sessions may be busy and you may need to wait to speak to a member of the team.