

## Headlands Primary School: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Welcome back



We hope you have had a lovely half term and are ready for our very busy and exciting half term. It's another short term packed with fun events and celebrations.

### Thank you PTA

Thank you to the wonderful PTA for organising and running the school disco before half term. We raised a fabulous £482.11.

### 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: Inventions

Year 1/2: The Great Fire of London

Year 3/4: Under the Sea

Year 5/6: Ancient Maya

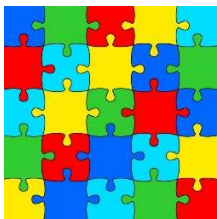
### Supporting children's wider personal development



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

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: **SELF REGULATION**. On the website there is further information about the scheme of work.

If you have any further questions or queries, please contact Mrs Benson (PSHE lead)

### Spring Term Parents evening appointments



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.

### **Haxby Playgroup at Headlands Primary**



Spaces are currently available at Haxby Playgroup 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/>

### **Co-opted Governor**



We are inviting any expressions of interest to become a Co-opted Governor at Headlands Primary School. The Governing Body are an enthusiastic and committed team, dedicated in supporting the school.

The role is wide and varied and supported by The City of York Governance Service who provide training and on going support. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further information.

### **UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice on National Measles Incident, shared on behalf of NYC Director of Public Health and Peter Roderick, York DPH.**

#### **National Measles Incident**

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently: Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

#### **Symptoms of Measles**

- **Usually starts with cold-like symptoms**
- **High fever**
- **Sore red watery eyes**
- **Cough and/or runny nose**

- **Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth**
- **A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.**

**You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.**

**Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.**

### **'THINK' Measles**

If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.

- **DO NOT** bring your child to school or nursery.
- **DO NOT** visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- **CALL** ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.

Children in school who are suspected of having measles will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect promptly.

### **Vaccination**

If you are unsure about whether your child is due a vaccine or has missed a vaccination you can check your vaccination status by calling your GP surgery or checking your 'red book'. If your child has missed one of their MMR's call your GP surgery and book an appointment.

The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart.

You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that **does not contain pork products** from your GP surgery, making it suitable for all faiths. Please note that the GP practice may need to order this product in specially, so it will be helpful to tell the GP surgery before the appointment. MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination.

Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should **not** go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed.

The information provided by UKHSA, should provide clarity and reassurance. We ask that you remain vigilant over the half term holiday and if you are in any doubt about sending your child into school unwell, we would appreciate you considering keeping them at home.

Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(publishing.Services.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.Services.gov.uk)

### **Dates for your diary**

19.02.2024: School opens

20.02.2024: Year 4 swimming 1/4

21.02.2024: Parents evening

27.02.2024: Year 4 swimming 2/4

27.02.2024: Parents evening

29.02.2024: Parents evening  
05.03.2024: Year 4 swimming 3/4  
05.03.2024: Year 5 Marrick residential meeting in school hall 6pm  
11.03.2024: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly (Miss King)  
12.03.2024: Year 4 swimming 4/4  
12.03.2024: Year 6 SAT meeting for parents  
14.03.2024: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly (Mrs Fowler/ Mrs Grace Britton)  
15.03.2024: Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly (Miss Welch)  
21.03.2024: House Treat  
22.03.2024: Trophy and award assembly  
22.03.2024: Break up for Easter break  
22.03.2024: PTA Easter treat bags  
08.04.2024: School opens



Best wishes,  
Headlands Primary School