

Heelands School

Spring 2 Newsletter 2018



Dear Parents and carers,

The first Spring half-term seems to have flown by and we have an even shorter half-term ahead, only five weeks. We've had two super class assemblies from Zebras and Giraffes where they shared their knowledge about space and the solar system, always a popular topic! Next half term Year1 will be studying the Victorians and visiting Holdenby House to spend the day as Victorian servants and we'll all be having an amazing Science Week in March.

Attendance and Absence

Our final Autumn term attendance figure was very good at 95.1%, still not where we need to be but much improved. Unfortunately the first half of the Spring term was 93% mainly due to chicken-pox and the awful flu that was going around so we need every child in school every day to get our attendance up again. Although only a half-term's figures, the number of lates has improved, particularly in Zebras and Lions, so keep up the good work parents!

Please make sure you call the office on the first day of every absence, schools have a duty to find out why children are not at school as part of our Safeguarding responsibilities.

	Autumn Term Attendance	Number of lates	Spring 1 Attendance	Number of lates
Monkeys	93%	33	89%	13
Tigers	94%	66	90%	26
Lions	94%	47	96%	10
Elephants	93%	58	93%	27
Zebras	93%	92	92%	27
Giraffes	96%	43	96%	19

Foundation Stage Dressing-up day

Please note, it is only Monkeys and Tigers who are dressing up on Monday 26th February as part of their topic work.

Mr Ley's Tea Party



Here are the hard-working super readers who went to Mr Ley's latest tea-party who had all read at least 26 times over the half-term and deserved their special chocolate treat! Lots of children were just short of the number needed so keep reading if you want to make the next one!



After-school clubs

As always, after-school clubs for Years 1 and 2 begin the second week back, w/b February 26th. You will get a text this week telling you which club your child is in.

Guides and Scouts World Thinking Day

Guides and Scouts celebrate their World Thinking Day in February, so if your child belongs to Rainbows, Brownies or Cubs they may wear their uniform to school on Thursday February 22nd.

New website

The new school website is almost ready to launch and it will be linked to a new school Facebook page, we will keep you informed when it's ready to go!

Questionnaire

Please complete and return the attached questionnaire, it is always helpful to have feedback from parents and pupils about school and as there's a very nice prize at stake for the highest number of class returns, prepare to be badgered by your child to get it in!

Diary Dates

Please keep these dates in a safe place, we will send you further information about individual events nearer the time.

Return to school	Monday February 19 th	
Values Visit - Self-belief	Tuesday February 20 th	2.15
Guides & Scouts Uniform day	Thursday February 22 nd	
FS Book character dressing-up day	Monday February 26 th	
After school clubs begin	Monday February 26 th	
Yr 1 trip to Holdenby House	Monday March 5 th	
Science Week	Monday March 12 th	
Last day of term	Friday March 23 rd	
Easter Holiday		
Return to school	Monday April 9 th	
Values Visit - Challenge	Tuesday April 10 th	2.15