



HEATHLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY
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NEWSLETTER

7th January 2020

Dear parents,

Welcome back and wishing a happy new year to all of our families! I hope you all had a lovely break over Christmas and that 2020 is a successful and happy year for Heathlands and yourselves.

As you know, we have a focus on attendance at Heathlands and we have made steady progress over the past 3 years. The national average for attendance for a school is 96%. Up until the end of November, we were above this figure. Since then, we have dropped below 95% which has been primarily due to illnesses which can't be helped. Where attendance is a concern, parents will be invited in to school to meet with our Pastoral lead, Mrs Williamson and the relevant assistant head. This will be to discuss reasons for absence and to see if the school can support the families of pupils whose attendance is poor.

To try to improve attendance, we will be having a termly focus. This term, we will be focusing on the areas of lateness and term time holidays.

In the autumn term, we had 114 days of absence due to holidays, 130 sessions of absence due to children being late after the registers have closed and 873 lates. We are aiming to reduce both of these and will work with parents to do so.

Sergeant Hunter has contacted me about parking around the school and has informed me that several parents have received, or will be receiving, penalty notices for illegal parking. If you have arrangements with other relatives/friends to collect your children, please remind them to park safely, considerately and legally around our school.

Peter Higgins
Head Teacher

NUT FREE

We would like to remind you that we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies and because of this we are a nut free school. Please check the ingredients of any food that you send in to school with your children. Thank you.



Dinner money

If you wish to pay for your child's school dinners up to half term the cost is £70.50.

If they just have "Pizza Friday" the cost is £14.10.



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ATTENDANCE



Well done to pupils in **2D** who achieved the
highest attendance
With **96.79%** last week.

Date	Dates for your diary
January 2020	
Monday 13th	Year 6 visit to Holdenby Hall. PLEASE NOTE THAT PUPILS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL FOR 8.15 AND WILL NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL 3.45
FEBRUARY	
Monday 3rd	Year 5 visit to Birmingham Museum—separate letter sent
Friday 14th	Break up for half term
Monday 24th	School re-opens. All pupils are required to be in school.
Thursday 27th	Year 4 visit to Think Tank—separate letter sent
MARCH	
Thursday 12th	Reception visit to Hatton Adventure World—separate letter sent