

# Heltwate Round up

May 2019

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## A note from the Head

This term has been an extremely busy one with trips, visits and performances. The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts. We achieve so much because we work together as a team - this is one of the greatest strengths of Heltwate. I am extremely proud of all the children. They continue to shine as young people; showing a great deal of care and kindness towards each other and towards the school community. I am also proud of the staff who work tirelessly to support and challenge the children in all sorts of ways. It is such a privilege to be the Head Teacher.

You may have met Miss Bull and Mr Lesley who have stepped up into Assistant Head Teacher roles during Mrs Ashworth's and Mrs Phillip's maternity leave. I am sure you will be seeing more of them.

As most of you will be aware, the school works extremely hard to manage the arrival and departure of pedestrians and vehicles onto the school site on a daily basis and to ensure the health and safety of the children. The school car park is extremely busy at the start and the end of the school day. I would therefore kindly ask that any parent/carer entering the school site is extra vigilant; please take care and follow the speed/parking restrictions.

I would like to remind you about the government's legislation regarding leave of absence; I can only authorise a leave of absence in the most exceptional of circumstances. I am getting an increasing number of requests, which are leading to some awkward conversations.

However, on a lighter note, have a lovely half term everyone.

Let's hope the sun shines.

Adam Brewster



## School Dinners

Please keep up to date with dinner money payments, making your payments via ParentPay

**Junior dinners (Yrs 1-6) are £2.70 a day, £13.50 a week, Senior dinners (Yrs 7-14) are £2.90 a day, £14.50 a week.**

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2019

Half Term Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May

*School closes early at 1.00pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July for staff preparation*

Closes Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 3.00 p.m.

### Autumn Term 2019

Opens Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

*School is closed on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct for staff training*

Half Term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct

Ends Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 3.00 p.m.

### Spring Term 2020

Opens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Ends Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3.00 p.m.

### Summer Term 2020

Opens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

*School closes early at 1.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July for staff preparation*

Ends Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00 p.m.

## School Uniform

School uniform prices have changed from 23<sup>rd</sup> April and are as follows:

Bookbags: £5.00

Junior Sweatshirt: £8.00

Junior Cardigan: £11.50

Junior Reversible Fleece: £14.50

Senior Sweatshirt: £15.00

Senior Cardigan: £16.50

Senior Reversible Fleece: £18.50

Junior sizes are from age 3 to age 13.

Senior sizes are adult small to extra large

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## Change to end of the school year in July 2019

The Summer holiday is a long time for some of our pupils. It can be a time of anxiety for some worrying about the return to school, a new class group and a new teacher. The right start to the academic year is paramount for our pupils, staff and parents.

This year we are planning on making a change to how we prepare our pupils for the start of the new school year. We are starting the new school year before the end of the summer term. **The school will be shutting at the earlier time of 1.00 pm, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** to allow class staff to prepare classrooms and resources ready for the new academic year which will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. This will give pupils 2 weeks to get to know their new classrooms, staff and peers before the long summer break.

This strategy has been implemented in other special school within the Eastern Region with lots of positive results.

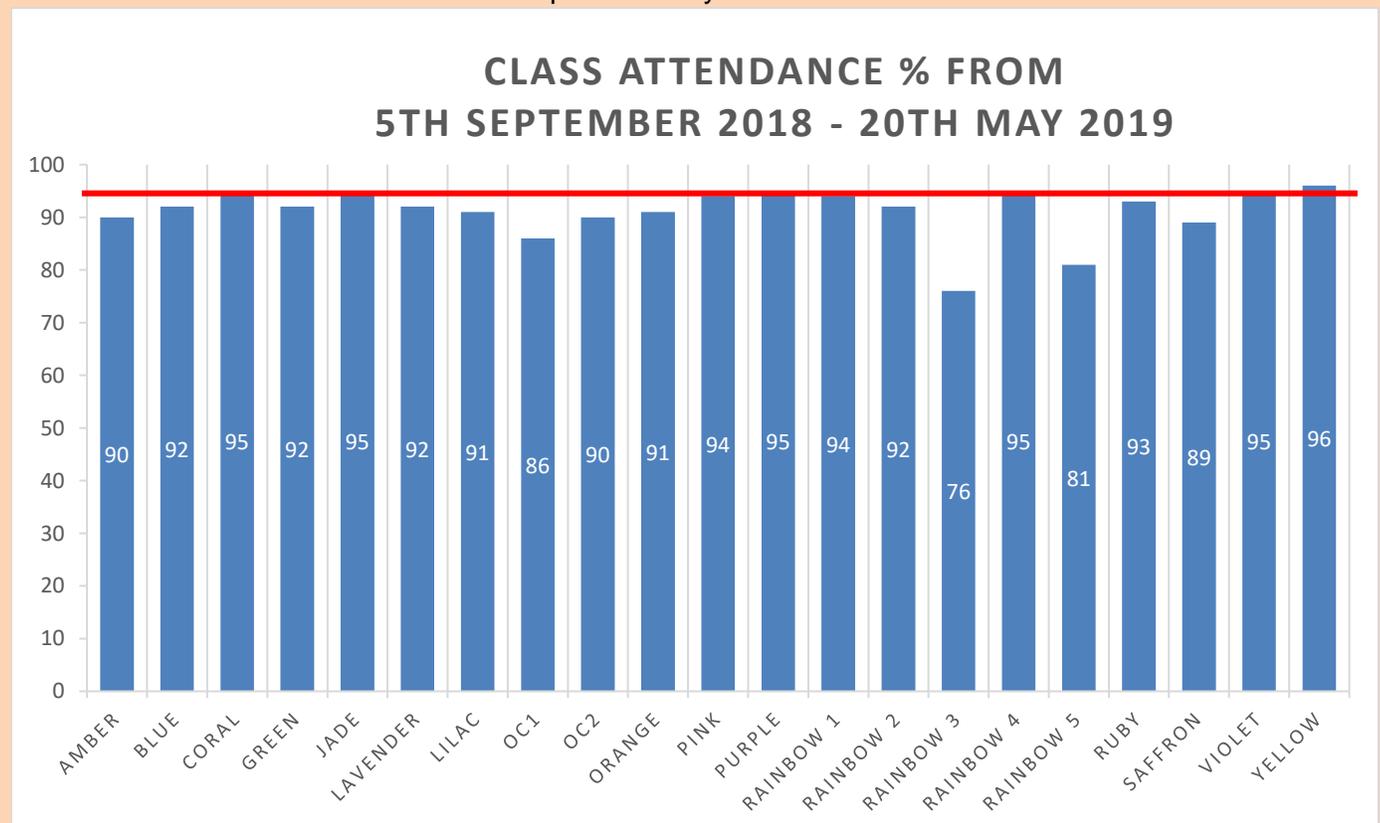
We will also be saying goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 14 leavers on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Events are planned and details will follow.

## Attendance: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

We are pleased to report that we have 105 pupils who have reached or exceeded our minimum target of 94% - well done.

It is important that you contact school to let us know if your child is absent. If we do not hear from you we will attempt to contact you by telephone but if we do not have a response then the absence is recorded as unauthorised.

Our school attendance for Years R – 11 up to 20<sup>th</sup> May is 92.2%.



## Online Safety Workshop

Parents were invited to an online safety workshop, which was delivered by the NSPCC. This was to support parents in keeping their child safe online. We know some parents feel confused by the internet. It is constantly changing, and it can be hard to keep up with the latest apps and games. Conversations took place on how to keep your child safe and where to go for support. If your child is worried, talk to them about what to do if they see content that worries or upsets them. Let them know they can talk to you, or another trusted adult without getting into trouble if they do come across something that worries them. A good place to start to check out if an app or game is suitable for your child is [net-aware.org.uk](http://net-aware.org.uk).

For advice and support on setting up parental controls, adjusting privacy settings, understanding social networks and more, call the 02 and NSPCC online safety helpline 08088005002

Remember, safety starts with you.

## Artist in Residence

All of the children at both the Bretton and St George's sites have taken part in Artist in Residence week. The theme was 'A Tropical Paradise of Wild Beasts' which really captured the children's interest. Some students have been creating huge pieces of art showing a rainforest background using printing and layering to make the pictures vivid and lively. Other children have been making wearable art, transforming themselves into a variety of exotic animals. The students have had a wonderful time showcasing their creations, taking part in a 'jungle catwalk' so everyone could share their stunning work. One student said 'It was a treat' with another adding that, 'printing was my favourite'. Thanks to Maxine and Jane from Kombisketchtour who have been our artists this week. The children have had the most amazing experience.



# Youth Inspired Activity Day



To celebrate Healthy Schools Day, Heltwater hosted a day full of activity courtesy of Youth Inspired. The action packed day gave each child an opportunity to experience new activities and learn new skills.

On the day we were joined by Peterborough Community Radio who streamed their breakfast show live from Heltwater. Two lucky pupils had the opportunity to speak live on the radio; they both did a fantastic job! We had Peterborough's longest serving professional middleweight boxer, Cello come and deliver sessions in the huge boxing ring. Internationally renowned Urban artist Korp, (Kaine Kulczak), delivered art sessions throughout the day. Nene Inspired provided an introduction to Duke of Edinburgh workshop which included fire starting, shelter building, roasting marshmallows and hot chocolate making. Other activities included were, boccia, laughing yoga, dance, dream catcher making, circus skills, mindfulness and water play.

The day was a huge success, which ended with four lucky pupils winning a scholarship of £200 to take part in an out of school activity! If your child was one of the lucky four then information will be passed on very soon.

Rachel Morton  
Rainbow 4 Class teacher  
Healthy Schools and Playtimes Coordinator



# Class News

## Orange



This term Orange class have been going Sailing every Thursday morning at Ferry Meadows. This has been a fantastic opportunity to build confidence and teamwork. We have been learning lots of things including how to put on a lifejacket, the names of different parts of a boat and attempting loads of complicated knots. Some of us have even been steering the boat!



## Olympic College

Olympic College 2 have been volunteering at The Bretton Foodbank, the students have been busy sorting food and making client orders. If you would like to send any items in for the Foodbank we will be happy to pass them on.

Olympic College would also like to thank you for your support with the OC Munchbox Café this year. Look out for dates in the future.

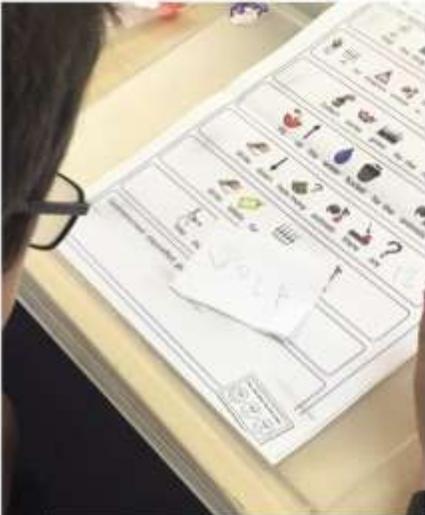


# Woburn Safari Park



**Rainbow 3 visited Woburn Safari Park, we went for a drive through the road safari and saw lions, tigers, monkeys, giraffes and bears. We even had a monkey climb on top of the mini bus! We then went exploring around the walking safari and visited the farm animals, penguins, sea lions and Lemurs. We also went for a ride on the train and to the Ark play area, it was lots of fun.**

# Rainbow 5



17th May 19. Today in literacy we pretended to be zoo keepers! Some of us followed written instructions, some followed written and verbal instructions. We made animal feed and looked after our animals.



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