

Newsletter 2 December 2016

Behaviour

The new behaviour policy with rewards and consequences started this term. We are delighted with the attitude and learning behaviours we are seeing in the classroom.

Attendance

90.5%

More children are arriving at school on time thank you.
Reception — please see if you can improve attendance for next week

Nursery
69.7%
3 late

Reception
81.2%
12 late

Year 1
92.6%
1 late

Year 2
92.9%
9 late

Year 3/4
96.2%
5 late

Year 5/6
95.2%
9 late



Have fun! Join a Club!



KEY DATES

2 December	PTA Christmas Fair 1 pm - 3 pm
7 December	Christmas Dinner
13 December	Early Years Christmas performance to parents Early Years Panto 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'
13 December	KS1 & KS2 Jack and the Beanstalk Panto
14 December	KS1 Nativity performance to parents
15 December	KS2 Christmas performance to parents
16 December	KS1 & KS2 to church

Monday	Lunch Time Knitting	Active Fusion - Sport 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm Yr1 - Yr6
Wednesday	Lunch Time Knitting	Active Fusion - Sport 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm Yr1 - Yr6
Thursday		Commando Joe 3.15 pm - 4.15 pm Yr1 - Yr4

Sam and Sammie Attendance Mascots



Year 1

This week in year 1 we have been doing lots of singing, which we are all enjoying. We now know almost all of the songs which we will be singing in our Christmas performance. In literacy we have learned a new story - The Little Red Hen and we will be doing some writing and activities to explore this in more depth next week. In Maths we have been looking at measuring length and height and have done some comparisons against an object, we have ordered objects according to length and have measured the size of different things, thinking about which are the longest and shortest.



We are delighted that our new planners have arrived - teachers have gone through the planners today and discussed how they are to be used. Please take some time to look at them with your child over the weekend - there is lots of useful information in the planners which will support your child in their home learning. Please use the planners to document when you have heard your child read and any messages to the class teacher. These planners must be brought to school every day. Parents will need to sign the children's planners at the end of each week.

Please note:- all class assemblies have been cancelled for the next two weeks due to rehearsals. Assemblies will resume again in the new year.

Parent Reminders

Please let us know if you wish your child to be collected by anyone else and if someone apart from the child's parents come and collect them the child will be kept at school until we can verify with the parent or the collecting adult uses a password. Please see details on accompanying letter.

Please remember that all money sent to school needs to be in a sealed envelope with the child's name, the amount enclosed and what the money is for, written on the front. This should be handed to the class teacher.



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Dear Parents

It is a real strength of Highfields that many of our families have lots of family and friends that collect children at the end of the school day and from clubs and we are familiar with most of you, but in order to continue to ensure that children remain safe we are introducing some additional measures with effect from Monday 5 December 2016.

Children will not be allowed home with adults other than those on the contact lists which you have all provided on admission to Highfields Primary Academy, unless parents ring prior to 3.15 pm and inform us.

When parents ring up to let us know that someone apart from those listed on contact lists is collecting their child, the parent will be given a password. It is then that parent's responsibility to communicate that password to the adult they have nominated to collect their child. The nominated adult will then need to say that password to the staff at school or running a club in order for the child to be released to the care of that adult. These passwords are computer generated and will change on each occasion.

No child in EYFS or KS1 is allowed to walk home by themselves, if you get stuck please ring and let us know and staff can help out.

KS2 children are allowed to walk home by themselves – please let us know about individual preferences or any changes.

KS2 children are not allowed to be responsible for walking an EYFS or KS1 child home.

Please ensure you keep us updated of any changes in your personal circumstances and note that all contacts will need to be over 18.

Yours sincerely

L Carlisle

Head of Academy