

Newsletter 20 October 2017

Messages from Head of Academy

- Could you please ensure that **NO** dogs are brought onto the school premises. This includes all playground areas.
- Halloween disco tickets will be on sale every morning 8.40-8.50am, £2 each. **Please see information overleaf about the discos, thank-you.**

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Raigan
Year 1	
Year 2	Laura
Year 3	Zohrah
Year 4	Darcie Mae
Year 5	Honey`Lea
Year 6	Ruby



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	96%
Butterflies	96.4%
Owls	96.1%
Badgers	95%
Foxes	99.5%
Raffle winner	

Upcoming Events

Thur 26th Oct	Halloween disco KS1 3:30-4:30pm
Thur 26th Oct	Halloween Disco KS2 5-6pm
Mon 30th Oct - Fri 3rd Nov	HALF TERM School closed
w/c 13th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need 'Spotacular' Event
Tue 21st Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Children attending the 3:30 disco will need to bring their costumes with them into school in their bag/clearly marked carrier bag with your child's name on. The children will then be supported in getting ready for the disco and the school day will end at 4:30pm for these children. Older children will return to school no earlier than 4:55pm ready for their disco and collected by an adult at 6pm.

Staff and the PTA will be supporting both discos and due to safeguarding restrictions, other parents will not be able to attend the disco.

Thank-you for your co-operation.

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Hedgehogs

This week we have been looking at finding the next number of a given number, which helps us to add 1 more. We talk about what comes next in the number line and check by counting or check by looking at a number line. We have used lots of different language to give instructions so your child can un-

derstand and follow, taking these ideas into other areas of their learning. eg what is **next**, can you tell me the number **after**, what is **1 more**. We have also been cloud watching and finding out about our natural world. The ideas that the children came up with were full of imagination and encouraged everyone to talk about what they had seen. We looked at some photos of extreme cloudy weather and the different shapes the clouds could make. Our favourite was the sausage roll!

Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been focusing on addition and subtraction in maths and looking at how we can use related facts to help us to work other things out. For example, if we know that 3 pens and 4 pens = 7 pens, we also know that 3 tens and 4 tens = 7 tens ($30+40=70$). In talk for writing we have written our own factual piece of information about a subject which we are interested in and know about. We have been learning about different strategies to help us to spell including highlighting the tricky part in the word that we have to look out for! As part of our topic work we found out about Pele and how and why he is famous. We looked at how things have changed in history and the difference between how he lived and how we live now.

We found out some really interesting facts!

After School Gymnastics Club

The after school gymnastics club starts on Monday and all children must be collected by parents at 4.15 pm.

Year 3/4

This week in Badger class, we have looked at camouflage and have carried out our own investigation by colouring butterflies to blend in with the classroom and then inviting children from other classes to come and find them! In English, we have been writing our own dilemma stories and used descriptive language in these and in maths we have been looking at column addition.

Please remember PE is currently on a Monday and Thursday. Reading books need to be brought into school daily and homework is to be returned on a Wednesday.

Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have been conducting experiments in science to test a hypothesis that the heart rate increases with exercise. They have also been looking at estimating and decimals in maths. A letter has gone out to Year 6 parents about booster classes, so please return your slip as soon as possible. We have also started our class book 'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase. Please remember that PE kits must be brought in every week (PE is on Monday and Wednesday).

Safeguarding

At Highfields Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Wright. The academy has a duty to inform parents there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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