

Newsletter 24 November 2017

Messages from the Head of Academy

Thank-you to everyone that attended Parents Evening on Tuesday—it was very successful. Could I remind all parents that if you were unable to make it on Tuesday you are more than welcome to arrange an alternate date/time with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and targets.

Could I also remind you that if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child or anything that happens during the school day to please approach us at school rather than staff in the community. Please refrain from naming staff and other children on social media regarding incidents that occur at the academy, Thank-you.

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Ruby
Year 1	Ella
Year 2	Katie
Year 3	Ella Mae
Year 4	Lilly-Mae
Year 5	Kathleen
Year 6	Harley



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	92.9%
Butterflies	93.6%
Owls	95.8%
Badgers	93%
Foxes	97.1%
Raffle winner	Honey-Lea

Upcoming Events

Wed 13 Dec	Christmas dinner day
Wed 13 Dec	KS2 Christmas carols in church
Thurs 14 Dec	2.30 pm KS1 Christmas concert
Fri 15 Dec	9.30 am Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tue 19 Dec	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties

Year 3/4

This week, Badger class have been independently writing adventure stories with a focus on using different adverbs and prepositions. We have seen some very imaginative stories and have travelled from the times of Henry the 8th to Candyland!

In maths, we have been using column addition with an exchange, and in PE we have played invasion games outside (before we were rained off!) and have also done gymnastics inside with Miss Pyne, where we were completing a variety of rolls and balances. This week, we have also been completing some creative writing, and looking at describing Lucy's journey through the wardrobe to Narnia in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week and have been busy learning lots. In maths we have continued our work on addition and subtraction looking at number bonds to 100. We have done this by partitioning numbers in to tens and ones. We have started to learn and practise our Christmas performance with year 1 and we're really enjoying this. Please help us to learn our lines and songs at home. We have begun looking at a new book 'Stick man' and are going to do some further work on this next week. We would like to do some work with real sticks, so if you could collect a variety and bring them to school, that would be great.

EYFS

We have been working hard counting out a number of objects from a larger group making sure we have the correct amount by our partner who helps us to check. Some of us are starting to access numbers up to 20, counting slowly and carefully to make sure we have all of them. We have found it easier if we put objects in a straight line so that we don't miss any. Our cutting skills are developing and we have been using this skill in various activities this week, cutting accessories for our snowmen, cutting hearts out for thanksgiving messages, cutting numbers out to make a number line and cutting objects for counting groups. Thank you to everyone for coming to the Parents Evening, it was very successful and showed that we are all working hard to give the best for our children.



Year 5/6

This week we have been planning and writing our independent piece, based on the lives of Victorian Children. We have been focusing on applying our GAPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) skills, as well as ensuring that we use description to engage the reader. In maths, Year 5 have been looking at statistics and Year 6 have been developing their multiplication skills. Congratulations to Brandon and Sophie who have been selected as school ambassadors, completing their first role this week. Thank you to all the parents who attended parent's evening. Please ensure that you consult the school news letter diary dates to keep up to date with all future class and school events.

Year 1

This week we have finished writing up the story of *The Little Dinosaur* and the children have done an amazing job. We're very proud of all of their efforts. In Maths, we have been solving missing number problems and using a range of strategies to solve these. The children have been assigned roles for the Christmas Performance and we have begun practising our lines too. If any of you children do have lines please support them at home by practising with your child.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

- Wednesday 13 December Christmas dinner day
- Wednesday 13 December KS2 Christmas carols in church
- Thursday 14 December Christmas Concert KS1 - 2.30 pm
- Friday 15 December 9.30 am Early Years Christmas Nativity
- Tuesday 19 December EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
- Thursday 21 December KS2 Christmas parties

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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