

Newsletter 8 December 2017

Messages from the Head of Academy

Uniform Reminder:- Shoes are to be worn to school and not trainers.

Girl's skirts should be knee length and worn with socks in summer and tights during the winter months. Jeans/combat trousers etc are not allowed for boys or girls.

Children **must** bring coats during the winter months. It would be also be wise for children to wear hats/gloves etc during the winter.

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Mia
Year 1	Alfie
Year 2	Kizzy
Year 3	Blake
Year 4	Mia
Year 5	Megan
Year 6	Michael



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	91.8%
Butterflies	93.6%
Owls	95.3%
Badgers	91.2%
Foxes	96.7%
Raffle winner	Natalija

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

In Badger class this week, we have been continuing our work on the Stone Age and have learned lots of gruesome facts about the diet that Stone Age people had. We have also learned about the sorts of homes they lived in and ways to survive the stone age, including deciding what order we would make tools, food and shelter! In maths, we have been looking at money, ready to do more detailed work on this next week. We were practicing our rolls and balances in gymnastics with Miss Pyne, which was great fun. We have been reading *The Firework Makers Daughter* in whole-class guided reading and have been using clues in the text to find evidence that it was set in a different time and country.

Year 2

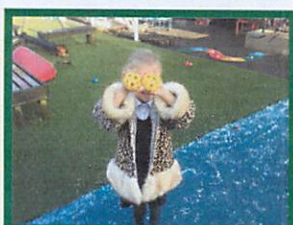
This week year 2 have been working really hard on their first assessments of the year. Some parts were really tricky, but they showed fantastic resilience and determination. The results have reflected their attitudes to learning and knowledge learned in year 2 so far. We have been working hard practising our Christmas concert and are looking forward to getting our costumes on and seeing you all there next Thursday afternoon!

EYFS

This week we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes, trying to find the differences. We have sorted, matched and compared the shapes to everyday objects. We are also making sure our writing is improving by practicing our letters, so we can write a perfect letter to Santa making sure he is able to read what we have written. We are learning songs for our performance, so lots of practice at home would be brilliant!



Then you will know your child can really sing as when they step on stage they become very star struck and their voices disappear! Thank you for your continued support.



Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 have started to look at discussion texts this weeks on the very interesting subject of whether Daleks should be allowed to live on Earth! They have also been debating in class, airing their opinions on important subjects such as whether they should get homework. This will lead us to a topic linked to the Victorians around child labour. In maths, Year 6 have been looking at long division and year 5 have looked at common factors and times tables. We are also continuing to read out class book 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. We were really luck as we were able to have another Zumba session with Active Fusion this week, due to the fact that we won best attendance for the second week in a row! Well done Foxes! We hope to see you at our KS2 Carol concert next week!

Year 1

This week we have been enjoying making up our own dinosaur dances. We have then used the dance to write instructions to tell others how they can do a dinosaur dance. In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on 2d and 3d shapes. We have been exploring shape patterns and creating our own. We have had lots of fun practising our acting and singing skills ready for the big performance. Our class Christmas tree has been put up and decorated as has the classroom. We are all very much getting into the Christmas spirit and looking forward to the big day!

Parent Governor Vacancy

If you would like to become a parent governor, please see Mrs Wright. The role requires parent governors to attend three meetings a year.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

- Wednesday 13 December Christmas dinner day
- Wednesday 13 December KS2 Christmas carols in church
- Thursday 14 December Yr3/4 Samba concert - 9.45 am
- 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
- Wednesday 20 December Pantomime at CAST
- 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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