

Highlees News



22nd April 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer term. I am so pleased to see all the children back at school. There is a real buzz around Highlees, children are busy learning new things, we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this term. Curriculum flyers have been sent home so you can see what your child will be learning this term.

Just a reminder, it is important that children arrive to school on time, this is to ensure they do not miss out on any learning but also it is not always nice for children to walk into a classroom when the learning has started.

We have a number of children and families observing Ramadan this month, this includes fasting during the holy month. We hope you enjoy the celebrations. Mrs Stroud and the Highlees team



Guinea Pigs

Please say hello to the Highlees guinea pigs - Rolo and Cookie



They live in the entrance hall to school. Each week different year groups care for them.

This week year 1 will be the guinea pig sitters.

Bikes and Scooters

Can I remind you that children and adults should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the school premise. Please walk with your bikes / scooters. We have had a couple of accidents already this term.




Food Bank

If you need any support with food then please contact school.

Our next food bank is on
TUESDAY 27th APRIL



Key Dates



29th International Dance day
5th World Maths Day
14th Pyjamarama Day
17th Walk to school week
21st Outdoor Classroom Day

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ADDING 10 MINUTES A DAY TO A CHILD'S READING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE OVER THE YEAR.

A COMPARISON OF YEAR 5 CHILDREN



*Adapted from Adams (2006) with baseline data from Anderson, Wilson & Fielding (1988).

DID YOU NOTICE?

THE MORE MINUTES CHILDREN READ PER DAY, THE MORE FLUENT THEIR READING BECOMES. FROM 5 MINUTES TO 15 MINUTES PER NIGHT THERE IS AROUND

A 200% INCREASE IN WORD EXPOSURE OVER ONE YEAR!

RESEARCH SHOWS US THAT THE BENEFITS OF READING MORE IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN:

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, VOCABULARY, READING COMPREHENSION, VERBAL FLUENCY AND SPELLING.**

**Cunningham and Stanovich (1998).

Reading at home

This term we will be reviewing the home reading books that the children bring home.

Reading at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child.

We asked that you spend 10 minutes each day reading with your child - this can be anytime of day!!

Please comment or sign your child's reading diary so we know they have read with someone at home.

Look out for more information around the importance of reading coming out this term.

Do you think your child could be a young carer?

A young carer is someone under 18 who may be caring for a family member who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

Young Carers may engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please speak with Mrs Stroud or Mrs Edwards

