

Highlees News



January 2023

Dear All,

I do hope that you have all had an enjoyable and festive Christmas break and that the children are eager to be back once again. We have a very busy, yet short, half term ahead of us and have lots of exciting learning opportunities for our children in the up and coming months.

We welcome the SAINTS Rugby Team to Highlees. The SAINTS will be working with our Year 5 children; learning new skills and key concepts in Rugby.

Children in Year 4 AC class, will be carrying out swimming sessions. These sessions form part of the National Curriculum and support children in learning to swim 25m before they leave primary school.

We continue to work on our Wellbeing Award for School and look forward to working with yourselves, the children and staff. We now have our Wellbeing Champions in place and the children are working hard together to look at things they want to work on in the school to promote wellbeing and mental health.
Mrs Melissa Albert

Wellbeing Award for Schools

As part of our new strategy into supporting Mental Health and Well-being at Highlees, we have come up with a mantra for all staff and children. This will be displayed around the school for all to see and share.

Reflect, Recharge, Relax

We chose these words because it is important to reflect on our feelings, recharge those feelings/batteries/emotions and then relax. The cycle then tends to start again. The children will be introduced to our brand new mantra in Monday's assembly and it will be displayed around the school, including in classrooms, so that the children can remind themselves to '**Reflect, Recharge, Relax**' when they are experiencing different emotions.



Staffing

I would like to give a warm welcome to some new members of staff; Mrs Everett will be working alongside Mrs Cadman and Mrs Frith in Early Years. Mrs Everett has joined us from our federated school, Eyrescroft. She has a wealth of Early Years experience and is looking forward to getting to know our children.

I would also like to welcome new Teaching Assistants; Mrs Katie Morris to our Year 6 team and Mrs Danielle Mastin to our Year 1 team.

Please do make sure you pop and say hello to all members of staff in and around the school.

You will be pleased to hear that Mrs Yates will continue working with our children 3 days a week across Year 1 and Mrs Frith will be working across, both EYFS and Year 3.

School times

Please make I take this opportunity to remind parents again of the new timings of the school day in conjunction with Government guidelines.

The new school day will run from **8.40am- 3.10pm** for the whole school. School gates will be open from **8.30am**, ready to welcome children on site.

Please note, that if your child is continually late in to school, parents/ carers will be asked to attend a meeting.



Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings will resume once again this half term, held by Mrs Edwards, our Family Support Worker. The first one will be next Friday 13th January- 8.45-9.30am in the small hall.

Mr Sanderson will also be holding a get together for dads, for informal chats and a coffee.

Fill a bag...

Our fill a bag of uniform was such a success last year that we will have another one before we break up in February.

Please make sure you come along on

Tuesday 10th January at 2.45pm.



Social Media

A reminder that we will be publishing lots of photos on facebook and twitter so please keep checking.

Follow us on

Twitter - @Highlees

Facebook - @highleesprimaryschool



Helpful Contacts:

Peterborough Womens Aid
08454 103123

Spurgeons Family Support
01933 417040

Peterborough Soup Kitchen
01733 315456

Peterborough Health Visitors
01733 777937

Peterborough Citizen Advice
0344 499 4120

Cross Keys Homes
01733 385000

Aspire Recovery Service
01733 895624

Attendance Matters:



Children are considered compulsory school age from 1st September, or 1st January or 1st April following their 5th birthday. **There is an expectation that all children come to school and arrive on time.**

If you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact Miss Hamlet our Attendance Officer, who will be happy to help

Please be aware, that if your child's attendance reaches a level of concern, you will be sent a letter and asked to attend a meeting. .



Attendance Target
95%



School Grid for school meals

As you may be aware we are now up and running with our new catering company Dolce. Dolce use School Grid for you to book your child's meal and if applicable make payment.

You should have received an activation email from School Grid in December, this is for you to activate your child's account.

If you are having difficulties then please pop into the school office and speak to one of the ladies who will be more than happy to help you get set up.

School Dinners



Key dates

5th Jan- Back to School for the New year
10th Jan- SAINTS take over day - whole school in PE kit
25th Jan- Reception/ Year 6- Height and weight
1st Feb- Gospel Assembly
10th Feb- Break up for Half Term

Celebration assemblies will take place every Friday at 2.45pm.