

Highlees News



February 2023

Dear All,

What a great start to the new year we have had. In school, we have been busy preparing for the term ahead.

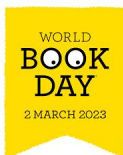
We continue to work on our Wellbeing Award for School and look forward to working with yourselves, the children and staff. We have officially started our coffee mornings, in our new room and are currently holding a first aid course for some of our parents and people in the local community. We are in the process of looking at other ways that we can help our families out in these difficult times and so please, do inform us, if you have any suggestions.

I am currently making links with one of the local secondary schools and am going to visit this coming month. This will improve links for transition and hopefully we will be able to use some of the great facilities our local secondary school has to offer.

Mrs Melissa Albert

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

Please keep your eyes peeled for information regarding World Book Day. Throughout the World Book Day week, we will be inviting parents/guardians in to read with your child/ren. As ever, we love to dress up at Highlees, therefore we have decided to go with the theme 'Alice in Wonderland', as it will link nicely with Y4's TEFAT Art project. Children can dress up in any costume they would like, it is not restricted to Alice in Wonderland. The staff are looking forward to celebrating all things books with you all!



Food Bank

If you need any support with food then please contact school. We are now lucky enough to have the Foodbank with us every **Monday**.



Conduct

Please may I remind parents and carers that my staff work hard trying to deal with all of your concerns and queries. They go above and beyond and do not deserve to be spoken to rudely. Letters will be sent out warning parents and carers if they continue to behave in a manner, which is unacceptable and goes against our school values and policies.

Be Kind.

Parking

May I remind parents and carers that, if at all possible, you walk to and from school with/without your child/ren. This will reduce the amount of cars, both in the morning and at the end of the day, outside of school.

The school is currently working with the council to support with managing this.

We do not want a serious accident to happen, before this is rectified and so we would really appreciate your support in this.



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

Parents Evening

Next half term will be Parents Evening. We do advise that you all attend with your child so that you can find out about their learning and next steps.

If you are unavailable to attend a physical appointment then why not contact the school for a phone call with the class teacher. This is an opportunity for parents to liaise with teachers.

Please also book in with our SENDCO, Mrs Hallam if your child has any SEND needs that you would like to discuss further.



Don't forget
parents
evening!

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%



Key dates

3rd Feb	Number Day
7th Feb	Y4 LIVE ROH Rehearsal
10th Feb	Break up for Half Term
20th Feb	Back to school
20th Feb	Great fire of London event for Y1
21st Feb	Pancake day
27th Feb	Peter Burrows assembly
2nd March	World Book Day
3rd March	Power down Day
7th March	Parents Evening
8th March	Parents Evening
13th March	British Science week commences!
13th March	Atomic Tom visiting
17th March	Y4 Mad Hatters Tea Party
17th March	Comic relief Day
17th March	Reception Vision Screening
30th March	Break for Easter holidays
17th April	Back to School



Celebration assemblies will take place every Friday at 2.45pm.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has activated their child's dinner account already.

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



Important reminder

We are a nut free school and this includes all types of spreads that contain nuts.

Please do NOT send your child in with sandwiches which may contain nuts such as Nutella or similar brands.

Thank you for your continuing support with this matter.