

NEWSLETTER – 12th February 2021

Happy Half Term

I don't know about you but that felt like a very long 6 weeks but we made it! I'm not sure yet what the next half term will bring for Highfields but I know we will get through it together. The Government are due to release their plans on February 22nd with the expected start to return to school plan from March 8th. As soon as I know anymore I will let you know. I hope you all have wonderful, restful half term breaks. I know they may not be the half term you had planned but whatever you do and wherever you go, stay safe and take care
Mrs Garratt

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd February – Just a reminder that school can only reopen to keyworker and vulnerable children on this date.

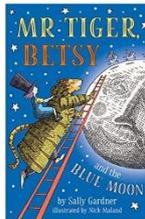
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Spellings

Weekly spellings for Spring 2 will be put onto the school website onto your child's class page. These will be available from Monday February 22nd.

Reading

First News have provided free access to their weekly online newspaper for children ages 7-14 so that they can continue to access non-fiction during lockdown. This can be accessed via the link: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/> An email address needs to be entered and a code will then be sent for parents/ children to access the resource. Oak Academy Library has released a digital book called 'Meet Mr Tiger Betsy and the New Moon' by Sally Gardner, as well as an audio book by Connie Huq. The book can be listened to in sections and is called 'Cookie and the most annoying boy in the world!'. Happy reading!



Mrs Lewis

Wellbeing Wednesdays!

Since starting remote learning, we are very aware of how much time children are spending sat in front of a computer, iPad or phone screen on a daily basis. So this week and for every Wednesday from now on we will have 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' where the children take part in screen free activities with their family or independently. The keyworker children will also take part in screen free learning. Every week we will send home some suggestions that you could do with your children and we would be really happy for you to suggest some as well. For working parents this can also be an activity they can do independently!

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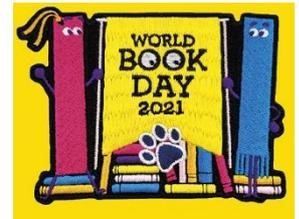
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World Book Day will be a little different this year, but we would still like to mark the occasion. To celebrate it, the children's English Looms on the day will involve book and reading activities.

Children in school are invited to come in dressed as a book character and children at home are also invited to dress up and send photos in for us to see to the email address

LeadershipTeam@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

We thank you in advance for your support



Superheroes

Coronavirus has had a devastating impact on the health of people/families all across the country but some families are also finding it hard as they have lost

their jobs and are struggling to make ends meet. It is because of this that one of our families has gone over and above, to demonstrate that when the going gets tough, we support each other to get back on our feet!

Ruby in Y2 and her family are volunteering at her Mum's old primary school during half term next week. They are going to give out hot meals and food parcels to children in need in an area that are really struggling. Ruby and her family have raised £260 in only 2 days through people's kind donations. With this they have brought enough food to feed 150 children!! Ruby is really enjoying this and has learnt so much about supporting and helping others in times of need. As well as financial donations they have also had 250kg of potatoes donated from a local chip shop and 150 apples donated from a local fruit man! Below are some photographs of what they have done so far and they are carrying on collecting donations and shopping until the weekend! I know you will join me in congratulating Ruby and her family, they are a great example of making a difference and supporting others – not all lessons are learnt by being in a classroom! Well done, we are beyond proud!

