



NEWSLETTER – 24th September 2021



12th Oct - Individual and family photographs

15th Oct - Y1 circus visit in school

18th Oct - Cinderella Pantomime in school

20th Oct - 4.00-6.30pm Parents Evening (further info to follow)

21st Oct - 4.00-6.30pm Parents Evening (further info to follow)

Half term holidays
Monday 25th Oct –
Friday 29th Oct '21

1st Nov - Staff INSET day - School closed for children



Training/INSET 2021-22

These are the currently planned training days for this academic year. On these days the school is closed to children

1st November 2021
24th January 2022
25th April 2022
5th May 2022

We are back in the swing of things here at Highfields but have been made aware that unfortunately Covid cases are beginning to rise locally, in the other local authorities and secondary schools. Can I PLEASE remind all parents that if your child does have any of the three symptoms, you should keep them off school and we would recommend them taking a PCR test. If you have a coronavirus related question can you please contact Ill or visit Coronavirus (COVID-19) - NHS (www.nhs.uk) to get the most up to date medical advice. We just want to keep everyone safe, thank you for your help and support.

Mrs Garratt



Reading

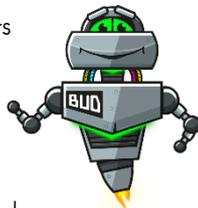
Children from Reception up to Y6 now have reading books and reading records. Staff are looking at reading records weekly and children who have read at home at least 3 times a week and have had an adult sign their reading record to show this will receive a prize at the end of the half term. If your child has brought home 2 books (a book to share and a book to independently read), please can they practise both at home. The book to independently read is designed to help the children practise the phonics that they are learning in school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Naming Clothes

We have an incredible amount of clothing being left in school at the moment, staff are trying to reunite it with its owner but a lot of them do not have names in. Can I ask that all clothing (and shoes) have your child's name in please?

Times Tables Rockstars/Numbots

Just a reminder to all pupils in Years 2 to 6 that they have access to Times Table Rockstars at home and if they have forgotten their log ins they can ask their class teachers. Also Year 1 pupils will soon be receiving their log ins for Numbots allowing them to practise key skills at home.



Golden Book - Well done to you all!



Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates...

17 th September		24 th September	
Nam	Lottie T	Nam	le jab I
Npm	Harry H	Npm	Honey B
RD	Jaxson	RD	Bella C
RW	Reggie	RW	Karina S
IM	Harrison C	IM	Ava C
IS	Charlotte	IS	Toby P
2P	Poppy	2P	Jensen
2S	Jasneet	2S	Leo W
3G	Cohen	3G	Thisaru
3K	Rocco	3K	Ravin
4G	James B	4G	Amelia
4W	Olivia	4W	Nathaniel
5B	Izzie	5B	Mutasim
5S	Ellie	5S	Dhiaan
6C	Aamina	6C	Kian
6R	Ben K	6R	Anjali
PE	Boris W	PE	Cairo T
French	Taleah	French	Bella P

Not Horsing Around

A huge well done to Lilli Mole who has been awarded a rosette for caring for her horse Rosie. Lilli was also observed riding Rosie at her riding school. Well done Lilli, what an amazing skill to have!



Spelling Shed

Spelling shed is the program we are using to help the children learn their spellings. Years 1-6 have a log in for this (this can be found on a sticker inside their reading record.) Spelling shed can be accessed online via the website

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Some children have already started to use it and are building up points within the games. Well done to all of you!

Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at 96.5%

This week's whole school attendance was 94.3% so this week we were below target!

The winning classes attendance are... EYFS - RW 91.8% KSI - 2P 100% KS2 - 5S 97.7%

These are our house point teams, ask your child which team they are in



Rowley
247



Haden
239



Clent
313



Kinver
220

Nursery and Reception



Nursery

This week we have been learning all about what we look like. We have looked in a mirror and talked about the colour of our skin, eyes and hair. We have created a self-portrait which is on display in our classroom. Take a look at the photograph and see if you can spot your child!

Reception

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Reception Class. The children have settled in so well and it's lovely to see them playing with each other and beginning to form some friendships. During this term we will be learning about ourselves, our families and our similarities and differences. We have started the year learning some Traditional Tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears - the children have really enjoyed acting out our stories so we are looking forward to exploring the story of The Gingerbread Man together. Over the next week, we will be grouping Reception children into their "Family Groups", each group will have a Key Worker - keep a lookout for your child's key worker 'All About Me' form coming home next week! During these short daily sessions, we will share conversations with each other, play games, sing rhymes etc. it is an important time where children are able to spend time in a smaller group with a specific adult to help them feel comfortable and support their well-being in Reception.

Miss Westwood - EYFS Phase Lead

Year 1 and 2

Year 1

Welcome back Year 1 and 2!

Year 1 have started their topic 'Step Right Up' this term. The topic is all about the circus! In English the children have been reading a story called "Clifford at the Circus". They have learnt lots of new vocabulary linked to the story, such as: obey, command, midway and finale. During this term, Year 1 will have the chance to study the artwork of Henri Matisse and the Year 1 teachers have organised a Circus Skills Workshop to come into school on Friday 15th October. The children will learn a range of circus skills such as juggling, walking on cup stilts and spinning plates.



Year 2

The children in Year 2 have begun their 'Fire and Ice' topic. The children have read a story in English called 'Rainbow Bird'. Year 2 have also made predictions about the story and wrote descriptive sentences about the characters. In Science, the children have learnt all about germination and the growth of plants and in Geography, Year 2 have started learning about hot and cold places around the world.

Reminder - The children's Spelling Shed password is located in their reading records. Please ensure your child is regularly practising and accessing their spellings each week. If you have any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Miss Pullinger - Y1/Y2 Phase Lead

Year 3 and 4

Year 3

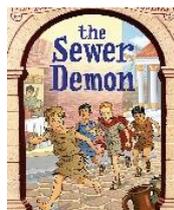
Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the school year and are all really enjoying their new topic: The Stone Age. To begin this topic, they created stone age clothing and painted rocks. All the children loved being creative and their work is up in their rooms for all to see.



They have also created some fantastic letters, in English, where they wrote to Mrs Garratt to let her know what they did during their time away from school.

Year 4

Year 4 have really impressed all of the staff since returning to school. They are all enjoying their English unit based on the text 'The Sewer Demon' and have created some excellent writing outcomes as a result.



They have also shown a keen interest to develop their knowledge about The Romans during our topic work. In Art, we are building up the skills required to sketch our very own ancient Roman buildings.

Mrs Ward - Y3/Y4 Phase Lead

Year 5 and 6

The staff in Years 5 and 6 would like to say a massive thank you to all of the pupils in our classes. It has been a long time since the children have been able to interact with those in other classes or take part in assemblies and it's lovely to see them being able to mingle so sensibly.

Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed beginning their World War II topic and Mr Savvides and Miss Banyard have been particularly impressed by the aeroplanes that the children made and the writing they have produced so far.



Year 6

The children of Year 6 are really enjoying 'The Hunger Games' text. It is a challenging book that requires the children to engage with complex moral issues. However, they are studying it in a thoughtful and sensible manner and have impressed us with the intelligent questions they have been asking about the story..



Mr Roper - Y5/Y6 Phase Lead