

NEWSLETTER - 10th January 2020



22nd January -
2.50pm - KSI
(Y2) SAT's
parents talk

27th January -
Young Voices

Value of the
Month -



7th February -
NSPCC Number
Day

7th February -
Y5 assembly to
parents

13th February -
Reception hands
and teeth talk
Y6 weights and
heights

14th February -
Training day -
school closed for
children

17th - 21st

February - **HALF
TERM** - School
closed for children

Value of the
Month



5th March -
World Book Day -
more details to
follow

13th March - PTA
disco - times TBC

13th March -
Reception assembly
to parents

Welcome back to a new decade here at Highfields and what a year we have planned. The children and I shared our New Year's resolutions this week in assembly - I have already broken my no chocolate one so I'm sure they're doing better at keeping them than me! We also shared this month's value and we talked about what **friendship** means to us all here at Highfields.



As well as all of that we also talked about our very exciting news that 2020 marks Highfields 125th birthday! We have lots of things planned to celebrate this event throughout the year so look out for those updates!

Mrs Garratt

Autumn Attendance Congratulations

Well done to the following classes who received the highest attendance for the Autumn Term. Each winning class will be awarded with a mufti day in the near future. The classes are;

- EYFS - **RW** - 95.4%
- Key Stage 1 - **2P** - 96.3%
- Key Stage 2 - **6W** - 97.7%



Future Dates for the Diary!

Christmas is only just over but we are straight into planning our Easter events and parent's evenings.

Monday 30th March - 2.30pm YN & YR (EY)

Easter bonnet parade

Monday 30th March - Y3-Y6 (KS2) bring decorated eggs into school **THEME DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Tuesday 3rd March - 2.30pm Y1 & Y2 (KSI) Easter bonnet parade

Tuesday 3rd March - Y3-Y6 (KS2) egg judging

Parents evening dates for next half term are,
Wednesday 1st April and **Thursday 2nd April** from 4.30-6.30 on both evenings and crèche will be available for **all** school aged children

Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

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RW	Dawson
RD	Jenson
IM	Aidan
IS	Aadi
2P	Ethan
2S	Ashley
3B	Inayah
3G	Oliver TS
4G	Sara
4R	Aamina
5K	Priya
5S	Archie
6C	Leah
6W	Lily
PE	Charlie

Footballing Legends!

During the Christmas break Bustleholme Girls Under 11 team took part in the Bustleholme Annual Tournament which was attended by over 1000 people. The girls played 7 matches during the day losing only 1 match to become champions of their age group! This was a fantastic achievement as teams from all over the region participated with the girls beating academy teams such as Leicester and Kidderminster Harriers! Lexi and Ria were part of the 8-member squad and we are really proud of their accomplishments!



Nail Extensions

I appreciate that we have just come back to school from Christmas holidays and so a lot of children have come back to school wearing nail varnish but can I please remind parents that nail varnish and any form of artificial nail are not part of the uniform policy here at Highfields and so should not be worn for school.



Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**. This week's whole school attendance was **93.3%** so this week we were **below** target! The winning classes attendance are...

EYFS - RW - 97.7% KSI - 2P - 97.7% KS2 - 3B - 100%



Rowley
245



Haden
293



Clent
251



Kinver
235

Nursery and Reception

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas, from what the children have told us, it sounds like they've had lots of fun!

We have now started our new topics. In Nursery we will be learning through our Groovy Growers topic, learning all



about plant and animal growth.

Please look out for our Spring Knowledge Organiser which will be coming out this week. On here you will find useful



websites to support your child's learning at home.

During the Spring term in Reception, they will be learning all about Crazy Creatures. This week we have read 'Sharing A Shell' and will be telling you all about it in our assembly.

Miss Westwood - Phase Co-ordinator

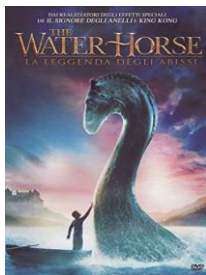
Year 3 and Year 4

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

Can you please ensure your child has P.E kit in school so they can participate fully in every lesson. **Year 3** Will be doing P.E on **Tuesday and Friday** each week. **Year 4** will be doing P.E on **Tuesday and Thursday** each week,

Year 4

Year 4 have begun the Spring term in a very positive fashion. They are enjoying our new topic of 'Monsters' and are really enjoying the book 'The Water Horse'. As the term progresses we will be enjoying a whole range of monster related lessons and activities which we're sure the children will enjoy.



Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed the beginning of the year and our topic of 'James and the Giant Peach'. On Monday the children got to taste peaches, began to



research the life of Roald Dahl and begun reading the story of James and the Giant Peach. Please note that the children's weekly spelling test will take place on Thursday of each week.

Mr Roper - Phase Co-ordinator

Year 1 and Year 2

Happy New Year!!

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and new year. The children have returned to school very well this week.

Year 1

Year 1 have started their 'Turrets and Tiaras' topic and enjoyed their stunning start; coming to school dressed as princesses and knights. Thank you for sending your child in their lovely costumes.

The children will be reading a number of texts this term including 'Sir Kit's Quest'. Reading at home at least 3x a week with an adult will help their reading skills enormously. PE days this half term will be Wednesday and Thursday. Each child needs a full PE kit in school so that they can participate fully in these lessons.

Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed their stunning start day for their 'Into the Wild' topic. They enjoyed the story of 'Madagascar' which will support their English work in the next few weeks and have also created some fantastic African style animal paintings. PE days this half term will be Wednesday and Thursday. Each child needs a full PE kit in school so that they can participate fully in these lessons.

Mrs Lewis- Phase Co-ordinator

Year 5 and Year 6

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you had an enjoyable break and are ready for a fun term!

Year 5 - Year 5 have enjoyed the start to their new topic all about Space. Over the next few weeks, they will be building up to writing their own newspaper reports so any exposure to these at home would be beneficial.



"I have loved my first few days back and can't wait for the rest of the term!" - Y5 child

Year 6 - Year 6 have enjoyed the start to their new topic: China. They wrote their own names in Chinese, created phrase books and made fortune cookies! We look forward to the wonderful work they will create this term.



"I loved making the fortune cookies: it was so much fun!" Y6 child

Thank you to all parents who attended the SATs parent meeting this week. All Year 6 children should have bought home a booklet all about SATs and an order form to purchase revision guides. Please return these promptly if you would like books ordering.

Mrs Ward - Phase Co-ordinator