

# Highfields Primary School Newsletter



7th September 2023

## Welcome

We would like to warmly welcome our three new members of staff to Highfields for this academic year. **Miss Essat, Miss Khalifa and Miss Warnes.** Miss Essat will be teaching in F2, Miss Khalifa will be working in the Foundation Stage and Miss Warnes will be working alongside Mrs Hubber and her team. I am sure all three will be a huge asset to the Highfields team.

## Medical Information

Can you please ensure that we have the most up to date medical information for your child. This is so we know what signs to look out for and we have the correct medicine, inhalators etc. in school.

## Reading Mornings

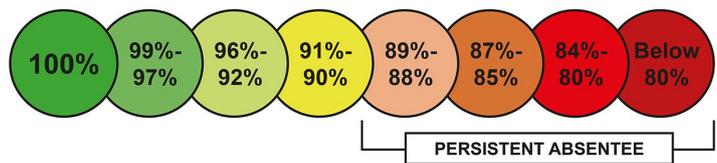
Due to its success last academic year, reading mornings will resume in the Foundation Stage on **Thursdays 8.20am - 8:40am.** We look forward to seeing you all.



Many of you requested that we continue the Reading mornings in Year 1. we will be arranging that soon and will let you know when it will begin.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



## Which CIRCLE are you in?

### Attendance

Since January, our attendance figures have gone down. We are putting this down to the change in opening time from 8:30am to 8:20am. Children who are consistently late and attendance is below 90% are referred to as persistent absentees. This type of absence have lowered our attendance figures.

Now that we have had two terms to get used to the change in time, we will be monitoring the children's attendance very closely.

If a child is late 2 times or more in a week, we will give you a call to find out why and to see if there is anything we can do to help.

If the child continues to be late we will arrange for you to have an attendance meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

If after the meeting lateness continues, then a panel meeting will be arranged with the headteacher and possible fine put in place.



### Foundation 1

#### Collection Time

Our opening time changed in January from 8:30am - 11:30am to 8:20am we kept the collection time at 11:30am.

To keep to the allocated hours for F1 children, from Monday 11th September, F1 children will be collected at the slightly earlier time of **11:20am**

### After School Clubs

Clubs will start next Tuesday 12th September. Club days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Clubs are very popular, which is great, so there is a very long waiting list. Because of this, please be patient if your child is not allocated a place on their club of choice. They will probably get a place in the spring or summer term.

### Parents Curriculum and Expectation Meetings

We would like to invite you to a meeting to share curriculum content and expectations for your child.

The meetings are scheduled for the following dates and will be held in the school hall:

	3.15-3.45	4.00-4.30
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 2 (Mrs Shilcock, Mrs Roopra & Mrs Panjvani)	Year 3 (Mrs Spencer, Miss Iqbal & Miss Cayless)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 (Miss Bolina & Mrs George)	Year 5 (Mrs Mulla and Miss Waka)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 1 (Miss Kadiri, Mrs Grant & Miss Chauhan)	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	F2 (Mrs Featherstone, Miss Essat & Mrs Memon)	Year 4 (Mrs Parker & Mrs Pearson)

### Assemblies this Half term

Friday 8th September	Happy Book Assembly
Friday 15th September	Mrs Mulla's (Y5) Class Assembly
Friday 22nd September	School Leaders Assembly
Friday 29th September	Yom Kippur (Judaism) Assembly - Mrs Shilcock (Y2) Mrs Pearson (Y4)
<b>Thursday 5th October</b>	Ms Spencer's (Y3) Class Assembly
Friday 13th October	Black History Week Assembly

### Important Information Request

If you have moved house, changed your email address, or home/mobile phone number, can you please let us know so we have the most up to date information for you. There were a few times last academic year where we could not get in contact with parents in emergencies due to wrong or old information. We also need at least two emergency contact numbers.