

Highfields Primary School

Newsletter



November 2024

Welcome Baby Mulla

We would like to congratulate Mrs Mulla who gave birth to a baby boy on Friday 25th October.

Both mother and child are doing well.



School Trousers NOT Joggers

Please do not allow your child to wear jogging bottoms or anything with elasticated cuffs to school. They are not part of our school uniform. Only trousers or tailored shorts are allowed. Jogging bottoms must only be worn for PE. We understand that there will be reasons when school trousers cannot be worn e.g children in the Foundation Stage and toilet training. If there is a problem, please call to let us know.



Christmas Jumper Assembly

We will hold our Christmas assembly on **Friday 13th December**. It will also be Christmas Jumper Day and the children will be having Christmas dinner at lunchtime.

We want all the children to make an effort to wear a Christmas jumper/top. However, they must still wear the rest of their school uniform. Please do not go out and buy expensive jumpers. If they do not have one, they can decorate any jumper instead.

If your child is not wearing a Christmas Jumper then they must wear their school jumper, cardigan etc instead.



Homework Changes

We are changing the homework approach for children in Years 3 to 5 to a half-termly 'Homework Menu.' This will allow students to choose from a grid of projects related to various subjects. Year 6 will continue with their current homework format to prepare for SATs.

Each half term, teachers will provide a selection of tasks with a submission date; for the next half term, homework is due by Monday, December 9th. Weekly homework will be discontinued, but ongoing tasks like reading, spellings, and times tables will still be continued.

On WEDUC, Mrs Parker has attached homework menus for each year group and spelling lists for Years 3/4 and 5/6. We hope the children enjoy these creative tasks!

Upcoming Assemblies

Friday 29th November - Happy Book Assembly

Friday 6th December - Mrs Gogna (Y3) Class Assembly

Friday 13th December - Christmas Assembly

Thursday 19th December - Gold Awards Assembly

Rescheduled Date

The Immunisation Team will be coming to school on **Tuesday 17th December** to carry out the flu immunisation that was cancelled last term.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

School begins at 8:30am. **Please help your child to be punctual.**

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.