

Highfields Primary School Newsletter



1st November 2022

Extended School Day

This consultation for the extended school day closed on Friday 21st October. The gates will open at 8.20 am. Registration will now be at 8.30am. School will finish the normal time of 3pm. This will come into effect from **Wednesday 4th January 2023**. We will send out more information near the end of the autumn term.

Lateness

We have noticed that a lot of children in (mainly in Key Stage 2) are coming to school late through reception. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school on time. If your child is late, they are losing valuable learning time. It may seem like only 5 minutes each day but that means they lose 20 minutes across the week and 1 hour 20 minutes in a month.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding some presentation evenings for parents after half term to provide further information about what your child will be learning this year.

	3.15 - 3.45pm	4.00 - 4.30pm
Monday 31 st October	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday 1 st November	Year 1	Year 3
Wednesday 2 nd November	Year 2	Year 4
Thursday 3 rd November	F1	F2

Assemblies This Half Term

- Friday 4th November (9am)**
Miss Cayless Y3 Class Assembly
- Friday 11th November (9am)**
Remembrance Day Assembly
- Friday 18th November (9am)**
Anti-bullying/Children in Need
- Friday 25th November (9am)**
Mrs George Y5 Class 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.

A good reader will always...

- Visualize** (Illustration of eyes)
- Ask questions** (Illustration of a question mark)
- Get the gist/summarise** (Illustration of a person summarizing)
- Link sentences** (Illustration of a chain link)
- Understand vocabulary** (Illustration of a word card)
- Understand grammar** (Illustration of a grammar book)
- Use background knowledge** (Illustration of a brain)
- Form inferences** (Illustration of a magnifying glass)

How to support your child at home with their reading:

- Talk to the children about the layout of the book
- Ask them about the characters in the book and how they are feeling
- Talk about what is happening in the book
- Discuss the meaning of words
- Ask your child questions about the book
- Ask your child to predict what they think will happen next in the book
- Ask your child to retell the story in their own words
- Is this book fiction (a story book) or a non-fiction book?

When you have read with your child, please initial and date the bookmark. Thank you!

Once your child has read at home 30 times, they will receive 3 House Points!

Once they complete their Home Reading Record bookmark they will receive a reward.

House Points:

Reading

Can you please support your child with their reading at home.

It only takes 20 minutes but helps a lot to improve their reading. When they have finished, sign their reading card as they will get a book prize in assembly when the card has been completed.

Foundation Stage Reading Morning

Come along and enjoy sharing a story with your child: read the words, look at the pictures and talk about what is happening, help your child to spot High Frequency words in the text and build a love for reading together!

Every Thursday 8:30 - 8:45am



Lace Up Shoes

If your child cannot tie their own shoe laces, please send them to school in shoes that has Velcro straps or slip-ons. Untied laces can be a safety trip hazard and although staff do their best to help keep them tied, we cannot always guarantee be at hand.

Thank you.

Free School Meals Entitlement

You may be entitled to Free school meals. If you are unsure if you are or need support in making an application, please contact the school and we will be more than happy to help you. It also means that the school receive funds to support your child and you will have access to free uniform and a reduction in trip costs