

# Highfields Primary School Newsletter



1st October 2022

## Extended School Day

The government has instructed schools that they must open for 32.5 hours from September 2023. This means we must add another 15 minutes to the school day. We are planning to open from 8.30 - 3pm. The gates will open at 8.20 am.

Uplands infants, Upland Juniors and Sparkenhoe will all be finishing between 3:10pm and 3:15pm, finishing at 3pm will avoid traffic congestion around school.

This will come into effect from Wednesday 4th January 2023.

This consultation will run until Friday 21st October. If you would like to come in and suggest an alternative start and finish time, please feel free to make an appointment to discuss it with me.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5	Year 6
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 1	Year 3
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 2	Year 4
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	F1	F2

## Assemblies This Half Term

Friday 30th September (9am)  
Rosh Hashana (Judaism)

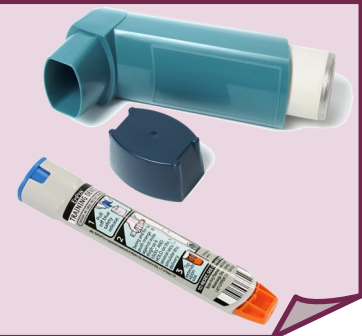
Friday 7th October (9am)  
Miss Kadiri Y3 Class Assembly

Friday 14th October (9am)  
Black History Week

## Inhalers & EpiPens

Can you please make sure, if your child uses an inhaler or an EpiPen, there is one in school and the use by date has not expired.

Thank You.



## 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.

## October Half-Term Food Offer

The city council is again working with Samworth Brothers to support families with food over the October half term. There will be six pop up venues across the city that will give parents of free school meal children and those needing additional support, the opportunity to collect food for the half term.

Parents must register for a venue by **Tuesday 4 October**, using the online form (link on the WEDC post). The registration window closes early to allow Samworth Brothers enough time to arrange supplies for the events.

Places at the food pop up shops are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.



**Food vouchers will not be issued for free school meal children this half term.**

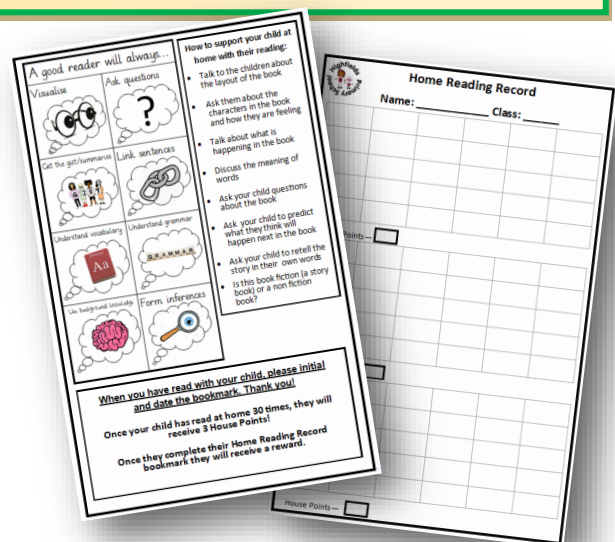


The Hindu festival of Diwali will be on Monday 24th October. We would like to wish everyone, who will be celebrating, a Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year.

### 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.



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**10.10.2022**

### Hello Yellow

On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2022** we will be celebrating World Mental Health day and wearing yellow in support of young people's mental health. Children are invited to come into school dressed in yellow!

**Any children not wearing yellow, must wear their school uniform to school.**

Alongside this, we will also supporting the Help the Homeless charity by raising money for homeless people in Leicester. Any donations will be greatly welcomed. Thank you!