



HIGHLEY SCHOOL BULLETIN

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 18th January - Fundraisers AGM
- 22nd January - Mental Health Week
- 29th January - Y6 Arthog Trip
- 2nd February - Y6 Return From Arthog Trip
- 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- 7th February - Y4 Pioneer Trip
- 9th February - Y4 Return From Pioneer Trip
- 9th February - Valentine's Disco
- 12th - 16th February - Half Term
- 19th February - Return To School
- 22nd February - Y6 Parent SATs Meeting
- 6th March - Open Morning
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 11th March - STEM Week

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Check back next week for
information!

SCHOOL LUNCHES

W/C 8th January
Week 1 Menu

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5TH JANUARY 2024 MESSAGE FROM MR PLIM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a joyful and restful Christmas break. On behalf of the entire staff at Highley School, a warm welcome back for the start of the new year! We are excited to have the children back with us, ready to take on new challenges and continue their educational journey.

What a lovely first couple of days of the spring term it has been. It has been lovely to hear children's stories about their holidays, but particularly how they have articulated how grateful they are for the experiences that they have had. Staff have also seen excellent attitudes to learning this week, particularly as new topics are starting - we look forward to sharing children's progress with you later in the term.

On our training day on Wednesday, staff focused on our 'Good To Be Green' classroom behaviour management system and strengthening what we do to really 'notice' and reward those children who remain on 'green'. There are some exciting changes which I will write to you further about in the next week or so - all I am going to say at this point is bookmarks, stampers, gold + platinum and raffle prizes!

We also used the time on Wednesday to discuss and review our whole-school rules and expectations so that they better link to our values of Respect, Resilience and Relationships. Children discussed their ideas last term and next week, School Council will be taking everything that children and staff have put forward to create some simple and easy-to-remember expectations for all our children to follow.

Despite the weather being changeable and the mornings dark, it has been fantastic to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school. Just a gentle reminder, if you are walking with children on scooters, please keep them in sight - especially approaching road junctions.

Although we have not had a celebration assembly this week, we have had a couple of 'play assemblies' focusing on all of the activities and resources that children have access to at lunchtime. When we are altogether as a school at the start of a term, it is always a lovely sight with a sea of smart haircuts, neat uniform and new school shoes! There are some interesting pieces of head-gear starting to appear(!) At the start of term, please take a moment to re-familiarise yourselves with our uniform guidance which can be found by [clicking here](#).

Term dates (which were set in September) are attached, any additions will be communicated in due course. The spring term is quite a short one, with only 5 weeks each side of February half term. This means that staff have to squeeze a lot of the curriculum into a much shorter timeframe. With both Arthog and Pioneer residential taking place before half term, children and staff will be extremely busy!

Thank you once again for entrusting us with your child's education; your engagement and involvement in their education is invaluable to their overall development and success - together, we can make 2024 memorable and successful 😊 Mr Plim



Attendance



Coming into school can feel challenging for some children for a number of reasons, this can be a short term or long term feeling. Whatever the reason, we want to be able to support you and your child with coming into school regularly and feeling safe and happy whilst here.

Place2Be have put together some advice for if children are struggling which can be found by [clicking here](#).

If your child is experiencing difficulty with getting into school, please don't hesitate to get in touch with their class teacher or Miss Francis who are on hand to support them.

COULD YOUR CLASS BECOME ATTENDANCE HEROES?!

At Highley School our Attendance Heroes are:



Here
Everyday
Ready
On Time



Miss Francis will be looking out for heroes around school & rewarding them if:

- 1) As a class they arrive on time everyday for 2 weeks - 15 minutes extra play!
- 2) As a class they arrive on time everyday for 4 weeks - golden time!
- 3) As a whole school they arrive on time everyday for 1 week - non-uniform day!

Here is a reminder of our punctuality rewards that children can access as a class.

It is so important that children arrive to school on time so that they access their full day of learning and have the same opportunities as their peers.

Miss Francis will be meeting with school council this half term to discuss updating our attendance rewards.