

# Highlees News



September 2023

Dear All,

I do hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer with your children. As usual, the beginning of the holidays was a down pour, however lately it has been great to have some hot weather. Apparently the sunshine is here to stay, or at least for this week, and so please remember slip, slap, slop applies for our children.

The staff and myself have been working hard over the summer period to make sure that the school looks as exciting and engaging as it can be for our children starting back this week. We cannot wait to welcome parents back in, which will start this coming Wednesday 6th September, with our Parent and Tot group, held in the Hub. Please do come along if you have a little one and want to meet other like-minded parents within the community.

I am sure that you are all just as eager to hear of your child's first day and week as I am, and look forward to meeting their new class teacher/ teaching assistant. Once again, I would like to welcome our new staff, Mr Nicholls- Year 3 Teacher and Miss Dines- Year 5 Teacher. Please do make sure that you say hello and offer them a warm Highlees welcome if you see them.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind parents again of the timings of the school day in conjunction with Government guidelines. The school day will run from **8.40am- 3.10pm** for the whole school. School gates will be open from **8.30am**, ready to welcome children on site. Please remember that if your child is cycling or has a scooter which they will ride to and from school, they must not use these whilst on school premises for health and safety reasons.

I look forward to seeing you all, old faces and new and welcome you to Highlees Primary.

Mrs Albert



## Classes for September 2023:

Reception	Mrs Cadman
Reception	Mrs Frith and Mrs Powell
Year One	Mrs Bennett
	Miss Thurley
Year Two	Mrs Freeman
	Mr Robson
	Mrs Yates/ Mrs Powell
Year Three	Miss Hills
	Mrs Nicholls
Year Four	Ms Cooper
	Mrs Wade
Year Five	Miss Dines
	Mrs Palmer
Year Six	Mrs Boothdale
	Miss Nicholls
	Miss Celebicanin



**E-Safety:** Please may I remind parents to use parental controls on your children's electronic devices and to keep a watchful eye on what your children are accessing/ using online. This will help support the school curriculum and keep our children safe.



## Food Bank

If you need any support with food then please contact school.

Our first Food bank is **Monday 4th Sept**. Please make sure that you have signed up for it. We have limited boxes and so it is on a first come, first served basis.

## **Big brother house this is Davina, PLEASE DO NOT SWEAR OR BE ABUSIVE TO STAFF/ OTHER PARENTS!**

We have a zero tolerance to swearing/ abuse; verbal or physical, on our school premises, this includes before and after school as stated in our Parent Code of Conduct. Please be mindful of the language you use whilst dropping off and collecting your children.

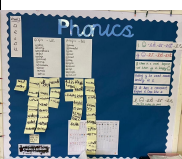
Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Open Days**

Do you have a child who is looking at joining a school in September 2024?

If so, please come along to one of our up and coming Open Days on either the 17th or 18th of October.

We look forward to welcoming you.



### **Mobile Phones and Apple Watches**

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and walks home alone, they may bring a mobile phone to school. If a child has a mobile in school we ask that, they hand it into the office upon arrival of the school gates and collect it at the end of the school day. If a child attends a sports club, they can collect their mobile phone at the end of the club from the school office.

### **The WAS Team needs you!**

We are on the lookout for parent helpers to help with our Wellbeing Award. If you think you may be interested, please speak to a member of the WAS Team or come along to our meeting for parents on Wednesday 20th September @ 2.45pm

### **No unnecessary costume jewellery in school**

Children should not come to school wearing any costume jewellery. We ask that children only wear studs if they have their ear pierced. Please refrain from getting your child's ears pierced unless it is a Summer holiday.

On PE days children will not be allowed to wear earrings. Please come into school without any in. If your child does wear earrings on PE days they will be asked to remove them. If they are unable to do this on their own, we will ask for your permission to add tape to their ears.

**Attendance Matters:** Children are considered compulsory school age from 1<sup>st</sup> September, or 1<sup>st</sup> January or 1<sup>st</sup> April following their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. **There is an expectation that all children come to school and arrive on time.**



If you are struggling to get your child into school, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Hamlet. In the next few weeks we will have Sarina from the Local Authority coming in to hold a Parent Meeting on Attendance.

### **Dates for this half term: Please check the Parent Planner**

6th Sept	Tots Group @ 8.45am
11th Sept	Rec start Part-time
14th Sept	Parent Reading Meeting
20th Sept	WAS Parent Meeting
21st Sept	Reception full-time
28th Sept	Parents Phonic meeting
10/ 12th Oct	NSPCC Speak out- Yr 5/6
11th Oct 3.10-6pm	Parents Evening
12th Oct 3.10-6pm	Parents Evening
17th-18th	Open Days
19th Oct	Halloween Disco
20th Oct	School closes
30th Oct	Professional Day
31st Oct	Back to school



**Celebration assemblies on a Friday will take place alternate weeks depending on the year group. Please check the planner.**

### **Social Media**

A reminder that we will be publishing lots of photos on facebook and twitter so please keep checking.

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**Facebook - @highleesprimaryschool**

