

Highlees News



November 2023

Dear All,

A warm welcome back to one of my favourite half terms of the academic year. This half term staff have several fun and exciting celebrations planned.

Shortly, we will be sharing our Christmas festivities with you all; once again, this year, we will have a Christmas fayre with a Santa's Grotto, Nativity and a Christmas performance. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with you over this festive period.

Recently we have really tried hard to get parents into school more, whether it be through assemblies, stay and play or through celebrations of your children's work and successes. We will continue to do this but please do pop in and let us know what you would like to see offered.

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

Mrs Albert

Arts Mark

A very special well done to Miss Hills and the rest of the staff here at Highlees for successfully gaining SILVER in the Arts Mark. The children and staff have been working very hard over the last 3 years to gain this award and we are all very proud to have received it. Well done all.

Road Safety

Please may I remind you to park sensibly when dropping off and collecting your child/ren from school each day. Local residents had spoke about parents parking over their drives, stopping them being able to access their driveways and making it dangerous for all. Please be courteous of those around you.

Cold weather approaching:

Please be mindful when sending your child into school. The winter weather is coming and children need to be kept nice and warm when going outside to play.

Don't forget...

- Hat
- Gloves
- Scarf
- Sensible footwear



World Kindness Day

We have recently celebrated World Kindness Day here in school. Please make sure that you are being kind to staff around the school. We are all working very hard to do the best for your children.

<https://schoolofkindness.org/10-ways-to-practise-self-kindness>

Big and Little morning club

As you may know we have started our very own parent and toddler group every Wednesday morning 9am-10am.

This will stop now until after the Christmas holidays.

We would like feedback from you, is this something you would continue to use? Is there anything else you would like us to offer? Let us know by dropping us an email at

highleesoffice@hefed.org

Food Bank

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



Our next Foodbank is **Monday 27th November**.

Big brother house this is Davina, PLEASE DO NOT SWEAR!

We have a zero tolerance to swearing 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.

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 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. **No child must have a mobile phone on them or in their belongings throughout the school day. They must hand them in to the office.**

The same rule applies to Apple Watches or any watch that can receive or send messages/ images. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Key dates

Dates for this half term: Please check the Parent Planner

28th Nov	Year 3 Theatre visit
7th Dec	Rock Steady Concert
7th Dec	Christmas Shopping fair
8th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
11-15th Dec	Christmas Performances
14th Dec	Christmas dinner day
18th Dec	Christmas Party afternoon
19th Dec	Break up for Christmas
20th Dec	Professionals Day

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

Job vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Middy supervisors here at Highlees so if you or anyone you know may be interested, please pop into the school office and pick up an application form.



Attendance Matters:



Children are considered compulsory school age from 1st September, or 1st January or 1st April following their 5th 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 Miss Hamlet our Attendance Officer.

Safety on school site

A number of reports are coming in that children are walking or running on the school car park area. This is extremely dangerous.

Please keep an eye on your children and keep them close to you at all times.

Cars will be moving around the car park area at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please do not assume that drivers can see your child.

Social Media

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

Follow us on

Twitter - @Highlees

Facebook - @highleesprimaryschool



Santa tickets - SOLD OUT!!

Wow! That really didn't take long at all!



We have had word from the big man himself and he can't wait to meet you all!

