

Highlees News



May 2024

Dear All,

Thank you for another great start to the Summer term. We have lots coming up in the next few weeks and we always find the Summer term flies by. Children throughout the school have been working really hard. I have really enjoyed spending time with some children in Year 3, supporting them in their Writing journey - it has been great to see the progress.

I also can not wait to hear all about Year 1's visit to the Cresset. The children have been working exceptionally hard, creating their dance based on Alice in Wonderland. This half term our children are learning all about striking and fielding. It has been wonderful to see already, the various different sports the children are applying the skills they have learnt too. I can not wait to get out in the sunshine for a game of rounders or crickets- I wonder if the children can teach me some skills!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Albert



SAT's week- May 13th

The children in Year 6 have been working very hard in preparation for their SAT's, week beginning the 13th May. I would like to say how proud I am of each child going above and beyond and really trying their hardest at all times. Thank you also, to the members of staff who have given up their own time to carryout boosters and support sessions for the children.

After school clubs:

It has been great to see so many clubs being offered to our children by staff recently. The uptake has been immense with several clubs having waiting lists. Please can I just confirm that due to such high numbers of children wanting to participate in clubs and not having the space to accept them all, if a child does not attend 2 sessions per a half term, their place will be given away to a child on the waiting list. If a child is absent due to sickness, the above will not come in to effect.

Thank you for your support with this- part of joining a club is showing a commitment and resilience.

Exciting News:

Highlees is our pilot community hub - a space which will serve the social needs of both the school community and the wider community. Community hubs will seek to signpost community members to existing services, facilitate specialist community groups and third sector organisations in serving community needs, and/or serve community needs directly.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended parents evening before we broke up for the Easter holidays- the turnout was great. It is always lovely to see parents being shown their children's work. Please do call in and make an appointment if you could not attend the set days.

We need you!

We are currently looking for sponsors or companies to support us in some up and coming projects we would like to carry out. If you, or a family member are a keen gardener, please do get in touch as we have some exciting things planned for the Spring and Summer terms.



Helpful Contacts:

Peterborough Womens Aid
08454 103123

Spurgeons Family Support
01933 417040

Peterborough Soup Kitchen
01733 315456

Peterborough Health Visitors
01733 777937

Peterborough Citizen Advice
0344 499 4120

Cross Keys Homes
01733 385000

Aspire Recovery Service
01733 895624



Dates for next half term: Please check the Parent Planner and website calendar



Thursday 2nd May	Polling station in the HUB
Monday 6th May	May bank holiday
13th-16th May	SATs week for Y6
Friday 24th May	Last day of Summer term 1
Monday 3rd June	Summer term 2 starts
Friday 7th June	Class photos
Monday 17th June	EYFS/KS1 Sports day
Tuesday 18th June	KS2 Sports day
Wednesday 3rd July	Jack Hunt Transition Day
Friday 5th July	Reports to parents
6th-7th July	Year 6 performances
Thursday 11th July	Rocksteady concert
Thursday 11th July	Informal Parents Evening
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 19th July	Last day of Summer term 2



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

SEND meeting:

Mrs Hallam has begun a SEND morning once, every half a term. This half term she is asking parents of children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to attend on Friday 17th May at 9-10am for a coffee and a chat. Please do join her.

Attendance Target
95%



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 our Attendance Officer, Miss Hamlet.

KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Below are some suggested websites that may help you support your children at home:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/children-board/parents-carers>

<https://www.keep-your-head.com/cyp>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/>

Slip, Slap, Slop and Wrap to stay safe this Summer

Now that the sunshine is starting to make an appearance, please make sure that you apply suncream to your child before they come into school and provide them with plenty of water. Over the next few months, we will be supplying more water for our children, especially at break and lunch times.



Slip on a shirt



Slap on a hat



Slop on suncream and



wrap on sunglasses!

