

...Changing lives

Highfields Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Jubilee Planting

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 a unique tree planting initiative has been developed called The Queen's Green Canopy. Everyone across the nation and commonwealth are being encouraged to plant trees. Individuals, groups, schools, towns and cities will be planting a variety of different trees as part of the project.

This week, with their green fingers at the ready, Pirates Next Door began planting the first section of trees which included tree species varieties such as Hazel, Crab Apple and Chestnut.

As part of the initiative each class will plant their own section of trees within the school grounds and even take part in tree planting projects across Doncaster during this jubilee year.



Scan the QR code and search for the academy to see the location of our first trees.



Attendance

The Explorers



Stormbreakers

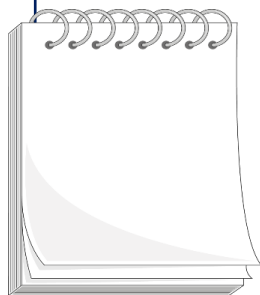
Rainbow Fish



Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	95.7%	95%
Pirates Next Door (Y1)	93.0%	94%
Pirates Next Door (Y2)	94.9%	96%
Butterfly Lions	95.3%	96%
Stormbreakers	98.8%	97%
Explorers	95.9%	97%
Whole School	95.3%	96%

Reminders

- **PE:** PE is held every **Monday** and every **Thursday**. Children need to bring their PE kits to school in order for them to get changed before and after the lesson.
- **Book Bags:** Children must bring their book bags along with their reading diary and staged reading book to school **every day**.
- **Reading:** We ask that all children read **at least three times** to an adult at home. Please can you ensure that you record the date, title of



the book and the pages read to and from in your child's reading diary once you have heard them read.



Diary Dates

27th January – Holocaust Memorial Day (Year 5 and 6)

4th February – Times table Rockstar and Number Day

8th February – Safer Internet Day

11th February – Break up for half term

21st February – School reopens to all pupils

22nd – 23rd February – Parents' Evenings

3rd March – World Book Day

10th March – Northern Ballet Workshop (Year 3-6)

COVID Update

As you will be aware, we continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and so must continue to be cautious and put in restrictions where necessary to ensure the safety of our children. Following government guidance changes, here is an update of the current guidelines for schools:

- If a child has Covid-19 symptoms they must remain at home and take a LFD test. If the result is positive, they must isolate at home for 10 days (remote learning will be provided for children who are isolating).
- If you take a lateral flow test on day five and it's positive, you must continue to self-isolate but you can test again the following day (day six). You still need two negative lateral flow test results, 24 hours apart, before ending isolation early and must no longer have a high temperature.
- If a child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive (including living with someone who has tested positive) they can still attend school but we strongly advise that they take an LFD test every day for 7 days.
- If your child has symptoms and has a positive LFD test they need to get a PCR test and must isolate.
- We encourage household members aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.
- Please keep school updated if your child is a close contact and is daily testing or if your child has symptoms and is awaiting a result. Where possible please try to take your child for a PCR test rather than completing a postal test. This is because postal tests take longer and means children are missing a lot of time from school awaiting results.

Thank-you for your support; this continuing situation is frustrating for everyone and we understand that testing is not very nice for children, however we must do all we can to keep everyone safe and ensure that we can continue to keep the school open with face to face learning.

TTRS Rockstar Day

CALLING ALL MATHS ROCKSTARS! On Friday 4th February, we will be holding a Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) Day in the academy for Years 2-6 and a Number Day for Year 1 and EYFS. The day will be dedicated to maths games, challenges and puzzles. With rockstar battle-offs between classes and between pupils and teachers, it should be a rockstar-tastically, amazing fun day! In preparation for the event, all children have been reminded to access TTRS as much as they can!

As part of the celebration, we invite all children to dress either as a rockstar or dress as digits (wearing an item of clothing with a number on it -football shirt, cap, hockey shirt or even a **ONE**sie! ...or you could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

