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Highfields Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th January

Police Visit

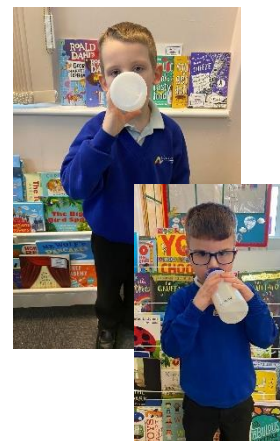
Yesterday, we had a visit from two officers from our local police team. Officers Barker and Stanton spoke with the children about anti-social behaviour and vandalism. The children also had a chance to ask the officers some questions about their role in the community and what it was like to be a police officer.



Plastic Free

As part of our pledge to become plastic free, all classes have been given new reusable water bottles that they can use throughout the day as well as during dinner and break times. By using these new water bottles, we are completely reducing the need of plastic water bottles that need to be recycled but also we are encouraging our children to increase the volume of water they drink in order to meet the NHS target of 6-8 cups a day

As our academy dinners become more and more plastic free, we encourage all families, where their child has a packed lunch, to go plastic free particularly water bottles.



Mr Williams

Attendance

Stormbreakers



The Explorers

Rainbow Fish

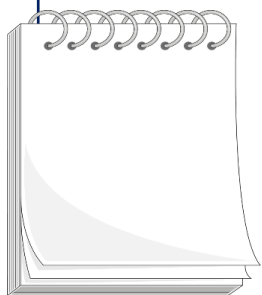


Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	89.7%	95%
Pirates Next Door (Y1)	82.0%	92%
Pirates Next Door (Y2)	89.5%	95%
Butterfly Lions	89.3%	95%
Stormbreakers	95.4%	96%
Explorers	97.4%	96%
Whole School	90.7%	95%

Reminders

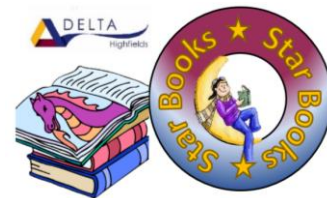
- **PE:** PE is held every **Monday** and every **Thursday**. Children need to bring their PE kits to school in order for them to get changed before and after the lesson.
- **Book Bags:** Children must bring their book bags along with their reading diary and staged reading book to school **every day**.
- **Items from home:** As before, we ask that no items such as sports equipment (balls, shin pads, goalie gloves etc.), stationary and

toys are brought from home into school unless for a specific event or class project.



Star Books

Reading for Pleasure - From Monday children will be able to bring a choice book home as well as their allocated phonics or PM benchmarking book. Depending on your child's age, the book chosen may or may not be at your child's level, so please support them or share the story with them. It can be recorded in their reading records if they've read this book as well as any other choice reading material at home.



Miss Gardom

COVID Changes

Following government guidance changes and a reduction to cases within the academy, we are happy to be stepping down some of our COVID precautions. From Monday, we will be easing mixing rules in school which will allow us to return to dinners in the hall, breakfast club and whole school playtimes. We are hoping that if the situation continues to improve, that when we return from February half term holidays on February 21st, that we will be able to recommence all clubs including some new clubs for our children to try. A letter will be sent next week outlining our full timetable of after school clubs.

Here is reminder of the current testing procedures and what do if your child has one or more of three main COVID symptoms.

- 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.
- We encourage household members aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.
- If a children is still testing positive on 10 day, we ask that they continue to isolate until they reach 14 days of isolation or two negative tests 24 hours apart.
- 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 ongoing support; we understand that this current situation is not always fair 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.



Diary Dates

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

1st March – Y6 Crucial Crew Visit

3rd March – World Book Day

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