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# Highfields Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### World Book Day

An amazing day was had by all yesterday. Everyone celebrated their love of reading and books across the academy. It was great to see all children and staff dressed up in their favourite costumes to celebrate characters they love.

All classes enjoyed relaxing with a book in our well stocked reading room. Teachers shared their favourite books with other classes and children really enjoyed the masked reader competition once again! In PE each classes even played quidditch and flew around on their 'broomsticks'!

Thank you for all your contributions to costumes and wooden spoon entries.

The school council will soon be deciding on new reading incentives for the academy.



*Miss Gardom*



### Attendance

Explorers



Rainbow Fish

Pirates Next Door (Year 2)

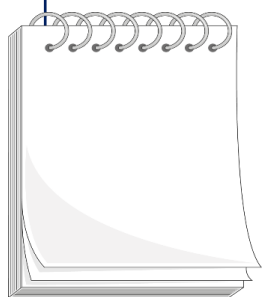


Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	99.5%	95.7%
Pirates Next Door (Y1)	92.5%	91.2%
Pirates Next Door (Y2)	98.5%	94.9%
Butterfly Lions	96.9%	94.5%
Stormbreakers	97.0%	95.8%
Explorers	99.3%	95.7%
Whole School	97.7%	94.9%

## 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** (or five times in Year 6) 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

**8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evenings

**10<sup>th</sup> March** – Northern Ballet Workshop (Year 3-6)

**March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bikeability (Year 6)

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Schools Closes for Easter

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Holidays

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Bank Holiday

## Red Nose Day

**Red Nose Day is back!** We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Red Nose Day is an important event which helps people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. Because you have the power to change lives.

All classes have been asked to think of fundraising challenges or sponsorship events that their whole class can take part in to raise money for Red Nose Day. In class voting will take place next week to decide what challenges

each class will be undertaking.

Red Noses will be on sale from Monday and are priced by the charity at £1.50.



**RED NOSE DAY**

## Main Gate

Starting from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March we will be closing the main gate at **8:40 am every morning**, this is to ensure a more prompt start to the day. A reminder that morning work starts at 8:30 am for all classes so we do ask that children arrive at 8:30 am.

Some parents/carers have asked when the side and upper gates will be open as we continue to ease COVID-19 restrictions. Following discussions with teachers, and support staff, we feel that, at the moment, access to and from the academy has been aided by only using one gate in and out (South Street Gate). This has also added an additional layer of safety for adults and the increasing number of children who are coming to school on their bikes and scooters, which are currently stored through the school day by the side gate entrance (Coppice Road Gate). As a result, for the time being, we will continue to use just the South Street Gate for children to enter and exit the academy.

## New Clubs

Across the academy, children have been enjoying our new clubs. It has been great to hear the school alive with fun, laughter and excitement after school and during lunches. Take a look at our school Twitter page (@deltahighfields) to see some of the wonderful things the clubs have been doing.



## Parents' Evenings

A reminder that our parents' evenings will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. All appointments booked for the previous parents' evenings are still in place. A text message reminder will be sent the day before your allocated times. Our new cook, Mrs Simmons will be serving a selection of dishes from our new menus for parents/carers to try as well.