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Highfields Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th June 2022

Let's Get Ready to Race!

Children across the academy have been practicing ready for Sports Day this week. To learn more about this years exciting new Sports Day please click [here](#).



Stars of the week

- Jake-Patrick** Year 1
- Tyler** Year 5
- Esrey** Nursery
- Indea** Year 2
- Lucas H** Year 4
- Kayden** Year 3
- Kristers** Year 6
- Lorna** Reception

New Classes

We are excited to announce the new class names for next year. Due to class numbers increasing across the academy, we will need to return to mixed classes for all year groups except Year 6.

Nursery / Reception – **Asia**

Year 1/2 – **Australasia**

Year 3/4 – **Africa**

Year 4/5 – **North America**

Year 6 – **Antarctica**

A letter will be sent to all parents/carers to confirm classes and class teachers next week.

Attendance

Rainbow Fish



Explorers

Curiosity



Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	98.8%	96.2%
Dinosaurs	97.0%	92.3%
Pirates Next Door	96.5%	94.6%
Curiosity	97.7%	95.2%
Ember	97.7%	95.8%
Explorers	98.9%	96.1%
Whole School	97.8%	95.3%

Reminders

- **PE:** Children need to bring their PE kits to school on **Monday** in order for them to get changed before and after the lesson which may take place on any day of the week.
- **Book Bags:** Children must bring their book bags along with their reading diary and staged reading book to school **every day**.



My Child at School App

As part of our move to a paper-free system, we have moved to a new management system which will include an app for parents/carers called **My Child at School**. This can be downloaded onto any Apple and Android devices. Scan the QR code to the right or click [here](#), to access a step-by-step guide to downloading and using the app for the first time.

To support parents/carers further in accessing and using our new app, members of staff will be available after school each day on the playground to help download and use the various features of the app which will increase and ease communication between school and parents/carers.



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Diary Dates

Monday 20th - Friday 24th June - MTC Testing (Year 4)

Monday 20th June - Athlete Day

Monday 20th - Friday 24th June - Sports Week

Thursday 23rd June - Sport's Day (EYFS/KS1 – AM, KS2 – PM)

Monday 27th - July 1st - SRE Week (Y6)

Wednesday 29th June - Transition Morning (Whole School)

Tuesday 5th July - Phonics Breakfast

Wednesday 6th July - Transition Morning (Whole School)

July 8th – End of Year Reports

Tuesday 12th July - Reading Parent Workshop

Wednesday 13th July - Transition Day (Whole School) & Meet the Teacher Sessions

Wednesday 13th - Thursday 14th July – Year 6 Transition

Friday 15th July - Celebration Assembly (Whole School)

Friday 15th July - Year 6 Sleepover

Wednesday 20th July - Leavers Assembly

Meet the Teacher

As part of our transition programme this year where children get to know their child's new class teacher, we would like to invite parents/carers to meet their child's new teacher as well. Meet the Teacher sessions will be held on our whole school transition day on Wednesday 13th July.

During our Meet the Teacher sessions, parents/carer will be able to ask their child's new class teacher any questions, speak with them about their child, see their child's new classroom and their child's learning journey for the next year. Parents/carers will also be given the opportunity to work with their child on part of their transition activities. So as not to overwhelm classes we have split our Meet the Teacher sessions into morning and afternoon sessions:

8:30 – 9:15 am: Mrs Bonner (New to Year 6 Antarctica), Mrs Freer (New to Reception Asia), Miss Duckitt (New to Year 3 or Year 4 in Africa Class)

2:15 – 3:00 pm: Mr Lancashire (New to Year 4 in North America Class and New to Year 5), and Miss Gardom (New to Year 1 and Year 2) Australasia

Athlete Day

We're so excited for Athlete Day and Sports Week next week. Thank-you to all our families who have begun collecting sponsorships. We ask that all sponsor forms and money are brought in together after the event, and no later than one week after the event.

Lates

Our attendance has improved again this week, with all classes **above** national (96%). We have noticed again this week that there have been a number of children arriving after the gates have closed. It is really important that all children arrive promptly at 8:30 am along with the rest of their class in order for them to access the activities of their first session: English Workshop which starts at 8:30 am.