

Highfields Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th July 2022

Terrific Transition

What a fantastic day we had on Wednesday! Each class across the school took part in a whole day transition event! As this was our last of four transition events, we thought that we would make it extra special by inviting some very important visitors – you, our parents/carers. It was lovely, after over two years of lockdown restrictions to finally invite you all to visit our classrooms again and work with your children in their new classes. Thank-you to all those parents/carers who attended and for the wonderful, kind complements about the children and improvements that have been made to the academy – they were greatly appreciated!

If you didn't get chance to attend and would like to ask or meet you child's next teacher, please don't hesitate to contact the academy to arrange an appointment or a call-back.



Attendance

Dinosaurs



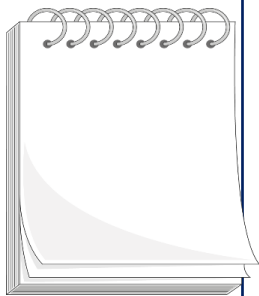
Curiosity



Class	Week %	Year %
Rainbow Fish	89.2%	94.1%
Dinosaurs	98.0%	93.1%
Pirates Next Door	81.6%	93.5%
Curiosity	94.3%	95.8%
Ember	100%	96.0%
Explorers	92.8%	95.9%
Whole School	92.6%	94.9%

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**.



Diary Dates

Monday 18th July -

Celebration Assembly
(Whole School)

Wednesday 20th July -

Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 20th July –

Last Day

Monday 5th September –

Training Day

Tuesday 6th September –

Pupils return to School

Monday 31st October –

Training Day

Monday 1st January –

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January –

Training Day

Monday 20th February –

Training Day

Monday 5th June –

Training Day

Emergency Contacts

Can all parents/carers please ensure that their current contact information is provided to the academy. Where you change your number or email address, we would appreciate that you inform the academy at your earliest convenience. This is to ensure that families can be contacted in an emergency or to be kept up to date about changes and events taking place in the academy. For parents/carers who cannot be reached during the school day due to work or other commitments, we ask that additional numbers or a work number is provided so that someone can be reached in an emergency or if your child is unwell.



Extreme Heatwave

As you will be aware an extreme heatwave is forecast for Monday and Tuesday next week and you may be concerned about your child's safety at school on those days, so I wanted to reassure you about our plans.

Firstly, both days will be non-uniform so children can wear something that is comfortable and keeps them cool.

Children will not be going outside during lunchtime break as this is at the hottest point of the day. Instead, they will be doing indoor activities away from the sun. Additional shorter breaks have been planned across the morning and afternoon for children to have some fresh air.

Teachers will adjust timetables to ensure that lessons are suitable for the warm weather. There will be no PE lessons and classes may move rooms to be based in the cooler areas of school. The children will also be having sessions in our Forest School area, which is nearly completely covered by the shade of the trees. We are lucky to have lots of spare spaces, several of which are internal rooms that stay relatively cool.

Children will be reminded to drink regularly and will be able to refill their water bottles whenever needed. We will be stocking up on ice creams and ice pops to enjoy on both days. We ask that 24-hour sun cream is applied before attending school on both days and that all children come in sun hats.

We hope this reassures you that we will be ensuring that children continue learning, but our priority is keeping them safe from the unusual extreme weather.

School Calendar

As you may have noticed to the left that next year's training days have been listed. Please click [here](#) to see next year's academic calendar which lists all the holidays dates for 2022-23.