

...Changing lives

# Highfields Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023

### Granny Norbag

This week, we were visited by Granny Norbag and her friends for a special performance about caring for the environment. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and learnt new ways in which they could reduce, recycle and reuse in order to save the planet for them and for future generations.



### Diary Dates

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Dental Hygiene Visit  
(Year 3, 4 and Year 4, 5)

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – May Bank Holiday

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – KS1 SATs Commence

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Coronation Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATs Week

### Attendance

#### North America



**AFRICA**



**Antarctica**

Class	Week %	Year %
<b>Asia</b>	<b>98.5%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Australasia</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>91.3%</b>	<b>92.4%</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>97.6%</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
<b>Antarctica</b>	<b>91.3%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

## Wellbeing with Hemsworth

As SATs approach, the Year 6s have been enjoying a moment away from their revision to support the mental health and well-being with Hemsworth our school hamster.

## Uniform Changes

Commencing this half term, all Primary Uniforms will now carry the single Delta Academies Trust Logo. This is a small change to limit increased costs for uniform for our parents/carers but importantly to reduce our environmental impact.

We are not expecting parents/carers to change from the current uniform that they have purchased but any new uniform that will be purchased will be the single trust logo. The items that will be branded are the Delta blue sweatshirts/cardigans as well as white polo shirts. Parents/carer can continue to purchase plain blue sweatshirts /cardigans and white polo's from supermarkets or other clothing retailers.

New branded uniform can be purchased from our approved provider SPT at [www.sptuniforms.co.uk](http://www.sptuniforms.co.uk) or by contacting the Main Office

As full school uniform at all times is a requirement of the academy and in order to support parents/carers further, we have now begun a *Uniform Swap Shop*. The swap shop is for any family of the academy who are finding it difficult to purchase uniform. Previously owned uniform, which has been laundered and prepared to be worn again, can be collected from swap shop via the front entrance. We have a full range of uniform and lots of different sizes as well as coats and school shoes.

We would like to invite parents/carers as part of the swap that if they have old uniform that their children have grown out of and would like to donate to the academy for the *Uniform Swap Shop*.

## Changing Weather

It's April in England so we have to be prepared for all weather: snow, hail, sun, rain, thunder! A heatwave has been forecast for the end of the month but as I write this and look out of the window the clouds have darkened and it looks like there's about to be a tremendous thunderstorm!

We would like to ask parents/carers to ensure that children bring both a coat and a sun hat at this time of year to allow for changes in the weather and to ensure that their child is able to play out at break and lunch. When hot weather is forecast, we ask that parents/carers ensure that children have 24-hour sunscreen applied in the morning. All children have been provided with a water bottle but if they would like to bring their own during hot weather periods, we are more than happy for them to do so.

## Oracy at Home

Try out this game to support your child's oracy at home.

### Fillers Beware

This competitive exercise is designed to promote fluent talk, and avoid the use of filler phrases such as 'like', 'you know what I mean', 'err...' and 'umm...'

Ask your child to talk about anything for one minute – it could be subject specific, an anecdote or perhaps what they most look forward to being able to do again when life returns to normal... Then repeat with yourself and other family members.

Everyone in the game is given one point for every second they speak for, but will lose a point for every 'filler' phrase they use.