

Dates for your diary



Value of the Month - Forgiveness



9th Oct - 9.00am - Reception Parents phonics workshop

10th Oct - YR-Y5 Flu immunisations

11th Oct - Y4 class assembly

12th Oct - Harvest mufti day

15th Oct - 3.00-4.00pm Harvest food sale in the hall

16th Oct - Individual photographs

17th Oct - Reception afternoon tea

24th & 25th Oct - 4.00-6.30pm - Parents evening

31st Oct - Secondary school application closing date

5th - 9th Nov - Highfields Remembers - WW1 whole school topic week - more information to follow

NEWSLETTER – 28th September 2018



Back in full swing!

I can't believe that we are already half way through our first half term! The children have all really embraced their new topics and are really enjoying learning new facts and information. I am so impressed with how many children have been sharing their new knowledge with me! Keep it up!

Mrs Garratt



Facebook

Please can I address an issue that is being discussed on Facebook. School are aware of the 'incorrect date' on the recently sent home data protection forms. I can assure you that school are following GDPR guidelines and we have been in touch with our Management Information System (MIS) provider to have the forms amended as they are not produced by school. Please can all parents sign and return their form as they are extremely important. Can I also remind parents about the **Parental use of Social Networking & Internet Sites** policy and ask that if there are any concerns we are more than happy to address them.

SAFER 6 Campaign is back!

Sandwell's autumn Safer 6 campaign is back – promoting safety, crime prevention and healthy living across the six towns. The Safer Sandwell Partnership campaign, now in its 9th year, will officially launch at a free fun day at Haden Cross Community Fire Station, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, on Saturday 29th September from 10am to 3pm. You will be able to watch live rescue demonstrations, explore fire engines, enjoy food, music, singers and circus performers and try out the go kart and 'beer goggles' experience. There will be rides for young children and a bouncy castle. You can also find out about becoming a fire fighter. Check out what's on at www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6

Languages Day Freshwater Theatre Company came to perform Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Three Little Pigs in French for Year 1 and Year 2.

The children had the opportunity to be characters in the play. Both staff and children enjoyed it!



Golden Book – Well done to you all!

Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates...



	Sept 21st	Sept 28th
Nam	-	William Willetts
Npm	-	Dawson Hinton
RWa	-	Fletcher Hobden
RWo	-	Inayah Asmy
ID	Reehan Ahmed	Frankie Mae Williams
IS	Connor Blount	Leah-Rose Boone
2P	Tula priest	Abdullah Rashid
2Q	Ellie Lester	Zak Hussain
3B	Toni-Grace Dunn	Arrmaan Kaur
3G	Curman Johal	Curman Johal
4P	Kinnaree Jackson	Alexander Hodgetts
4R	Taylor Ryan	Sufyan Hasan
5K	Jaden Harvey	Jaiden Bassi
5S	Jamie Lee Sidaway	Harry Mullins
6C	James Lines	Darcey Woodward
6H	Bliss Ward	Arbnora Alshiqi
PE	Dion Salem	Daniel Lango

Brass Lesson

Is your child in Year 4, 5 or 6? If so we have spaces available for brass lessons. Please just ask at the school office for details.



Sandwell Remembers

This year is the 100th anniversary of the armistice that brought the First World War to an end. The council's 'Sandwell Remembers' project will commemorate the fallen and show our gratitude to those who paid the ultimate price. The council want to create a mosaic image of a poppy made up of the faces of the people of Sandwell to show that Sandwell remembers the lives that were lost and we have been asked to let you know so you can get involved too, you can participate personally in the poppy poster mosaic by submitting a selfie on the website http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200261/libraries/4197/sandwell_remembers_photography_project up to the 10th October.

Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**
This week's whole school attendance was **95.5%** so this week we were **below** target!

The winning classes attendance are...

EYFS - AM Nursery **97.8%** KSI - 2P **99.3%** KS2 - 6C - **100%**



Rowley
345



Haden
376



Clent
450



Kinver
370

Nursery and Reception



We have had a busy few weeks in Early Years celebrating Roald Dahl Day, Talk Like a Pirate Day and Peace Day.

The children have produced some great work for these topics. We have also enjoyed our stay and play sessions, thank you to everyone who joined their children in school!



Something strange happened in Reception Class. The children came to school this week to find Sid the skeleton in their classroom! They have been learning about parts of the body and labelled Sid with pictures to show each part.



Reception parents – please keep an eye out for a letter regarding an upcoming phonics workshop in school. A big thank you to the children who are now bringing in a book bag to school, it has made such a difference to our cloakroom and tray areas.

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 4

We had a fantastic trip to Lunt Roman Fort on Tuesday, below is Dharma's report.

On Tuesday 25th September, Year 4 went to Lunt Roman Fort. We all had lots of fun learning Latin words and phrases, taking part in a Celts Vs Romans battle and dressing up like Romans. My favourite part was definitely the battle because the teachers joined in, pretending to throw spears at us and we got to wear face paint. We all had a great time. You can see lots of photos from the trip on the school website.

Dharma 4P.

A reminder that our assembly will be on 11th October.

Year 3

Year 3 have been busy outside of school.

Alfie worked hard at home to make some excellent Stone Age tools. **Lexie** won a dancing award and **Evie** danced in Paris! Watch out for **Callum**, he's a karate expert and has won an award.



Year 1 and Year 2

All of the KSI staff would like to say a huge well done to all of the children that have been working hard to learn their spellings and read regularly at home – keep up the hard work!



Y1 and Y2 had a special visitor on Wednesday morning – a French story teller! The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the stories and hopefully it helped them to develop their understanding of French too!



Reminders

Could you please make sure that all items of school uniform and PE kits are correctly labelled with your child's name or initials to avoid any confusion when items are lost. This includes pumps used for PE.



Y1 PE days – Tuesday and Thursday

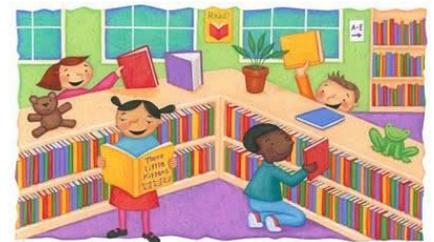
Y2 PE days – Tuesday and Friday

If you would like to make anything with your child at home, we would love to share their work in the classroom. If you would like to complete any home learning with your child, please send the finished outcome to school for us to share with the rest of the class! Remember to use the knowledge organisers to help you. www.highfields.sandwell.sch.uk visit the website to find out more!

Year 5 and Year 6

We've had a busy few weeks in Years 5 and 6 and the children are now fully immersed in their topics.

Year 5 have enjoyed a wonderful trip to Blackheath Library, where they were able to write poems and enter them into a competition. Upon their return, next week, they'll find out the winner! Good luck to all and well done on such fantastic writing!



More wonderful writing has been produced by **Year 6** who have created their own survival guides to go alongside our text 'The Hunger Games'. We certainly have some future authors in the making!

Our **Boys Football Team** have their first match of the season coming up on **Tuesday 9th October**, away to Milking Bank. I'd like to wish the boys the best of luck and hope they enjoy their first match together.



Well done Year 5 and 6 for another fab few weeks! Keep it up!