

HALF TERM
27th Oct - 4th Nov

31st Oct -
Secondary school
application closing
date

Value of the



Month - Kindness

5th - 9th Nov -
Highfields
Remembers

5th Nov - Magical
Maths after school
club starts

9th Nov - Y6 trip
to Chester Zoo

12th Nov - Anti
Bullying week -
Children wear odd
socks day

16th Nov - Y3 trip
to Creswell Craggs

16th Nov -
Children in Need -
Superhero's Mufti
Day

22nd Nov - YR trip

Value of the
Month - Honesty



CHRISTMAS
DATES TO
FOLLOW

NEWSLETTER – 26th October 2018

Half term!

This has been an action packed half term and I would like to thank all of the children and staff for all of their hard work! I have been in and out of classes for the past few weeks and have seen some fantastic things, it was also so nice to talk to so many parents over the past few nights who had been to parents evening and received such glowing reports about their children. Thank you every, enjoy your half term, stay safe and we will see you all back at school on Monday 5th November.

Mrs S Garratt



Having a Happy Halloween

We have been asked to remind all children that we want you to enjoy Halloween, but please remember, not everyone wants to take part! Here's a few things to remember when you're out this Halloween.

- If you're going trick or treating, make sure you go with an adult and your parent knows where you're going and when to expect you back.
- Respect posters asking you not to trick or treat at someone's house.
- Don't go trick or treating alone - stay with your group/friends/adult
- Eggs and flour are for baking. Please don't throw them.
- Be careful crossing roads in the dark.



Highfields Remembers

We have a week of activities planned for the 5th-12th November which will be launched by Leigh from Historic Workshops and a selection of presentations and hands on activities that I am sure the children will love! As well as having visitors in to school we will also be creating our own poppies waterfall so if you have any pop bottles at home please can you send them into school with your child



Firework Safety

Highfields children would like to say a huge thank you to Watch Commander Jason Jew who spent the day in all of our classes this week teaching us all about firework safety!



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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



	October 19 th	October 26 th
Nam	Aizah Azam	Isla Jones
Npm	Leo Welsh	Alishah Gulamnabi
RWa	Ava-Lilly Tuohy	Jennifer Floyd
RWo	Ravin Garib	Abbie Johnson
ID	Alfie Murphy	Nathan Holness
IS	Isabelle Collier	Amelia Craig
2P	Haroon Ahmed	Riley Holland
2Q	Mya Mattis	Jordan Ife jiofor
3B	Haider Ali	Jack Hurdman
3G	Jacob Hall	Kian Hopkins
4P	Dharma Meredith	Libby Jones
4R	Charlie Collier	Taylor Ryan
5K	Leah Dudley	Tegan Cudmore
5S	Keira Hipkiss-Lees	Charlie Scrivens
6C	Olivis Dudley	Isiah Ellis
6H	Ethan Lester	Freya Culwick
PE	Evie Harris	Nathan Holness

School Packed Lunches

Please can I remind parents that children should not be sent in with hot items in their packed lunches. When food has been cooked and left for more than two hours to cool bacteria can grow. A new school 'Packed Lunch Policy' will be on the website in the next couple of weeks.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention again that some of our parents are parking without thought to residents and other people who are trying to access school. There have been several incidents since we returned to school where wheel chair users and parents with small children and prams cannot get past parked cars whilst parents are dropping off and collecting children, this means that they are having to go into the road. I have asked on several occasions that parents are respectful to others whilst parking but would now advise anyone with a complaint to approach the parking attendant when they are outside school as well.

Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**. This week's whole school attendance was **96.8%** so this week we were **above** target! The winning classes attendance are. . .

EYFS - **Nam 95.6%** - KSI - **2Q 100%** KS2 - **5S 100%**



Rowley
233



Haden
286



Clent
243



Kinver
343



Nursery and Reception

We have enjoyed celebrating Halloween this week in Nursery. We have made a banner to decorate the classroom, pumpkins and spiders. We finished our



celebrations by making spooky shortbread!



Nursery have now started PE on

Mondays, could you please bring a PE kit (labelled) into school if you have not yet done so. Could we please ask that children take their earrings out on PE day or bring tape into school.

Reception have sent home a paper bag for children to create an 'All About Me' bag. Could they please put three objects in it which they will then share with their family group to tell them all about themselves.

PE Kits will be needed in Reception the first week back, could these please have children's names in.

Have a great half term!

Thank you

Miss Westwood – Phase Co-ordinator

Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you for all of your help and support so far – so many of the children are bringing examples of fantastic home learning and it is lovely to see what they've created with you at home.



Half term challenge!

Create a model, poster or piece of writing to showcase your learning so far. This could be related to your favourite part of your topic work, your favourite Maths learning, related to your favourite book or anything else that you've learnt about so far. We would love to see your creations during the first week back and would love to share some on the boards in the KSI corridor!

Spelling Autumn 2

From now on, you will receive your child's half termly spellings on one sheet at the start of the half term. We would still like you to practise the spellings with your child, but we would like the children to be more creative with how they learn them – please look at the website for some ideas. If you prefer the look, cover, write, check grids, then these can also be found on both Y1 and Y2 class pages.

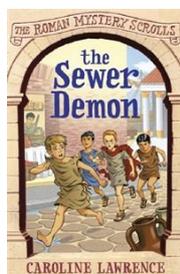
Year 3 and Year 4

Well, we have reached the end of the first half-term and both the children and staff have worked hard and earned a break.

The children throughout Years 3 and 4 have settled into their new classes well and impressed with their effort and enthusiasm. It was excellent to see so many parents over the parent's evenings. If you were unable to come in, but wish to speak to discuss your child's progress please speak to your child's teacher. We will be more than willing to find time to see you.

Year 4

The children in Year 4 have really enjoyed learning reading the book 'The Sewer Demon'. The story is set in Rome and Roman toilets feature prominently! The stories produced have been a pleasure to read and I've been impressed by the imagination and quality of the writing.



Year 3

The children of Year 3 have been enjoying learning about fossils. Not only have they written some excellent explanations of how fossils are formed, but have created models of fossils themselves!



Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a brilliant few weeks and have been working very hard!

Year 5 - Exciting opportunities are heading Ruby Slade and Darcy Jew's way as they star in Jack and the Beanstalk with their dance school. Good luck girls. We're sure you'll be fab!



Another well done to Orlaith O'Donnell who has been doing lots of fundraising lately. She has donated part of her hair to the Little Princess Trust and has also raised money for Macmillan!

Year 6 had a wonderful Ingstre Hall Experience Day on Friday 26th October. They completed Drama and Dance workshops, which encouraged them to think creatively and work collaboratively. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and are now very enthused about the residential next year!

