

IMPORTANT DATES

06.02.18 - Netball match Highfields v Milking Bank - Highfields

07.02.18 - Reception trip to the library

07.02.18 - New Nursery Children 'Play & Stay'

13.02.18 - New Nursery Children 'Play & Stay'

16.02.18 - Year 6 Class Assembly

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
19.02.18 - 23.02.18

26.02.18 - Y3 Symphony Hall trip

01.03.18 - World Book Day

02.03.18 - Y1 trip to Warwick castle

02.03.18 - Y3 trip to Strada Birmingham

07.03.18 - 09.03.18 - Y4 Kingswood residential

09.03.18 - YN Mother's Day assembly

13.03.18 - Parliament trip

15.03.18 - Y2 trip to Oldbury Temple

NEWSLETTER – 2nd February 2018



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had fantastic Christmas and New Year! On behalf of all the staff here can I thank you all for your lovely Christmas cards and gifts, they were very much appreciated!



May I start by apologising for the lack of newsletters this month, Unfortunately, school has been hit by all sorts of bugs and germs which have seen lots of children and staff feeling unwell but we are now back to full strength and ready to take on the challenges that are going to come our way during 2018! We have a great year planned at Highfields so please keep an eye out for the newsletters and look on the school's website for the most update news and information!

School Day

Please can I remind all parents about our school's start and finish times as we are having an increasing number of children who are being brought to school late and also being collected late at the end of the school day. Since Christmas staff in the office have had to look after children for a total of 1105 minutes, over **18 hours!!** We are now taking advice from both the Local Authority and Children's Services regarding late collections and the possibility that they will be introducing fines for children who are now collected late from school as well.

Morning Nursery begins at **8:40am** and ends at **11:40am**.

Afternoon Nursery begins at **12:30pm** and ends at **3:30pm**.

Reception school day begins at **8.50am** and finishes at **3.15pm**.

Years 1 - Year 6 school day begins at **8.50am** and finishes at **3.20pm**.

Value of the month

As part of our ongoing work on British Values we now celebrate a value of the month, we have already talked about peace, forgiveness and kindness. For February we will be talking all about **respect**. Please ask your child what they know about respect and how they show respect in their own homes and communities - they had some great ideas when we discussed it.



Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

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Nam	Ava Tuohy	-
Npm	Amelia Stead Wellings	-
RW	Riley Piercy	Isabelle-Rose Collier
RS	Lexie Cater	Nerys Stockford
ID	James Andrews	Amber Bains
IW	Charlie McRobert	Lottie Jones
2H	Kiaran Jones	Chian Jones
2P	Riley Barnett	Evie Harris
3T	Karina Kumari	Megan Chima
3B	Megan Tonkin	Charlie Collier
4R	Freya Brain	Amber Bragg
4C	Rebecca Willetts	Nathan Smith
5P	Blake Hinton	Grace Brookes
5K	Summer Wilks	Ayden Matthews
6P	Emily Ibbotson-Pitt	Zak Wild
6C	Adam Whitehouse	Daniel Emms
PE	-	Luca Harrison

Nam	-
Npm	-
RW	Brooke Price
RS	Jason Chima
IW	Dhiaan Nega
ID	Izzie Meredith
2H	Aamina Ahmed
2P	Jessica Creaves
3T	Alfie Turner
3B	Sophie Platt
4R	Max Beddoe
4C	Tegan Cudmore
5P	Joseph Newey
5K	James Lines
6C	Jessica Dipple
6P	Archie Turner
PE	Ellie-Mae Taylor

House Point Winners

Since the last newsletter the house point winners have been...

1st - Haden 2nd - Rowley 3rd - Kinver 4th - Clent
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Well done everyone - keep up the good work and remember all of the things you can do to earn house points for your team

16.03.18 - Y6 trip to Big Bang Fair

16.03.18 - Year 5 Class Assembly

20.03.18 - Y5 trip to Space Centre

21.03.18 - 4.00 - 6.30pm Parents Evening

22.03.18 - 4.00 - 6.30pm Parents Evening

22.03.18 - Sports Relief day

23.03.18 - am - Y1 castle making session for parents

Please see separate Easter dates section

Easter Dates So Far...

Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs

It is always a delight to see the decorated bonnets and eggs at Easter time! Please see below for the dates and times for all of our Easter events:

Monday 26th March - Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) bring in decorated eggs which will be judged during the day.

Tuesday 27th March - KS2 decorated eggs will be sent home

Tuesday 27th March - Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Easter Bonnets bought in to school for judging in the morning. KSI Easter Bonnet Parade will be at 2pm.

Wednesday 28th March - Nursery and Reception Easter bonnets in school for judging in the morning. YN and YR Easter Bonnet Parade will be at 2pm.



Muay Thai Maestro!

Well done to Taylor Ryan, 3B. Taylor takes part in 'Muay Thai' lessons and recently won four medals for the fights he has taken part in - keep it up Taylor, it's great to see what you do outside of school!



Zero Tolerance

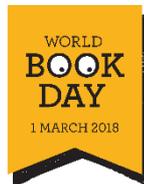
Unfortunately, there are now more and more cases reported where office and teaching staff in schools are being exposed to violent, threatening or abusive behaviour in school. Sadly, this has also increased here at Highfields and so we have joined with numerous other schools around the country and the NAHT to help spread the message that there is no excuse for abuse!

Please help support this to ensure that we continue to strive to create a safe and secure environment for children and staff alike. Thank you for your continued support

Sports Relief and World Book Day

Please make sure you keep an eye out for texts and website updates regarding both World Book Day and Sports Aid. We are starting to develop some fantastic ideas and activities for both days.

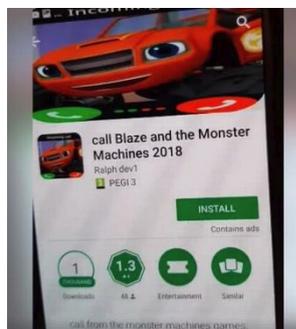
As always we will be having book character dress up day for WBD and we are looking at the possibility of joining in with a 'mile walk' for Sports Relief here in the school grounds!



Call Blaze and the Monster Machines 2018 App

I know a text message has gone out to parents already but just a reminder about a new app that Sandwell schools have been notified about. A Tipton school have made me aware of an app about Blaze and the Monster Machines.

There is a free app going round for the above animated series but is very threatening and sinister, the app says it will hurt the child who is using the app. Children are able to log on thinking it is the TV program they are used to and it is free. This is not connected to the TV series, I know a lot of children had new electronic devices for Christmas and so urge all parents to check their firewall installation is up to date to avoid any avoidable upset.



NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE!

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.

We will not tolerate behaviour that is:



Attendance Awards

This week's whole school attendance was 94.6%

Don't forget, the whole school target we have to achieve every week is so 96.5% this week we were below target!

The recent winning classes attendance was EYFS - RS - 98% KSI - ID - 98.6% KS2 - 3B & 6P 98.7%

