



Communication Thursday

Thursday 17th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week back at school. It has been a pleasure walking around school and seeing all of our children learning and having fun. They have all settled so well and now our systems are becoming embedded such as lunchtime timetables and playground zones, everyone knows when and where they should be, which means everything is running smoothly.

Parents and Friends Association Communication

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back from the PFA. **We will be holding our AGM on Monday 12th October at 6.30pm via Zoom.**

Due to Covid, we are anticipating a very quiet PFA year. Thank you all for your support last year and we hope to put some of the funds to good use this year. Funding decisions are agreed by vote at the termly meetings.

If you would like to attend the AGM or stand for a Committee position, please email us on pfa@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk

To help ensure security, we will email the Zoom link to those who have responded, closer to the time.

(Please note, there is a 'Parents and Friends Association' section on the school website in the 'About Us' section.)

Best wishes,

Carlie Wright (PFA Chair)

Important Information

- **Please can all parents who drive to school park on the Asda Council car park.** Our fabulous Year 1 children have been learning about road safety this week. They have created posters to be displayed around the school fencing to remind motorists to slow down and pedestrians to look both ways. They are wonderful!
- We would like to say **a big thank you** to and remind all our families to be mindful of social distancing guidelines each morning and afternoon. Many parents have commented on how calm and safe they feel whilst dropping their children off—this is great team work from everybody!
- The **Meet and Greet Zoom meetings** have been very successful so far. Thank you to all of our parents/carers who have been able to attend them. If you missed them do not worry, the information is on your child's class page.
- Our next Meet and Greet is today, Thursday 17th September with **Mr Golds** at 5.30pm and then **Miss Keatman** at 6.30pm.
- We are putting a lot of effort into keeping our year group bubbles apart during the school day. Please consider this when you take your child to mix with lots of others at the park at the end of the day.
- **Please remember to follow us on Facebook or Twitter for all of our latest news.**

What's happening in our school?

We have worked hard over the past weeks to settle the children into school and to introduce new routines. The majority of these are working well, and we are adjusting as we go along. Some of this has been a result of feedback from parents, children and staff – please continue to let us know if you have any suggestions.

This week our regular homework cycle began, including reading books and reading diaries. Please support your child with this, it will make a real difference to their progress.

Our main focus so far has been wellbeing and routines, but we are also starting to informally assess children's progress so that we can teach appropriately over the coming weeks. Teachers are continuing to outline their year group learning for the week on their class page. You will also find information about the wider curriculum and suggestions for any home learning activities.

E-Safety

We have been made aware of some inappropriate footage on TikTok. For further information about TikTok follow this link:-
<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

Remote Learning

Now that it is mandatory for all children to return to school full time, we are no longer routinely providing remote learning online. Staff will, however, generate online work when the school is aware that a child needs to isolate for either 10 or 14 days.

Children who are generally unwell should not be doing home learning. Those who are awaiting results for themselves or a family member for a couple of days should have enough homework, reading and/or access to online resources such as Times Table Rock Stars, Bedrock and Purple Mash to last until they return to school.

This short period allows the time needed for staff to generate the remote learning and upload it to the school website. Please note, work generated on the remote learning tab should **only be accessed** if your child is isolating for 10 or 14 days due to:

- having tested positive for Covid-19 themselves
- having a household member test positive for Covid-19 or
- being in close contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and need to self-isolate.

Highfields Celebrations!

Next week look out for our house points news...

Stars of the week for this week are...

Mrs Millichap: Erica W
Mrs Harry: Charlie P
Miss Keatman: George F
Mrs Lindblad: Joseph W
Mr Golds: Caitlin S
Mrs Windel: Esmee S
Miss Crowther Green: Dolcie E
Mrs Dyde: Ellie E
Mrs Walker: Martin L

Well done to the children who successfully completed the **Summer Reading Challenge**—they received their certificates last week after being celebrated in our Zoom assembly.

A huge well done to; Y4 Lexie MG, Y2 Lyle H, Y5 Ellie, H Y5 Charlotte T and Y4 Harry EB.

Signing to Sing

In KS2 this week we have been learning how to sign to various songs. Each class is going to learn how to sign to 'Happy Birthday' so that we can celebrate using signs whilst we cannot sing in class.

Dates for your calendar

Usually at this time of year, we would notify you about all the main events for the autumn term. However, we have put very few dates in our calendar at the moment. As soon as we are able to, we will let know our plans.

- Tuesday 29th September 6pm SATS Year 6 parents evening by Zoom
- Wednesday 30th September 2020 RWI Zoom meeting
- Wednesday 14th October 2020 Tempest school photographs
- Tuesday 3rd November 2020 FLUENZ immunisations all day

If you any questions, concerns or praise about any aspect of our return to school please do not hesitate to email admin@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you,

Senior Leadership Team.